

***Trump will announce Vice President candidate today at 4:30pm  
Signs point to US Senator J.D. Vance of Ohio! Apparently Rubio and  
Burgum have been notified they are no longer on the list.***

## ***The Briefing for July 15, 2024***

*The Last Briefing was July 9, 2024*

*There's a Covid surge – I've been sequestered for a week. On the mend!*

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

### ***Bits and Pieces***

- *The Republican National Convention kicks off today in Milwaukee. Always of interest for political junkies. The Republican candidate for Vice-President will be announced today at 4:30pm. Who will be 45's pick for the potential Vice-President. The short-list Sens. Marco Rubio of Florida and JD Vance of Ohio and North Dakota GOP Gov. Doug Burgum.*
- *The assassination attempt of the Donald Trump is another tragic event that will be emblazoned on the national psyche. Close to being catastrophic – horrible and tragic. Major security failure.*
- *News from NACo – Florida Commissioner Bill Truex finished second in the race of 2<sup>nd</sup> VP of NACo. Thank you Bill for your leadership!*

### **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

### ***Headlines Around the State***

[\*Herald: Trump assassination attempt casts a cloud over what could be Rubio's brightest moment\*](#)

[\*CBS Miami: Vice President Kamala Harris postpones visit to South Florida in wake of Trump assassination attempt\*](#)

[\*Post: 2024 RNC speaker list from Florida. DeSantis, Scott, Gaetz, Tucker Carlson, Trump family, more\*](#)

[\*FlaPol: Matt Gaetz organizing rally in honor of Donald Trump in Pensacola\*](#)

[\*Post: Trump campaign staff memo after rally shooting: Avoid West Palm Beach office\*](#)

[\*Post: Trump's Palm Beach neighbors urge unity, end to harsh rhetoric\*](#)

[\*DBNJ: Trump supporters gather in Palm Coast after assassination attempt against ex-president\*](#)

[\*Sentinel: Dubbed 'toxic,' top candidate for Orange-Osceola public defender was forced to quit the office she wants to lead\*](#)

[\*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis blames Donald Trump shooting on 'bureaucratic failures'\*](#)

[\*Yahoo News: Top Florida GOP fundraiser launches GoFundMe for Trump rally shooting victims\*](#)

[\*FlaPol: Floridian's fundraising effort for victims shot at Donald Trump rally doubles \\$1M goal\*](#)

[\*Axios: Focus group: Florida swing voters confused by abortion amendment\*](#)

[\*FlaPol: Pro-choice advocates claim conservative interests trying to alter Florida abortion referendum impact\*](#)

[\*Times: Trump supporters hold 'emergency call to arms' in Clearwater after assassination attempt\*](#)

[\*Times: Tampa Bay sermons grapple with Trump shooting\*](#)

[\*Sentinel: Will Central Florida undermine state effort to boost affordable housing?\*](#)

[\*WUSF: USF will fund four collaborative research projects\*](#)

[\*Times: An hour east of crowded Tampa, a search is underway for endangered Florida panthers\*](#)

[\*News4Jax: Florida officials react to attempted assassination of Donald Trump at rally in Pennsylvania\*](#)

[\*Sentinel: Florida Republicans, Democrats react to assassination attempt on former President Trump\*](#)

[\*FlaPol: Rick Scott wants Secret Service, DHS in Senate committee to 'provide answers' in wake of Donald Trump shooting\*](#)

*Daily News: Florida Rep. Byron Donalds 'relieved and grateful' Trump is 'OK' after shooting at PA rally*

*Sun-Sentinel: South Florida delegates ready to show their passion for Donald Trump at Republican convention. Who are they?*

*The Floridian: Florida Legislator Leads National Effort to Award NATO Secretary General*

*Herald: Feds open investigation into health company that owns several Miami-area hospitals*

*Star-Banner: Unemployment claims in Florida declined last week*

*Times-Union: Northeast Florida Republicans, Democrats denounce attack on Trump in Pennsylvania*

*Star-Banner: 'The hatred toward one man is just awful': Ocala reacts to Donald Trump rally shooting*

*DBNJ: Volusia, Florida officials respond to apparent assassination attempt on former president*

*News-Herald: Bay County Republican Party of Florida reacts to Trump rally shooting*

*Sun: Gainesville, Alachua County leaders react on social media to shooting at Donald Trump rally*

*Herald: Florida agriculture fuels coastal algae blooms. How much remains unclear*

*WUSF: Duke Energy base electric rate case is put on hold*

*Ledger: Jury in North Lakeland quadruple murder case can recommend death by 8-4 vote, court says*

*Sun-Sentinel: Jurors appeal to judge to grant leniency to man they convicted*

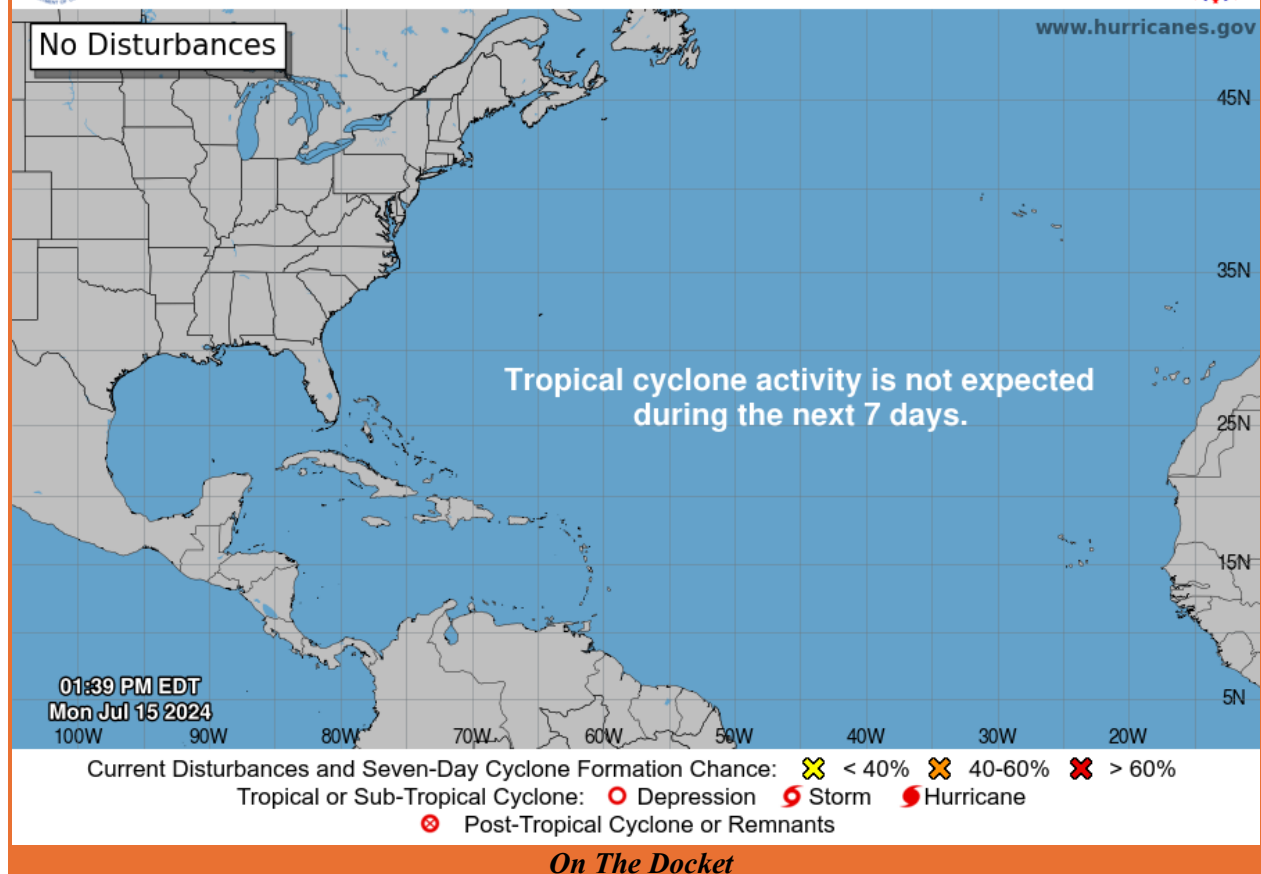
**Tropical Outlook**

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



## Seven-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Florida Republican leaders and activists will gather in Milwaukee during the coming week to help nominate former President Donald Trump as he seeks a return to the White House.

The Republican National Convention will include days of events and parties, including some for the Florida delegation. As examples, Gov. Ron DeSantis is scheduled to appear Wednesday at a delegation breakfast, while state Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis and Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson are hosting night-time parties.

Trump has had the nomination locked up for months, so the convention's only suspense might be about his running mate — assuming, of course, he doesn't announce the choice before the convention. Among the possible picks is U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla.

### **MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024**

- **ABORTION 'STATEMENT' DISCUSSED** - Monday, 9 a.m. The Financial Impact Estimating Conference will discuss revisions to a "financial impact statement" that will appear on the November ballot with a proposed constitutional amendment about abortion rights. Location - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **RPOF HOLDS CONVENTION EVENTS** - Monday, 9 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. The Republican Party of Florida will hold events as part of the Republican National Convention, including a breakfast event with U.S. Rep. Kat Cammack, R-Fla., and an evening reception with state Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis. Locations: Cammack event at 9 a.m. at Baird Center: 400 West Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee. Patronis event at 9:30 p.m. at Red Rock Saloon, 1225 North Water St., Milwaukee.

- JUDICIAL CANDIDATES INTERVIEWED - Monday, 9 a.m. The 13th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will interview applicants for two Hillsborough County judgeships. Applicants scheduled to be interviewed are Joseph W. Kudia, Jennifer Lima-Smith, Jeremy R. Griner, Cheryl Mason, Adam L. Bantner, II, Christopher S. Dutton, Shirin Rustomji, Michelle A. Doherty, W. Michael Thornton, Sara K. Peacock, Alicia Whiting Bozich, Andrew J. McGinley, Marisol Ruiz, Teresa O. Prescott, E. Christopher Abdoney, E. Michael Isaak, Natalia B. Silver, Jennifer P. Johnson and Travis J. Coy. Location - Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP, Bank of America Plaza, 101 East Kennedy Blvd., Tampa.
- TANT GETS BAR HONOR - Monday, 9:30 a.m. Rep. Allison Tant, D-Tallahassee, will receive a “Legislator of the Year” award from the Elder Law Section of The Florida Bar. Location - The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson St., Tallahassee.
- SOUTH FLORIDA COUNCIL - Monday, 10:30 a.m. The South Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. Location - South Florida Regional Planning Council, 1 Oakwood Blvd., Suite 250, Hollywood. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86767427206?pwd=OahAOHCjJsP Sbm2xXRYSmWifGc xfpN.1>. Meeting ID: 86767427206. Passcode: 599275

#### **TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024**

- MIAMI DADE COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 8 a.m. The Miami Dade College Board of Trustees will meet. Location - Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus, 300 N.E. Second Ave., Miami. <https://www.mdc.edu/livestream>
- RPOF HOLDS CONVENTION EVENTS - Tuesday, 9 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. The Republican Party of Florida will hold events as part of the Republican National Convention, including a breakfast event with incoming Senate President Ben Albritton, R-Wauchula, and an evening reception with Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson. Locations: Albritton event at 9 a.m. at Baird Center, 400 West Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee. Simpson event at 9:30 p.m. at Harley Davidson, 400 West Canal St., Milwaukee.
- UNCLAIMED PROPERTY - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss issues related to unclaimed property. Location - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- DESANTIS SPEAKS AT MOMS FOR LIBERTY EVENT - Tuesday, 2 p.m. Gov. Ron DeSantis will be among the speakers at a Moms for Liberty town hall held in conjunction with the Republican National Convention. Location - Reporters may contact [Marleigh@cavalrystrategies.com](mailto:Marleigh@cavalrystrategies.com) for information.
- SANTA FE COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 4 p.m. The Santa Fe College Board of Trustees will meet. Location - Santa Fe Andrews Cultural Center, 201 East Call St., Starke.
- LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES DISCUSSED - Tuesday, 6 p.m. Rep. Adam Anderson, R-Palm Harbor, and Rep. Berny Jacques, R-Seminole, are expected to discuss legislative priorities during a Pinellas County Young Republicans event. Location - Quaker Steak & Lube, 10400 49th St. North, Clearwater.
- CHIPOLA COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. The Chipola College Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. Location - Chipola College, Public Service Building, Marianna.

#### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024**

- RPOF HOLDS CONVENTION EVENTS - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Republican Party of Florida will hold events as part of the Republican National Convention, including a breakfast event with Gov. Ron DeSantis. Locations: DeSantis event at 9 a.m. at Baird Center, 400 West Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee.
- PAROLE CASES WEIGHED - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. Location - Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165

- OPTOMETRY ISSUES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Optometry will meet. Location - Information at <https://floridasoptometry.gov/meeting-information/>
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES CONSIDERED - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission is scheduled to meet. Location - Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Code: 261180880
- AG MUSEUM AT ISSUE - Wednesday, 11 a.m. The Florida Agricultural Museum Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. Location - Flagler County Princess Place, 2500 Princess Place Road, Palm Coast.
- TRANSPORTATION - Wednesday, 1 p.m. The state Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged will meet. Location - Call-in number: 850-739-5589. Code: 406746724
- TURNPIKE CONNECTION - Wednesday, 6 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will hold an online meeting to discuss a project that would add connection ramps between Florida's Turnpike and Interstate 95 in Martin County. Location - Information at [www.TPK-I-95-Interchange-Study.com](http://www.TPK-I-95-Interchange-Study.com)

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024**

- RPOF HOLDS CONVENTION - Thursday, 8 a.m. The Republican Party of Florida will hold events as part of the Republican National Convention, including a breakfast event with U.S. Rep. Byron Donalds, R-Fla. Donalds event at 8 a.m. at Baird Center, 400 West Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee.
- SOUTHWEST PLANNING COUNCIL - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council is scheduled to meet. Location - South Florida Water Management District, 2301 McGregor Blvd., Fort. Myers.
- ST. JOHNS COLLEGE BOARD - Thursday, 10:30 a.m. The St. Johns River State College Board of Trustees will meet. Location - St. Johns River State College, Palatka Campus, board room, Palatka.
- BROWARD COLLEGE BOARD - Thursday, 2 p.m. The Broward College Board of Trustees will meet. Location - Broward College, Willis Holcombe Center, 111 East Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale.
- TURNPIKE CONNECTION - Thursday, 5:30 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting to discuss a project that would add connection ramps between Florida's Turnpike and Interstate 95 in Martin County. Location - Indian River State College, Wolf High-Technology Center, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart.

#### **FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2024**

- PSYCHOLOGY BOARD - Friday, 8 a.m. The Florida Board of Psychology will meet. Location - Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 564341766
- INTEREST RATES - Friday, 8:30 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze interest rates that are used in the appropriations process. Location - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- FLORIDA ECONOMY - Friday, 9 a.m. The Economic Estimating Conference will discuss Florida's economy. Location - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SPEECH-LANGUAGE BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology will meet. Location - Marriott Orlando Airport Lakeside, 7499 Augusta National Dr., Orlando.
- HEARING AID BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Hearing Aid Specialists. Location - Sheraton Sand Key Resort, 1160 Gulf Blvd., Clearwater Beach.

- TREASURE COAST PLANNING COUNCIL - Friday, 9:30 a.m. The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council will meet. Location - Indian River State College, Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart.
- JOBLESS REPORT RELEASED - Friday, 10 a.m. The Florida Department of Commerce will release a June unemployment report.
- HOUSE CANDIDATES MAKE PITCHES - Friday, noon. The Tampa Tiger Bay Club will hold a forum for Hillsborough County state House candidates. Location - The Cuban Club, 2010 North Avenida Republica de Cuba, Tampa.
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through July 12.

**SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2024**

- FROST APPEARS IN VOLUSIA - Saturday, noon and 3 p.m. U.S. Rep. Maxwell Alejandro Frost, D-Fla., is expected to take part in candidate events held by the Democratic Women's Club of West Volusia.

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