



The Briefing for August 13, 2024

The Last Briefing was August 6, 2024

On the Doolin Docket

Back in the office after Summer ending weekend at Disney with the Grands and a successful procedure to relieve arthritic neck pain! Focusing now on local election results and developing legislative priorities for the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium. Contact me at cdoolin@doolinandassoc.com or 850-508-5492.

Around The State!

Schools Open This Week

[school-district-calendars.xlsx](#)

Most school districts across the state began school this week beginning the FY 24-25 School year. Wishing school leadership, teachers, and students the best for a successful school year.

Primary Elections Next Tuesday – 7 more days of campaigning left!

The first round of elections will take place next Tuesday, voters will head to the polls to conduct initial elections for local, state and federal elections. A significant number of positions are vacant as many local elected officials are voluntarily ending their terms resulting in elections without incumbents. The General Election held on November 5th. Early voting for the primary election ends this weekend.

State Analyzes General Revenue Collections Tomorrow

The Revenue Estimating Conference will meet Wednesday to update estimates of general revenue. General Revenue (G.R.) is made up of sales taxes along with other sources, such as insurance taxes and documentary-stamp taxes on real-estate transactions. The 2025 legislative session starts March 4, lawmakers will use a final set of estimates as a baseline for negotiating a budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

2024 Florida Python Challenge is Underway!

<https://flpythonchallenge.org/>

This year's [Florida Python Challenge](#) started at 12:01 a.m. on Aug 9. It will end on Aug.18 at 5 p.m.

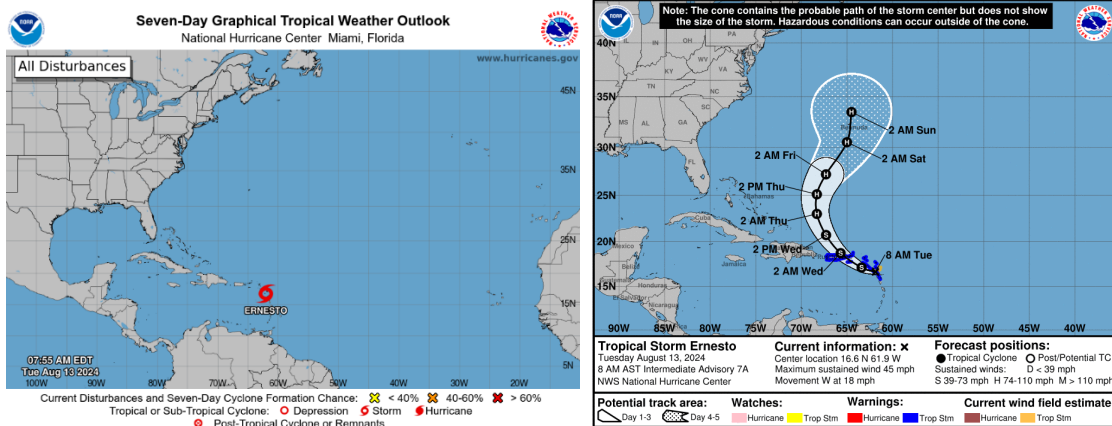
Legislative Policies

Legislative Policy Platform Processes Underway!

- **The Florida Association of Counties and the Small County Coalition** are in the process of analyzing proposals for possible inclusion in the 2025 Legislative Programs. FAC will conduct rigorous review of proposal submitted for consideration. The Small County Coalition is also revising proposals for consideration later this fall.
- **The Florida School Boards Association will be receiving** proposals for the FSBA 2025 Legislative Platform. School Board members can submit proposal for **statewide issues for consideration through** Friday, September 6 at 5 pm ET. [The FSBA proposal submission form](#).

Tropical Outlook <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

Ernesto Develops in the Caribbean but poses no threat to Florida



Headlines Around the State

Democrat: Biden orders federal aid for Hurricane Debby damage in Florida: What to know, number to call

Post: Not-competitive Florida draws political interest from anti-Trump PACs

FlaPol: Matt Gaetz says he opposes proposed amendment legalizing marijuana for adults

News4Jax: New insurer enters Florida's property insurance market amid growing stability

The Capitolist: Florida insurers face nearly \$90 million in Hurricane Debby claims

NBC Miami: Florida abortion numbers down amid law preventing them after six weeks of pregnancy

Today: Babits exits GOP congressional race, endorses Hearton over Haridopolos

FlaPol: Florida among most expensive U.S. metro markets for business rental rates

News-Press: Change of command at Army Corps comes during critical time for Everglades restoration

FlaPol: UF Trustees approve largest raises in 2 decades for faculty and staff

Sun-Sentinel: Man accused of voting in Florida and Pennsylvania faces federal charges

The Capitolist: Florida gas prices drop to lowest point since mid-June

WLRN: University of Florida pulls out of Avenir hospital project

The Capitolist: House primaries include challenges to incumbents

Herald: Florida's private school vouchers soar, creating concern over impact on public schools

WUSF: USF faculty say morale has 'dropped significantly' after new state law

FlaPol: Ashley Moody warns returning students about fentanyl vapes, fatal pills

News4Jax: State Rep. Nixon denies involvement after former Rep. Brown accuses her of falsifying voter guide

FlaPol: Citing 'obsession and vendetta,' Angie Nixon blames Kim Daniels for fake Corrine Brown 'Quick Picks'

FlaPol: Eddie Speir falsely claims local GOP endorsements

FlaPol: Randy Fine charges Duval County Committeeman candidate with 'blatant antisemitism'

FlaPol: Kiyon Michael endorses two for Duval County School Board

PNJ: Racist text messages sent by a Walton County commissioner stir outrage

PNJ: Parkland father addresses Escambia County educators on school violence

FlaPol: More local leaders endorse J.C. Planas for Miami-Dade Supervisor of Elections

WUSF: 1 million more: Growing Florida GOP tops Democratic voters in political milestone

WUSF: Debbie Mucarsel-Powell on the economy, taxes, insurance and abortion

Today: Three GOP candidates spar for congressional seat opening with Rep. Posey's retirement

Sun-Sentinel: Harris campaign enlists city commissioner from Broward to mobilize Caribbean community in Florida

WUSF: Gainesville unveils its first affordable home built under a community land trust

Democrat: In Florida politics, DeSantis endorsements show clout despite fizzled presidential bid

Sun-Sentinel: Florida environmentalists cry foul over wildlife foundation donation to pro-hunting measure

Post: Florida law aims to prevent housing discrimination for addicts treated

Herald: 'Very disturbing': Florida teens get longer prison sentences than adults

Daily News: Florida's Python Challenge is underway. What happens if the invasive snake bites a hunter

Ledger: Florida Polytechnic in Lakeland makes hire for newly created vice president position

On The Docket

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024

- SUWANNEE WATER BOARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak.
- FAU TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 10 a.m. The Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees will hold committee meetings, followed by a full board meeting. <https://www.fau.edu/bot>

- ST. JOHNS WATER BOARD - Tuesday, 10 a.m. The St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board will meet. St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid St., Palatka.
- MEDICAL EXAMINERS - Tuesday, 10 a.m. The state Medical Examiners Commission will meet. Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa, 1000 PGA Tour Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach.
- JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, noon. The Florida State College at Jacksonville Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, followed by a regular meeting. Florida State College at Jacksonville, 501 West State St., Jacksonville.
- ELECTIONS COMMISSION - Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Florida Elections Commission is scheduled to meet. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024

- GENERAL REVENUE - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will revise estimates of general revenue, which plays a key role in funding education, health care and prisons. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- 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.
- ELECTIONS COMMISSION - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Elections Commission is scheduled to meet. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- COMMUNITIES TRUST PROGRAM - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Communities Trust Governing Board will meet. Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Douglas Building, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1436881817300766549>
- EXPRESSWAY PROJECT - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The Central Florida Expressway Authority will hold a meeting on a project-development and environment study for a proposed expressway connection from Florida's Turnpike to U.S. 192 and north to State Road 534. Central Florida Expressway Authority, 4974 Orl Tower Road, Orlando. <https://shorturl.at/KnC5S>
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission is scheduled to meet. Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Code: 261180880
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Wednesday, 10 a.m. The Orlando Area Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/orlando-area-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- SOUTH FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 1 p.m. The South Florida State College Board of Trustees will meet. South Florida State College, Highlands Campus, 600 West College Dr., Avon Park.
- LOBBYING REPORTS DUE - Lobbying firms face a Wednesday deadline for filing reports showing compensation from April 1 through June 30.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024

- CHIROPRACTIC BOARD - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Board of Chiropractic Medicine will meet. Embassy Suites by Hilton, Kissimmee.
- WATER QUALITY - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Harmful Algal Bloom Task Force will meet. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, 100 Eighth Ave. S.E., St. Petersburg.

- MENTAL HEALTH PANEL - Thursday, 9 a.m. The state Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/substance-use-and-mental-health-advisory-council-meeting>
- UNF TRUSTEES - Thursday, 10:45 a.m. The University of North Florida Board of Trustees will meet. <https://unf.zoom.us/j/93879085891#success>. Webinar ID: 93879085891
- ‘CAT FUND’ - Thursday, 1:30 p.m. The Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Advisory Council will meet. Hermitage Centre, 1801 Hermitage Blvd., Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-872-242-7651. Code: 790573040
- NEW COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Thursday, 2 p.m. The New College of Florida Board of Trustees will meet. <https://www.youtube.com/@NewCollegeofFL>

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2024

- DENTAL BOARD - Friday, 7:30 a.m. The Florida Board of Dentistry will meet. Hyatt Place Boca Raton, 100 East Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton.
- PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD - Friday, 8 a.m. The Florida Board of Physical Therapy will meet. Holiday Inn Tampa Airport Westshore, 700 North Westshore Blvd., Tampa.
- UNEMPLOYMENT REPORT RELEASED - Friday, 10 a.m. The Florida Department of Commerce will release a July unemployment report.
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE - State candidates, political committees and parties face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing updated finance activity.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024

- EARLY VOTING PERIOD ENDS - Saturday is the end of a statewide early-voting period in advance of the Aug. 20 primary elections. Some counties will continue to offer early voting on Aug. 18.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES PROJECTED FOR FY 24-25

Activities listed involve local elected county commissioners, school board members and school superintendents.

2024

- August 20 - Primary Election Day
- Sept. 18-19- FAC Policy Conference – Pensacola
- November 5 - General Election Day
- November 19 - Newly Elected local officials take office
- November 20-22 Rural Economic Development Summit
- December 3-6 - FSBA/FADSS - Winter Meeting – Tampa
- December 4 - Small County Coalition Legislative Meeting - Tampa
- December 5 - Small District Meeting – Tampa
- December 4-6 FAC Legislative Conference – Tampa

2025

- January-February - Legislative Committee Weeks
- February 2 - Deadline for release of Governors recommended budget
- March 4 Regular Session Begins
- March 18 - Small County Coalition Legislative Briefing/Reception
- March 19- FAC Day in the Legislature
- March 19 – 20 FSBA 38th Annual Day in the Legislature, Tallahassee, FL
- March 19 Small School District Legislative Briefing
- March 19 -20 Rural Counties Day in the Legislature
- May 2 - Regular Session Ends

- June 11 – 13 FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference, Tampa, FL
- June 12 - Small School District Breakfast Meeting
- June 24-27 FAC Annual Summer Meeting - Orlando
- June 25 Small County Coalition Annual Business Meeting - Orlando

DAYS UNTIL

- Democratic National Convention begins – 6; ‘
- Florida Primary – 7
- Second Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday begins – 11;
- Georgia Tech to face Florida State in 2024 opener in Dublin – 13;
- UCF opens the season hosting New Hampshire at FBC Mortgage Stadium – 16;
- Time Sales Tax Holiday begins – 20;
- 2024 NFL season kicks off – 25;
- Packers will face Eagles in Brazil – 25;
- Trump/Harris debate – 28;
- Vice-Presidential Debate – 44;
- Taylor Swift’s Eras Tour stops in Miami – 68;
- 2024 Florida Chamber Annual Meeting & Future of Florida Forum – 75;
- Florida TaxWatch’s 45th Annual Meeting – 83;
- 2024 Presidential Election – 84;
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- Florida Chamber Annual Insurance Summit begins – 111;
- Football Playoff begins – 131;
- Peach, Rose & Sugar Bowls – 141;
- Orange Bowl – 149;
- Sugar Bowl – 151;
- Florida’s 2025 Legislative Session begins – 203;
- 2025 Session ends – 262;
- ‘2028 Los Angeles Olympics Opening Ceremony — 1431;

About the Briefing!

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