



2024 U.S. presidential election is set!

The Republican Ticket – Former President Donald Trump/U.S. Senator J.D. Vance

The Democratic Ticket – Vice-President Kamala Harris/Governor Tim Walz

The Briefing for August 6, 2024

The Last Briefing was August 3, 2024

Post-Storm Debby

Once again, we have significant impacts from a storm. Virtually following the path of Idalia, Debby stormed up the southwest and west central coastline bringing significant surge, significant flooding from rainfall, and enough wind to cause concerns.

Counties up the eastern Gulf coast were impacted along with the inland counties in North Central and Northeast Florida. Dixie, Taylor, Levy, Gilchrist, Suwannee, Madison, Hamilton, Lafayette, Jefferson and others experienced surge and flooding.

Local Emergency Management Offices are working closely with the State Division of Emergency Management and FEMA as the state moves to restore communities. Any offers of resources should be reported through the Local/State EM network.

Continuing Threats – Flooding from rain and rivers overflowing.

Major Issue at this time – Restoration of Power – Significant areas within many of the counties have power outage.

Anyone needing assistance – text or email - 850-508-5492 or cdoolin@cdoolinandassoc.com

Legislative Policy Platform Processes Underway!

- COUNTY PROPOSALS FOR STATE CONSIDERATION – DEADLINE – AUG 9
The Florida Association of Counties has outlined a process for County Commissioners to propose issues for consideration. Deadline for policy submittal is August 9 - to submit a policy proposal go to this link - <https://flcounties.wufoo.com/forms/zon2c5v0l6c1nh/>
- SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSALS FOR STATE CONSIDERATION – DEADLINE – SEPT 11
The Florida School Boards Association are all engaging in legislative program development. **Proposals for the FSBA 2025 Legislative Platform are now open for submission.** All member districts are able to submit statewide issues for consideration on the final platform which drive FSBA's advocacy efforts throughout the year. We wanted to provide you all with the opportunity to begin discussing your district proposals now in anticipation of the **deadline to submit proposals which is Friday, September 6 at 5 pm ET.**
 - **The FSBA proposal submission form** . Only items submitted via the link will be accepted to assist our team in compiling the information for the review committees.
 - For your reference, you can access last year's final platform here: [LEGISLATIVE](#)

The 2024 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday Ends this Sunday!

<https://floridarevenue.com/backtoschool/Pages/default.aspx>

When does school start in Florida for the 2024-2025 school year?

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

School/District Grades for the 23-24

To find out the grade for each school and district in the State go to the following link
- [Fldoe.org](#).

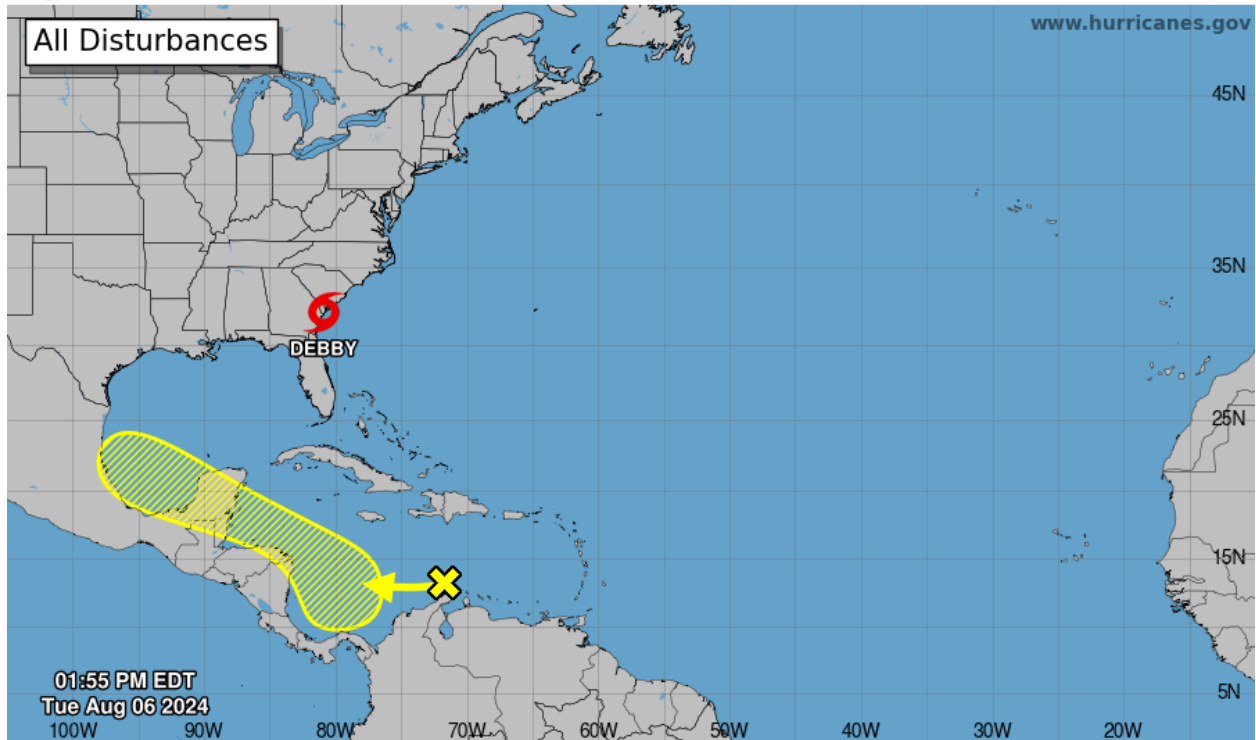
Tropical Outlook

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



Seven-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Seven-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: < 40% 40-60% > 60%

Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: Depression Storm Hurricane

Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

Headlines Around the State

WUSF: Teachers unions target a Florida pronoun law

FlaPol: Kat Cammack, Jared Moskowitz lead Florida request to Joe Biden to expand Debby emergency declaration

FlaPol: Jeannette Nuñez claims business victory after securing French aerospace manufacturing facility for Florida

Post: Flooding from Debby could last 5-10 days, Florida officials say

Post: Much of Hurricane Debby property loss may not be insured as many Floridians lack flood coverage

NBC Miami: 'We're all hanging on': At least 4 Florida deaths linked to Hurricane Debby, which brings flooding, damage

WLRN: Tropical Storm Debby slowly exits Florida: what's next for the coming days?

FlaPol: Republican firebrands Byron Donalds, Matt Gaetz endorse Vern Buchanan's re-election

FlaPol: 'The right candidate to defeat Anna Paulina Luna': EMILY's List backs Whitney Fox in CD 13 Democratic Primary

Democrat: 2nd Congressional District US House race: Voters' guide to the 2024 Republican Primary

DBNJ: Congressman Michael Waltz faces Republican challenger John Grow in Aug. 20 primary

WLRN: 'We need to bring back democracy': Miami podcasters focus on Venezuela's electoral crisis
Herald: Former BVI premier Andrew Fahie sentenced to 11 years for role in cocaine-import scheme in Miami

The Capitolist: OneBlood software partially restored after ransomware attack

Democrat: AAA: Gas prices in Florida up 6 cents over last week on average

Democrat: Gov. DeSantis as Debby leaves Florida: 'We are going to see flooding'

News4Jax: Florida's CFO warns of scammers who exploit victims of natural disasters

FlaPol: Group backing marijuana legalization takes in \$116K in last week of July

WUSF: Florida providers urge families to take advantage of free vaccine clinics

FlaPol: Amendments for dummies? James Madison Institute offers guide to Florida's 2024 ballot initiatives

The Capitolist: Hurricane Debby causes major power outages through Big Bend region

FlaPol: Kristen Arrington top fundraiser in SD 25, but now lags Carmen Torres, Alan Grayson in cash

FlaPol: Nearly \$1M already spent on HD 81 race, mostly by Greg Folley

Sun-Sentinel: School resource officers practice responding to active shooter before start of new school year

Sentinel: As Debby veers away, the myth that FSU's MagLab protects Tallahassee from hurricanes endures

FlaPol: Karen Castor Dentel gains momentum for Orange County Elections Supervisor job

Democrat: Florida Senate District 3 Democratic primary: 2024 voters' guide

Democrat: What you need to know to vote in Leon County's Aug. 20 primary election

Democrat: Who's a D or R? A partisan guide to Tallahassee's non-partisan races

Ledger: Judge dismisses suit filed by two Polk lawyers that sought to force judicial election

FlaPol: Florida City Commission endorses 'incredible advocate' Annette Taddeo for Miami-Dade Clerk

Sentinel: Regina Hill used elderly woman's credit after failing to qualify for home loan: investigators

DBNJ: Daytona State College hires new vice president for academic affairs. Who is she?

ABC News: Byron Donalds: Trump's comments on Harris' race 'a side issue'

Politico: Byron Donalds spars with ABC host over questions about Harris' racial identity

FlaPol: Joe Biden declares Federal Emergency for Florida ahead of Debby landfall

NYTimes: In a Corner of Florida, a Gathering Storm Stirs Familiar Feelings

Democrat: What to expect from Debby: An impact breakdown for Florida cities

WLRN: Tropical Storm Debby barrels toward Florida, with potential record-setting rains farther north

Times: Hurricane Debby soaks Tampa Bay as it nears landfall in Big Bend

FlaPol: Debby lingering off coast of Tampa, taking aim at Big Bend Monday morning
My News 13: Hurricane Debby maintains Category 1 strength while nearing Nature Coast landfall
Sun-Sentinel: Florida's RSV season has started, and its coming soon to the rest of US. Here's a primer
FlaPol: Florida retailers urge parents to shop local as final week of tax-free school supplies holiday winds down
Sun: Unemployment claims in Florida declined last week
FlaPol: Florida Republican coalition backs Kamala Harris. Will it make the difference in November?
Post: Harris team eyes winning over 'never Trump' Florida Republican voters
News4Jax: Gov. DeSantis warns storm that's expected to become Category 1 hurricane will be 'major event' for Florida
FlaPol: As Debby plows closer to landfall, Ron DeSantis orders high level prep in Florida
WUSF: Why several Florida universities will face challenges in the search for a new president
FlaPol: Donald Trump backs David Shoar in competitive SD 7 GOP Primary
Sentinel: 'A nasty race.' Bracy and Thompson square off for Senate in Orange County
Sentinel: 4 Democrats, 2 Republicans seek open seat in Osceola HD46
Ledger: Red reign: Anne Kerr leaves deep legacy after 20 years as president of Florida Southern
FlaPol: University of Florida has financial performance upgraded by S&P
WUSF: Tampa enacts year-round outdoor watering restrictions
FlaPol: Half a dozen attorneys disbarred from practicing law in Florida

On The Docket

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024

- **FAMU TRUSTEES** - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida A&M University Board of Trustees will hold a retreat. Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress, 1 Grand Cypress Blvd., Orlando.
- **STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE** - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Self-Insurance Estimating Conference will discuss expenditures in the state employees' health-insurance program. 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
- **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
- **SPACE INDUSTRY ISSUES** - Wednesday, 1 p.m. The Space Florida Board of Directors will hold a workshop. The Biltmore Hotel, 1200 Anastasia Ave., Coral Gables.
- **FINANCIAL AID ON TABLE** - Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. The Education Estimating Conference will analyze student financial aid. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024

- DEAF, HARD OF HEARING - Thursday, 8 a.m. The Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will meet. Information at <https://www.floridahealth.gov/provider-and-partner-resources/fccdhh/Meetings/index.html>
- FAMU TRUSTEES - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida A&M University Board of Trustees will hold a retreat, followed by a regular board meeting. Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress, 1 Grand Cypress Blvd., Orlando.
- SOCIAL WORK BOARD - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The state Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling will meet. Naples Grande Beach Resort, 475 Seagate Dr., Naples.
- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD - Thursday, 9 a.m. The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach. https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ufyz7-HfRYGwGS63RKUFMA#/registration
- SPACE FLORIDA - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Space Florida Board of Directors will meet. The Biltmore Hotel, 1200 Anastasia Ave., Coral Gables. Call-in number: 1-855-758-1310. Meeting ID: 6277636389. Code: 567768
- GAMBLING REGULATORS - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Gaming Control Commission will meet. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- HISTORICAL ISSUES - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Historical Commission will meet. R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough St., Tallahassee. https://dosmyflorida.zoom.us/j/87999629102?pwd=GKbJzq4dFqaybCvH_c6pZxLZTzm6I2H.1. Meeting ID: 87999629102. Code: 261363
- SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. The Early Learning Programs Estimating Conference will discuss enrollment in the state's school readiness program. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- VALENCIA COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. The Valencia College Board of Trustees will hold an organizational meeting. Valencia College, Osceola Campus, 1800 Denn John Lane, Kissimmee.
- VOLUNTARY PRE-K - Thursday, 10:30 a.m. The Early Learning Programs Estimating Conference will analyze issues in the voluntary pre-kindergarten program. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- BEAN, RUTHERFORD AT GOP CLUB - Thursday, 11:30 a.m. Republican Congressmen Aaron Bean and John Rutherford are scheduled to speak during a luncheon meeting of the Republican Women's Club of Duval Federated. Deerwood Country Club, 10239 Golf Club. Dr., Jacksonville.
- HD 28 CANDIDATES DEBATE - Thursday, noon. The Tiger Bay Club of Volusia County will hold a debate in the race in House District 28. Candidates expected to participate are Democrat John Navarra, Republican Bill Partington and Libertarian Joe Hannoush. Halifax River Yacht Club, 331 South Beach St., Daytona Beach.
- NORTHWEST WATER BOARD - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management Dr., Havana.
- FLORIDA GATEWAY TRUSTEES - Thursday, 4:30 p.m. The Florida Gateway College Board of Trustees will meet. Florida Gateway College, Administration Building, Lake City.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2024

- UNEMPLOYMENT FUND - Friday, 9 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss a forecast for the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- OSTEOPATHIC BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine will meet. Drury Plaza Hotel Orlando-Disney Springs Area, 2000 Hotel Plaza Blvd., Lake Buena Vista.
- CLINICAL LABORATORY BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel will meet. Information at <https://floridasclinicallabs.gov/meeting-information/>
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Friday, 10 a.m. The Miami-Dade Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/miami-dade-refugee-task-force-meeting>

- COLLEGE ENROLLMENT - Friday, 1:30 p.m. The Education Estimating Conference will analyze enrollment in the Florida college system. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE - State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Aug. 2.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024

- EARLY VOTING HELD STATEWIDE - - Counties are required to start holding early voting by Saturday in the Aug. 20 primary elections. Voting will start earlier in the week in some counties.
- SCOTT AT SUMTER GOP EVENT - Saturday, 7 p.m. U.S. Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla., U.S. Rep. Cory Mills, R-Fla., and state Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, are scheduled to take part in the Sumter County Republican Party's Lincoln Day Dinner. Brownwood Hotel & Spa, 3003 Brownwood Blvd., The Villages.

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

About the Briefing!

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