



The Briefing for May 27, 2024

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[Tallahassee, FL 10-Day Weather Forecast - The Weather Channel | Weather.com](#)

Front and Center

Enjoying an extended weekend with the family.
On Memorial Day, I think about the service of my father and my uncles in WWII. And my cousins in Viet Nam.
I'm proud of what I know they did and for the contribution of American Armed Forces in conflicts around the world.

School Leaders to Convene in Tampa

Next Wednesday – elected School Leaders from around the state will convene in Tampa for the Summer Annual meetings of the FADSS, FSBA, and the Small School District Council Consortium. Events kick-off next Wednesday.

Check www.ssdcc.org for information.

Hurricane Season Starts June 1

<https://www.floridadisaster.org/planprepare/>

SUMMER MEETINGS COMING UP

- **June 5 – 7** – Florida School Boards Association/FADSS Summer Meeting
Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay - [Tentative Conference Agenda](#)
- **JUNE 6, 2024** - FSBA Small District Council and the Small School District Council Consortium

7:30-8:30am - Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay - Skylark Room – 14th Floor

- **June 25 – 28** – the Florida Association of Counties Summer Business Meeting
Bonnet Creek Orlando - <https://www.fl-counties.com/event-directory/2024-annual-conference-exhibition/>
- **June 26th** - the Small County Coalition Annual Organizational Meeting
Wednesday – June 26th - 7:00am-8:30am - Signia Hilton Bonnet Creek Orlando

Headlines Around the State

[The Hill: Democrat says ICC as ‘irrelevant’ as ‘Harry Potter School of Magic’](#)

[The Hill: Donalds responds to MSNBC's Joy Reid: 'Crabs in a barrel'](#)

[Today: Gov. Kristi Noem draws crowds and protestors to Brevard GOP event amid dog-killing scandal](#)

[WUSF: The case of the armadillo: Is it spreading leprosy in Florida?](#)

[Times: UF bans student named in Chinese smuggling probe from campus for 3 years](#)

[WUSF: Seminole County is one of Florida's first to bring kids a trauma-informed camp after hurricanes](#)

[WUSF: Decades-old maps don't fully capture Central Florida's flooding risk](#)

[Politico: School choice programs have been wildly successful under DeSantis. Now public schools might close.](#)

[FlaPol: Jimmy Patronis announces arrests of 4 in faked accident insurance benefits scheme](#)

[FlaPol: As Haitian Heritage Month closes, Marie Woodson asking Gen Z to help cure chaos-torn Haiti](#)

[WUSF: Book challenge policies continue to consume Alachua County school employees' focus](#)

[Wash. Post: How Florida is getting its pink back](#)

[Democrat: Charter proposal to double Tallahassee city commissioner pay faces likely headwinds](#)

[WUSF: In multilingual Central Florida, hurricane and flood warnings can go unheard](#)

On The Docket

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024

- GUNTER HONORED - Gov. Ron DeSantis has ordered that flags be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset Monday to honor Bill Gunter, a former state lawmaker, U.S. House member and state insurance commissioner who died April 8 at age 89. Flags will be lowered at the state Capitol, the Leon County Courthouse and Tallahassee City Hall.
- EMERALD COAST BOARD - Monday, 9 a.m. - The Emerald Coast Regional Council board will meet. Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, 34 Miracle Strip Parkway S.E., Fort Walton Beach. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2575457992735979612>
- BEACH RENOURISHMENT - Monday, 10 a.m. - U.S. Rep. John Rutherford, R-Fla., Jacksonville Mayor Donna Deegan and other officials are expected to take part in a news conference to discuss a federally funded beach-renourishment project. Jacksonville Beach, 16th Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach.

- UF TRUSTEES - Monday, 11 a.m. - The University of Florida Board of Trustees will meet. Call-in number: 1-646-558-8656. Code: 98751009519

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024

- LAWMAKERS SPEAK IN ST. LUCIE - Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. - The St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce and other groups will host a legislative luncheon, with speakers expected to include Sen. Gayle Harrell, R-Stuart, Sen. Erin Grall, R-Vero Beach, Rep. Toby Overdorf, R-Palm City, and Rep. Dana Trubulsky, R-Fort Pierce. Information at <https://stluciechamber.org/event/legislative-luncheon/>
- KEYS COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 2 p.m. - The Board of Trustees of The College of the Florida Keys will meet. The College of the Florida Keys, Middle Keys Center, 350 Sombrero Beach Road, Marathon.
- USF ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN - Tuesday, 3 p.m. - The University of South Florida Board of Trustees will meet to discuss an accountability plan. Information at <https://www.usf.edu/board-of-trustees/meetings/>
- VOTER REGISTRATION SOUGHT - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - U.S. Rep. Frederica Wilson, D-Fla., and U.S. Sen. Laphonza Butler, D-Calif., will hold a news conference to discuss legislation about adding high schools as voter-registration sites. U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C
- MANATEE-SARASOTA COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - The State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota Board of Trustees will meet. State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, Bradenton Campus, 5840 26th St. West, Bradenton.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024

- HARRIS TO CAMPAIGN IN JACKSONVILLE - Vice President Kamala Harris will campaign in Jacksonville as Democrats try to make abortion a key issue in the 2024 elections. The appearance, which comes as Harris and President Joe Biden seek a second term, will focus “on the stakes of the election for reproductive freedom across the country,” according to a news release issued by the Biden campaign. It will occur on the same day that a Florida law takes effect preventing abortions after six weeks of pregnancy.
- FISH AND WILDLIFE PANEL - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will begin a two-day meeting with a discussion about increased interactions between people and wildlife and an update on negotiations over the release of a conservation easement in the Split Oak Forest Wildlife and Environmental Area in Central Florida. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Mori Hosseini Student Union Event Center, 610 Aerospace Blvd., Daytona Beach.
- PAROLE CASES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- UTILITY STORM COSTS - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a hearing about Tampa Electric Co. recovering costs from customers related to tropical storms and hurricanes from 2018 to 2022. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Code: 261180880
- SPACE ISSUES - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - The Space Florida Board of Directors will meet. Location; Call-in number: 1-855-758-1310. Guest code: 6277636389. Passcode: 567768
- TALENT DEVELOPMENT PANEL - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Talent Development Council is scheduled to meet. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.

- SUICIDE, MENTAL HEALTH - Wednesday, 2 p.m. - U.S. Rep. Frederica Wilson, a Florida Democrat who chairs the Caucus on the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, and other members of Congress will hold a briefing titled, “Mayday: Suicide and the Mental Health of Black Men and Boys.” U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs Hearing Room, Washington, D.C.
- TURNPIKE WIDENING - Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. - The Florida Department of Transportation and Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise will hold a meeting about plans to widen the turnpike from north of State Road 70 in Fort Pierce to State Road 60 in Yeehaw Junction. Information at www.TurnpikeSR70toSR60.com.

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

- FISH AND WILDLIFE PANEL - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will conclude a two-day meeting with a discussion of rules about shrimping. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Mori Hosseini Student Union Event Center, 610 Aerospace Blvd., Daytona Beach.
- HISTORICAL COMMISSION HUDDLES - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - The Florida Historical Commission will meet. Mission San Luis, 2100 West Tennessee St., Tallahassee. <https://dos-myflorida.zoom.us/j/81390234131?pwd=AZtAMASdTQ22l3pqNAuOVai7MwiaEH.1>
- GAMBLING ISSUES ON TABLE - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - The Florida Gaming Control Commission will meet. Fort Lauderdale Marriott Airport, 166 North Compass Way, Dania Beach.
- NORTHEAST REGIONAL COUNCIL - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The Northeast Florida Regional Council will meet in Flagler County. Hammock Beach Golf Resort & Spa, 200 Ocean Crest Dr., Palm Coast.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions.
- TRAUMA SYSTEM ON AGENDA - Thursday, noon. - The Florida Trauma System Advisory Council is scheduled to meet. Tampa General Hospital, 1 Tampa General Circle, Tampa.
- JUDICIAL CANDIDATE CONDUCT - Thursday, 1 p.m. - The Florida Supreme Court’s Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee and The Florida Bar Board of Governors will hold forums about standards for judicial candidates in elections. Locations: Duval County Courthouse, 501 West Adams St., Jacksonville. Also, Leon County Courthouse, 301 South Monroe St., Tallahassee.

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

- FAITH-BASED COUNCIL - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Faith-Based and Community-Based Advisory Council is scheduled to meet. Destin City Hall, 4200 Indian Bayou Trail, Destin.
- ARCHITECTURE BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design is scheduled to meet. Hotel Melby Downtown Melbourne, 801 East Strawbridge Ave., Melbourne.
- LAWMAKERS DISCUSS SESSION - Friday, 11:30 a.m. - The Tiger Bay Club of Central Florida will hold a discussion about the 2024 legislative session, with participants expected to include Sen. Jason Brodeur, R-Sanford; Sen. Geraldine Thompson, D-Windermere; Rep. Keith Truenow, R-Tavares; Rep. Anna Eskamani, D-Orlando; Rep. Kristen Arrington, D-Kissimmee; and Rep. David Smith, R-Winter Springs. Citrus Club, 255 South Orange Ave., Suite 1800, Orlando.
- JUDICIAL CANDIDATE CONDUCT - Friday, 1 p.m. - The Florida Supreme Court’s Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee and the The Florida Bar Board of Governors will hold forums about standards for judicial candidates in elections. Locations: Broward County Judicial Complex, 201

S.E. Sixth St., Fort Lauderdale. Also, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Ave., Orlando. Also, George Edgecomb County Courthouse, 800 East Twiggs St., Tampa.
Also, <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAsd-CvpzpjGdTlgwi8vpoybVzAHNZxYCr1>

- FLORIDA DEMOCRATS GATHER - Friday, 5 p.m. - The Florida Democratic Party will hold a welcome reception to start its “Leadership Blue” weekend event. Disney’s Contemporary Resort, Lake Buena Vista.

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

- FLORIDA DEMOCRATS MEET - Saturday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Democratic Party will hold its “Leadership Blue” weekend event. Speakers are expected to include Rick Wilson, co-founder of the Lincoln Project, and Brandon Wolf, an LGBTQ-rights and gun-safety advocate. Disney’s Contemporary Resort, Lake Buena Vista.

About the Briefing!

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