



## *The Briefing for September 14, 2024*

*The Last Briefing was September 7, 2024*

### NCAA FOOTBALL SCHEDULE - WEEK 3

*Memphis at FSU*  
*Texas A&M at Florida*  
*FIU vs FAU*  
*USF vs So. Miss*  
*UCF vs TCU*  
*Ball State at Miami*

### **State of Florida Long-Range Financial Outlook FISCAL YEARS 2025-26 THROUGH 2027-28**

[Link to the the state's long-range budget outlook](#)

The Long-Range Financial Outlook (Outlook) is issued annually by the Legislative Budget Commission as required by article III, section 19(c)(1) of the Florida Constitution. The Outlook provides a longer-range picture of the state's fiscal position that integrates expenditure projections for the major programs driving Florida's annual budget requirements with the latest official revenue estimates. The 2024 Outlook includes projections for Fiscal Years 2025-26, 2026-27, and 2027-28. The estimates included in the Outlook are based upon the summer 2024 estimating conference results and recent historical experience. The Outlook does not predict the overall funding levels of future state budgets or the final amount of funds to be allocated to the respective budget areas—it simply presents a reasonable baseline to help the Legislature avoid future budget difficulties and maintain financial stability between fiscal years.

#### KEY POINTS

- The State of Florida's General Revenue Fund collections have tracked closer to official estimates as the forecasting environment has greatly stabilized over the past year.
- Historic General Revenue Fund balances available for the last three years allowed for significant investments in the environment, education, and state infrastructure.
- *The Outlook projects future expenditures based on recent history, resulting in expenditure projections that outpace the General Revenue funds expected to be available beginning in Year 2 of the Outlook.*

- A minimum reserve equivalent to 3.9 percent of the revenue estimate is maintained in the General Revenue Fund for each year of the Outlook.
- The Outlook does not account for any new or expanded programs or potential risks such as hurricanes or other natural disasters.

### **Rural Electrics Receive \$7.3 Billion to build Solar/Energy Storage Projects Nationwide**

Seminole Electric Cooperative is among the nations rural electric cooperatives that [will receive \\$7.3 billion](#) in financing to build 700 megawatts of solar and battery energy storage projects. Seminole is an energy wholesaler providing electricity through nine cooperatives to 2 million customers in 42 counties. That's equivalent to nine solar plants like those being built across the state by Florida Power & Light Co. and Duke Energy Florida.

### **Settlement Reached returning Books to School Libraries Previously Removed**

#### [Copy of Settlement Agreement](#)

A settlement has been reached with the Nassau County School Districts that will lead to 36 books returning to school libraries after being removed last year. The settlement came in a federal lawsuit filed in May over the removal of books from school libraries in Florida and other states.

The settlement lists 22 other books that are slated to be returned to libraries. In addition, 12 books will be made available to students ages 18 or older or who have parental consent. The settlement also calls for the district to form a review committee to consider the 12 books.

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

*AP: Lawsuit alleges plot to run sham candidate so DeSantis appointee can win election*

*FlaPol: Group behind abortion amendment sues over state's website, calling it 'misinformation campaign'*

*Times: Florida forestry official questioned DeSantis-backed swap of state forest to golf company*

*Floridian: DeSantis Asks All FL GOP Leaders to Bankroll Battle Against Amendment 4 Amid Election Interference Case*

*Herald: Tyreek Hill and officer who detained him may have both broken law, legal experts say*

*Sun-Sentinel: Officer who handcuffed Tyreek Hill was suspended 6 times and had complaints of force violations, record shows*

*Sun-Sentinel: FPL dispute over Hurricane Irma goes to Florida Supreme Court*

*NBC 6: State fights challenge to Florida law prohibiting strippers under 21*

*Politico: Battleground House Republican dodges how she'll vote on Florida's abortion amendment*

*FlaPol: Doctor warns he is helpless to care for patients in new Amendment 4 ad*

*Herald: Diaz de la Portilla, facing criminal corruption trial, considers run for Miami mayor*

*NBC: Trump defends far-right activist Laura Loomer: 'She's a free spirit' and 'a supporter'*

*CNN: Trump says he doesn't control far-right agitator Laura Loomer, calls her a 'free spirit'*

*Times: Laura Loomer's history in Florida politics, explained*

*Sun-Sentinel: Fake marijuana petition signatures traced to convict who worked on 2022 campaign between stints in prison, police say*

*Sentinel: Teen girl, boyfriend arrested for gun possession at Boone High School, Orlando Police say*

*Bradenton Herald: Teen arrested after posting school shooting threats on social media, Manatee deputies say*

*Democrat: LCSO: Leon High student arrested for 'written threats' after FBI intercepts Snapchat post*

*Ledger: Polk County Fire Chief Hezedeane Smith resigns after scathing report on his management*

*News 4 Jax: Fernandina Beach mayor declares state of emergency as 'unprecedented' rainfall overwhelms stormwater system*

*Herald Tribune: Advocates hope Affordable Housing Summit, new Sarasota County Commission lead to change*

*News 4 Jax: Mayor Deegan signs \$94M Community Benefits Agreement*

*WUSF: USF's president spells out plans for the Claw and promises no development of the Forest Preserve*

*Herald: Years behind schedule, the American Dream Miami mega-mall could get a subsidy boost*

*FlaPol: Vending machine business slated for big Miami-Dade contract didn't pay taxes for years — but donated to Commissioners*

*Times: Pasco libraries suppress more than 100 children's books with LGBTQ themes*

*NYTimes: DeSantis Spars With Abortion Rights Backers Over Florida Ballot Measure*

*FlaPol: Democrats call for federal probe into Gov. DeSantis using state power against abortion amendment*

*NBC: Florida is disappearing from the national political map*

*Daily News: Florida school board spends \$100K on lawsuit over ban on penguin book*

*Politico: Florida county restoring dozens of books to school libraries after 'book ban' lawsuit*

*AP: Florida school district must restore books with LGBTQ content under settlement*

*Ledger: Lake Wales schools get books with political essay by right-wing lawyer*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis dives into Wisconsin Senate race*

*Alligator: 3 years into tenure, state surgeon general remains controversial*

*Politico: Florida's high court poised to protect DeSantis congressional map that helps GOP*

*FlaPol: Florida Supreme Court Justices raise prospect of tossing Fair Districts Amendment*

*Times: Another lawsuit challenges DeSantis' anti-Amendment 4 website*

*Sentinel: Call him Dan: Elections supervisor candidate prevails in lawsuit over his name*

*Sentinel: FDLE: Georgia man arrested for petition fraud related to Florida's marijuana amendment*

*News 4 Jax: Fernandina Beach mayor declares state of emergency as unprecedented rainfall overwhelms stormwater system*

*NBC 6: Miami-Dade teachers say raises are at risk due to district's charter school debt*

*Times: St. Petersburg police officer fired for making racially insensitive comment*

*WUSF: University of Tampa changes its nickname to UTampa*

*Floridian: Congressional Support for Puerto Rican Statehood Grows Before November Election*

*Floridian: Waltz Bill to Coordinate Sanctions Passes House*

*Floridian: Luna Mocks 'Radical' Whitney Fox For Supporting 'Open Borders'*

*Floridian: Jones: Trump's Claim About Haitians Eating Pets is 'Racist' and Proves He's 'Unfit' to Lead*

*FlaPol: Haitian American leaders continue to condemn racist and xenophobic GOP pet-eating claims*

*FlaPol: Kathy Castor to host roundtable on climate change costs with Sheldon Whitehouse*

*FlaPol: Florida Hospital Association holds workforce summit on Space Coast*

*FlaPol: 'Miami-Dade voters will be well-served': Ric Bradshaw backs James Reyes for Sheriff*

*FlaPol: Personnel note: 'Triple threat' Kira Smith joins The Southern Group*

*Alligator: UF introduced early action. Here's how it's going.*

*FlaPol: Doug Emhoff slates stop in The Villages Friday*

*FlaPol: Lavish catering under ex-UF President: \$38,610 sushi bar, holiday party that cost nearly \$900 per person*

*Politico: DeSantis pushed for post-tenure review of Florida professors. The first results are in.*

*NBC: Far-right activist Laura Loomer's access to Trump reveals a crisis in his campaign*

*CNN: Laura Loomer, far-right provocateur who spread 9/11 conspiracy theory, influencing Trump as he searches for a message*

*WaPo: Trump's time with Laura Loomer, a far-right activist, upsets GOP allies*

*FlaPol: 9/11 changed everything — except for Debbie Mucarsel-Powell's fundraising emails*

*Times: St. Petersburg Uhurus guilty of conspiracy, not guilty of acting as Russian agents*

*AP: Black rights activists convicted of conspiracy, not guilty of acting as Russian agents*

*Times: St. Petersburg hires new spokesperson, third under Welch administration*

*Sun-Sentinel: Timing of huge pay hikes to police union bosses draws scrutiny in Fort Lauderdale*

*WLRN: Arrests of Miami-Dade's homeless residents skyrockets since new law*

*WLRN: With two ongoing scandals, Monroe County looks at consultants for full government review*

*News-Press: Lee County Sheriff Carmine Marceno's challenger claims money laundering scheme*

*WUSF: Study looks at how many 'forever chemicals' are found in fish and sediment in Tampa Bay*

*Bradenton Herald: Why did Florida GOP suspend Manatee County's Republican committee? Members want answers*

*FlaPol: September starts with a dip in Florida's new unemployment claims*

*Herald: Helpful or inhumane? One South Florida city's app lets people report homeless concerns*

*PNJ: Ex-deputy charged with child abuse showed 'inability' to do job*

*Today: Brevard Schools Superintendent Rendell gets \$10,000 bonus and raise*

*FlaPol: Polk County's growing pains show what's ahead for the rest of Florida*

*AP: A teen accused of killing his mom in Florida was once charged in Oklahoma in his dad's death*

*Sentinel: 'Love thy neighbor NOT flood thy neighbor': Seminole homeowner ordered to unplug stormwater pipe*

*FlaPol: FDA kicks the can down the road on citrus grower aid*

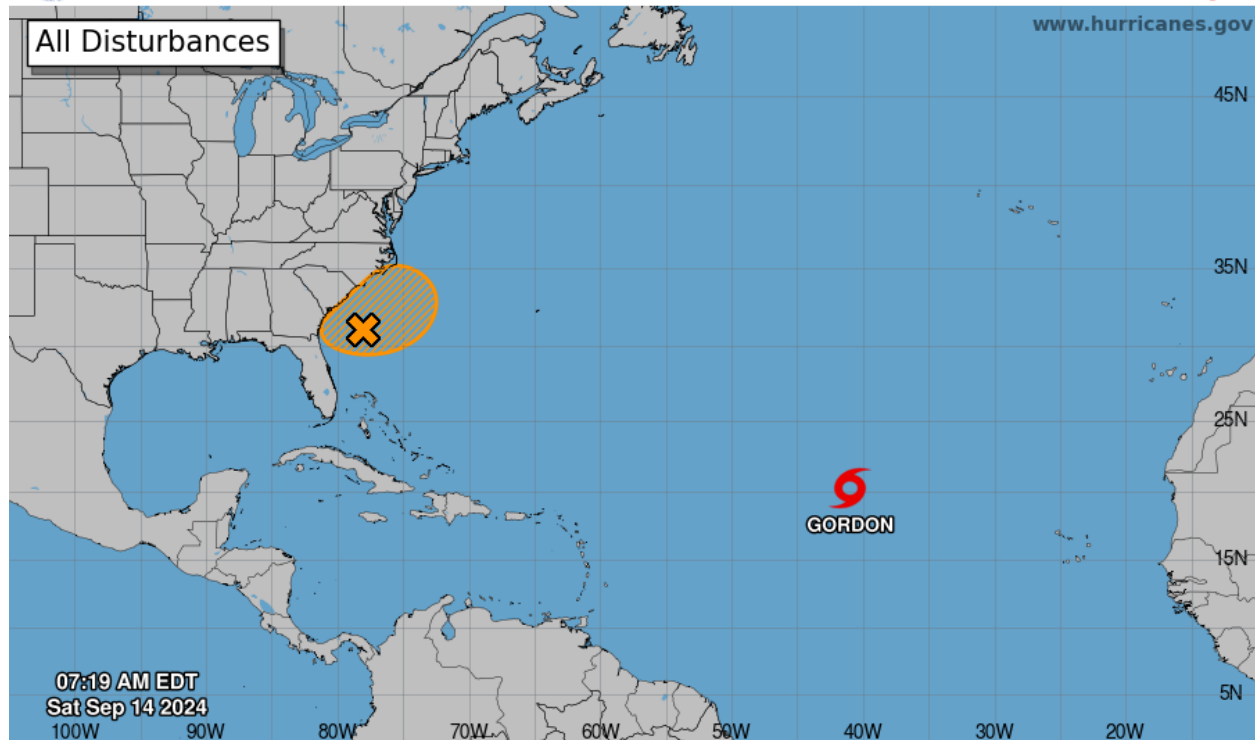
**Tropical Outlook**

<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

## On The Docket

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

- STATE INVESTMENTS - Monday, 11 a.m. - The state Investment Advisory Council will meet. - The Hermitage Centre, 1801 Hermitage Blvd., Tallahassee.
- TALLAHASSEE STATE TRUSTEES - Monday, 2:30 p.m. - The Tallahassee State College Board of Trustees will meet. - Tallahassee State College, Hinson Administration Building, 444 Appleyard Dr., Tallahassee.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

- ATHLETIC TRAINING BOARD - Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. - The Florida Board of Athletic Training will meet. - Call-in number: 850-792-1375. Code: 781752255
- MIAMI DADE COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - The Miami Dade College Board of Trustees will meet. - Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus, 300 N.E. Second Ave., Miami. <https://www.mdc.edu/livestream>.
- FISH AND WILDLIFE PANEL - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will meet, with issues including discussions on monitoring fish in Biscayne National Park and coral reef restoration. - Hawk's Cay Resort and Marina, 61 Hawk's Cay Blvd., Duck Key.
- ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees will meet. - St. Petersburg College, EpiCenter, 13805 58th St. North, Clearwater.
- HURRICANE DAMAGE DETAILED - Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. - The University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences will hold an online news conference about damage to

the agriculture industry from Hurricane Debby.

- <https://ufl.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwkfu2rqj4tE91yYmPUa2VnFcIngbb6pzg7#/registration>

- POT AMENDMENT DEBATED - Tuesday, noon. - The Capital Tiger Bay Club will host a debate about a proposed constitutional amendment, Amendment 3, that would allow recreational use of marijuana in Florida. Participants will be Jessica Spencer, director of advocacy for the group No on 3, and Steve Vancore, spokesman for the Smart & Safe Florida political committee, which is sponsoring the proposal. The debate will be moderated by Dara Kam, senior writer for The News Service of Florida. - Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, 505 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.
- UNIVERSITIES BOARD HOLDS RETREAT - Tuesday, noon. - The state university system's Board of Governors will hold a retreat. - The Tampa EDITION, 500 Channelside Dr., Tampa.
- PASCO-HERNANDO COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, noon. - The Pasco-Hernando State College Board of Trustees will meet. - Pasco-Hernando State College, Instructional Performing Arts Center, 8657 Old Pasco Road, Wesley Chapel.
- LEGISLATIVE 'PRIVILEGE' WEIGHED - Tuesday, 2 p.m. - A panel of the 1st District Court of Appeal will hear arguments in a dispute about whether Florida lawmakers should be shielded from testifying in lawsuits. The dispute stems from an attempt by voting-rights groups to take depositions of lawmakers and legislative staff members as part of a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of a redistricting plan. The House and Senate contend that a concept known as "legislative privilege" prevents lawmakers from having to testify in civil lawsuits. - 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.
- COSMETOLOGY ISSUES - Tuesday, 2 p.m. - The Florida Board of Cosmetology is scheduled to meet. - Call-in number: 1-646-749-3129. Code: 733576253
- NORTHWEST FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 3 p.m. - The Northwest Florida State College Board of Trustees will meet. - Northwest Florida State College, 100 College Blvd., Niceville.
- SANTA FE COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Santa Fe College Board of Trustees will meet. - Santa Fe College, Northwest Campus, 3000 N.W. 83rd St., Gainesville.
- PENSACOLA COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 4:30 p.m. - The Pensacola State College Board of Trustees is scheduled to hold committee meetings, a workshop and a full board meeting. - Pensacola State College, 1000 College Blvd., Pensacola.
- NORTH FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - The North Florida College Board of Trustees will meet. - North Florida College, Student Center, 325 N.W. Turner Davis Dr., Madison.
- CHIPOLA COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. - The Chipola College Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. - Chipola College, Public Service Building, Marianna.

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024**

- FISH AND WILDLIFE PANEL - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will meet. - Hawk's Cay Resort and Marina, 61 Hawk's Cay Blvd., Duck Key.
- STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The state university system's Board of Governors will hold a series of committee meetings, followed by a full board meeting. - University of South Florida, Marshall Student Center, 4103 Cedar Circle, Tampa.
- 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 EYED - 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
- INSURANCE MARKET EYED - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - The Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Market Accountability Advisory Committee will meet. - Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 93846973798
- REFUGEE ISSUES ON AGENDA - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - The Broward Refugee Task Force will meet. - <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/broward-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- AG MUSEUM ADDRESSED - Wednesday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Agricultural Museum Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. - Flagler County Princess Place, 2500 Princess Place Road, Palm Coast.
- ST. JOHNS RIVER COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 2 p.m. - The St. Johns River State College Board of Trustees will meet. - St. Johns River State College, St. Augustine Campus, 2990 College Dr., St. Augustine.
- CHRONIC DISEASES TARGETED - Wednesday, 2 p.m. - Florida Congressman Vern Buchanan, who is vice chairman of the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee and chairman of the Health Subcommittee, will hold a hearing about preventing and treating chronic diseases. - U.S. Capitol, 1100 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C.
- LAKE-SUMTER COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 5 p.m. - The Lake-Sumter State College Board of Trustees will meet. - Lake-Sumter State College, South Lake Campus, 1250 North Hancock Road, Clermont.

#### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024**

- DEFENSE ISSUES - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Defense Support Commission is scheduled to meet. - Hilton Garden Inn Miami Airport West, 3550 N.W. 74th Ave., Miami.
- SOUTHWEST PLANNING COUNCIL - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council Governing Board will meet. - South Florida Water Management District, 2301 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91588729954?pwd=OVerTVNQVVpRZjQrY1Jab1dpMDBGUT09>
- STATE REVENUE - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss a long-term revenue analysis. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The Palm Beach Refugee Task Force will meet. - Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/palm-beach-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL - Thursday, 2 p.m. - The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council is scheduled to meet after holding committee meetings. - Florida Hotel and Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando.
- OPIOID ABATEMENT - Thursday, 2 p.m. - The Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement will meet. - Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/substance-abuse-program-opioid-abatement>

#### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024**

- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council is scheduled to meet. - Florida Hotel and Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando.
- TREASURE COAST COUNCIL - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council will meet. - Indian River State College, Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart.
- JOBLESS REPORT - Friday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Department of Commerce will release an August unemployment report.
- ST. JOHNS WATER BOARD BUDGET - Friday, 5:05 p.m. - The St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board will consider a 2024-2025 millage rate and budget. - St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid St., Palatka.
- PATRONIS SPEAKS TO ALACHUA GOP - Friday, 5:30 p.m. - State Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis is scheduled to speak during the Alachua County Republican Party's "Ronald Reagan Black Tie and Blue Jeans BBQ" event. - Legacy Park Multipurpose Center, 15400 Peggy Road, Alachua.

### **CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES PROJECTED FOR FY 24-25**

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

#### 2024

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 2-6-	Interim Committee Meeting - House of Representatives Only
December 4-6	FAC Legislative Conference – Tampa
December 9-13	Interim Committee Meeting - Senate only

#### 2025

January 13-17-	Interim Committee Meeting – House and Senate
January 21-24	Interim Committee Meeting – House and Senate
February 2 -	Deadline for release of Governors recommended budget
February 3 – 7	Interim Committee Meeting – House and Senate
February 10 – 14	Interim Committee Meeting – House and Senate
February 17 – 21	Interim Committee Meeting – House and Senate
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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