



The Briefing for September 7, 2024

The Last Briefing was September 6, 2024



Death of High School Football Star stuns Port St. Joe, Gulf County and the Panhandle Community

Word spread quickly through Florida's education community late last evening with news of the death of a Port Saint Joe high school football player. Chance Gainer an 18-year-old football player and honor student collapsed as the Port St. Joe Tiger Sharks played against Liberty County High School.

Gulf County School Superintendent Jim Norton said that Gainer did not have a pulse when rescue workers first got to him but that emergency personnel were able to get a pulse before putting him in the ambulance. The young man was then rushed to a hospital in Blountstown where he was pronounced dead. Mr. Norton was joined at the hospital in Blountstown by Superintendents Darryl Taylor (Calhoun) and Liberty County Superintendent Kyle Peddie.

After speaking with Supt. Norton, Bill Montford, FADSS Executive Director sent a text informing School Superintendents, the Governor, the DOE, and state legislators regarding the tragedy.

The membership of the Small School District Council Consortium and the Small County Coalition extend heartfelt sympathy to the family of Chance Gainer, the Gulf County community and everyone affected by this terrible and untimely tragedy. Our prayers are offered at this difficult time!

Headlines Around the State

Times: DeSantis election police questioned people who signed abortion petitions

Bradenton Herald: Floridians unnerved by police visits about abortion petition signatures

FlaPol: As abortion debate rages, DeSantis Administration launches transparency page some say oversteps state law

Sun-Sentinel: Critics blast Florida's Amendment 4 website as unlawful taxpayer-funded political ad

Politico: Florida health agency campaigns against abortion-rights ballot measure

Sentinel: As DeSantis fears 'putrid' pot smell, Trump says Amendment 3 could be 'very good'

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis is meddling in State Attorney's race, ex-candidate says

Times: Florida state parks whistleblower personnel files released by DeSantis admin

Sun-Sentinel: 'Political bloodbath': What's next in Broward sheriff's budget battle with county

Gainesville Sun: 'Bittersweet moment': Gainesville Fire Rescue Chief Joe Dixon stepping down

Sun-Sentinel: Charge against Pembroke Park commissioner is dropped

Herald Tribune: Venice-based Tervis tumbler files for bankruptcy, layoffs expected

WLRN: Florida muddies water on rule to protect coral

Ocala Star-Banner: After nine months out, the Town of Reddick is back in business

WLRN: City of Miami to create new 'innovation' office, discuss \$3.5 billion budget

WLRN: Democrats launch text message campaign in Florida Senate race to reach Latino voters

Floridian: Florida's Panic Button Law Sparks Debate on Future School Security: Should They Be 'Built Like Military Bases?'

Times: 2 former Central Florida cops, father and son, plead guilty in Capitol riot

Times: New College fires librarian over book disposals

Herald: Crediting voters, Miami-Dade mayor backs off transit funds cut. Restores \$16M in budget

Herald: After DeSantis killed arts funding, Miami-Dade arts groups now face cuts from county

FlaPol: Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office investigates voter fraud allegations in Surfside

FlaPol: 'He wants a job in the Trump White House': Thomas Witkop slams Brian Mast's rightward shift, hollow environmental concern

FlaPol: Annette Taddeo adds AFSCME Florida endorsement to Miami-Dade Clerk bid

WLRN: Broward Sheriff's Office and county commissioners inch closer to a budget deal

Herald: These Miami brothers ruled ultra luxury real estate, then sex assault allegations came out

FlaPol: Orange County could make changes after nonprofit got free tickets

WLRN: For a Palm Beach County park, contentious golf course plan became a fundraising win

WLRN: Synthetic opioid more deadly than fentanyl becomes public health threat in South Florida

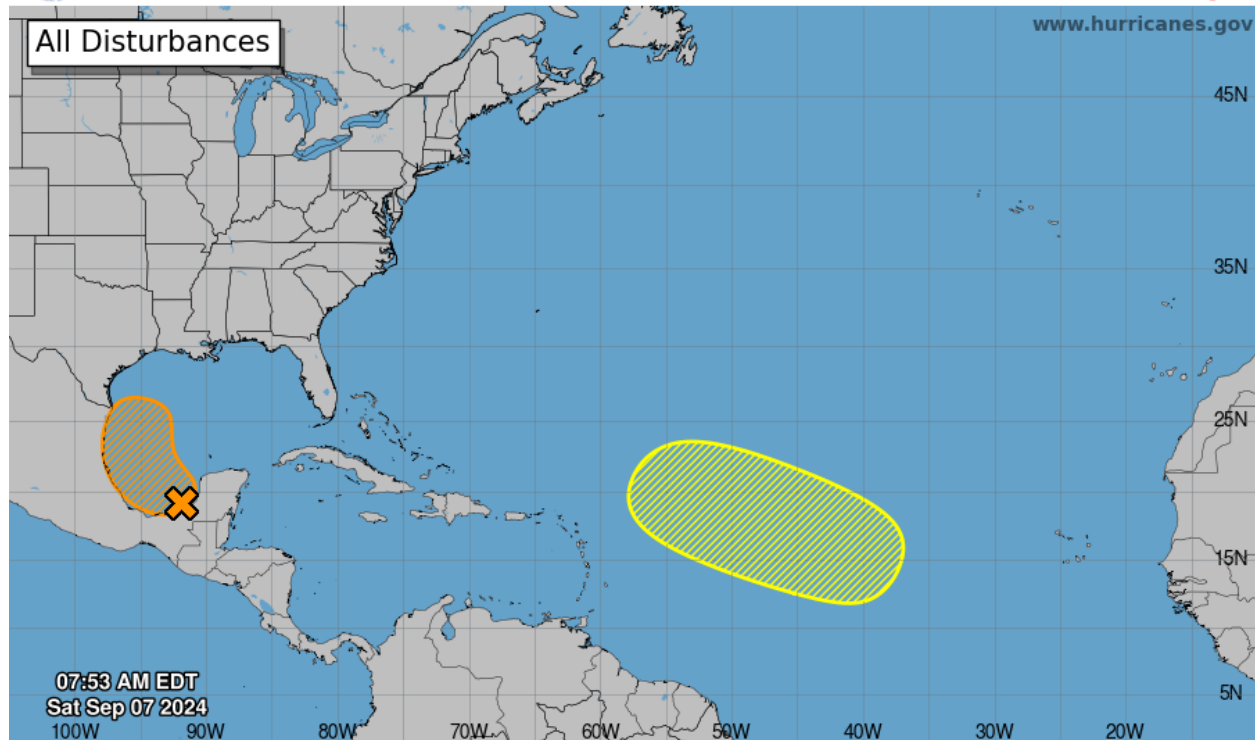
Tropical Outlook

<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 9, 2024

- JUDICIAL CANDIDATES INTERVIEWED - Monday, 9 a.m. - The 17th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will interview candidates for a circuit judgeship in Broward County. Candidates scheduled to be interviewed are Yves Pierre Laventure, Pascale Achille, Lisa Glick, Marlon Weiss, Allana Robinson Woods, Lucy Ramos Miller, Jean Richardson, Johnathan Lott, Lior Levy Minkowitz, Janice Haywood, Rafael Garcia, Stephanie Matalon, Robinson Keith Ustler, Tamar Hamilton and Mark Rickard. Broward County Bar Association, 1051 S.E. Third Ave., Fort Lauderdale.
- LIFELINE PROGRAM - Monday, 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. - The Florida Public Service Commission will hold events in Northeast Florida to discuss the Lifeline Assistance program, which provides discounted telecommunications services. Locations: 9:30 a.m. at Trout Creek Senior Center, 6795 Collier Road, Orangedale. Also, 11 a.m. at Hastings Senior Center, 6150 South Main St., Hastings.
- PASCO-HERNANDO COLLEGE BOARD - Monday, noon. - The Pasco-Hernando State College Board of Trustees will discuss a strategic plan. Pasco-Hernando State College, West Campus, 10230 Ridge Road, New Port Richey. <https://phsc.zoom.us/j/84167499650?pwd=XuIWahN6tY9Auvo805NBfIISEDOWtF.1>
- SELECTFLORIDA BOARD - Monday, 1 p.m. - The SelectFlorida Board of Directors, which works on economic-development issues, will meet. SunTrax Arrival & Conference Building, 100 Transformation Way, Auburndale.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

- FGCU TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees will meet. Florida Gulf Coast University, Cohen Student Union, Fort Myers.
- AUTO INSURANCE - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Automobile Joint Underwriting Association Board of Governors is scheduled to meet. Westshore Grand Hotel, 4860 West Kennedy Blvd., Tampa.
- INMATE MURDERS - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments in three cases, including appeals by Wayne Doty and Robert Craft, who were sentenced to death for murdering fellow prison inmates in separate incidents. Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.
- UTILITY ISSUES - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - The Florida Public Service Commission will meet. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- USF TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - The University of South Florida Board of Trustees will meet. University of South Florida, St. Petersburg Campus, 200 Sixth Ave. South, St. Petersburg.
- 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.
- FLORIDA SOUTHWESTERN TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The Florida SouthWestern State College Board of Trustees will meet. Florida SouthWestern State College, Lee Campus, 8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers.
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The Tallahassee Area Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/tallahassee-area-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- LIFELINE PROGRAM - Tuesday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an event in St. Johns County to discuss the Lifeline Assistance program, which provides discounted telecommunications services. The Players Community Senior Center, 175 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach.
- PILOT COMMISSIONERS BOARD - Tuesday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Board of Pilot Commissioners will meet. Call-in number: 1-571-317-3116. Code: 337217893
- JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, noon. - The Florida State College at Jacksonville Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, followed by a regular board meeting. Florida State College at Jacksonville, 501 West State St., Jacksonville.
- SUWANNEE WATER BOARD - Tuesday, 3 p.m. - The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board will hold a regular meeting, followed by a hearing on a tentative 2024-2025 millage rate and budget. Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak.
- SW Fla BOARD EYES BUDGET - Tuesday, 5:01 p.m. - The Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will hold a hearing on a tentative budget. South Florida Water Management District, 7601 U.S. 301 North, Tampa.
- ‘WELL-BEING’ COUNCIL - Tuesday, 6 p.m. - The state Child and Family Well-Being Council will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/child-and-family-well-being-council-meeting-6>

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

- FAMU PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida A&M University Board of Trustees will hold a retreat that is expected to include a discussion about the school’s

search for a new president. Bradley's Pond, 9002 Bradley Road, Tallahassee. <https://famuzoom.us/j/94491611120?pwd=Ab2cOuPj1s1XTfx9ezk8zhycM96ikP.1>

- DEATH PENALTY CASES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments in three death-penalty cases, including an appeal by John Mosley, who was sent to Death Row for the 2004 murder of his infant son in Duval County. Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.
- 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
- HEALTH INSURANCE - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Health Insurance Advisory Board will meet. Call-in number: 1-866-299-7949. Code: 1433866
- 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
- ACC-FSU DISPUTE - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - A panel of the 1st District Court of Appeal will hear arguments in an attempt by the Atlantic Coast Conference to put on hold a lawsuit filed by Florida State University as a two-state legal battle continues over issues such as sports media rights. The conference filed a lawsuit in December in North Carolina against FSU, a day before the university sued the conference in Leon County circuit court. Both cases deal with similar issues, as FSU is widely viewed as wanting to leave the ACC to move to a more-lucrative conference. The university essentially contends the ACC has shortchanged its members through television contracts and that the school would face exorbitant financial penalties if it leaves. The ACC, which is based in North Carolina, went to the Tallahassee-based appeals court in June as it seeks a stay of the lawsuit filed in Leon County. The conference argues that its lawsuit filed in North Carolina should take priority over the Florida case. The conference's petition to the appeals court came after Leon County Circuit Judge John Cooper refused to halt the Florida case. 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.
- LIFELINE PROGRAM - Wednesday, 10 a.m. and noon. - The Florida Public Service Commission will hold events in Northeast Florida to discuss the Lifeline Assistance program, which provides discounted telecommunications services. Locations: Coastal Community Center, 180 Marine St., St. Augustine. Also, noon, Southern Villas Apartments, 52 Sunrise Boulevard St., St. Augustine.
- WORKERS' COMP - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Workers' Compensation Joint Underwriting Association Board of Governors will meet. Tampa Airport Marriott, 4200 George J. Bean Parkway, Tampa.
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Jacksonville Area Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/jacksonville-area-refugee-task-force-meeting>

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

- FAMU TRUSTEES - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida A&M University Board of Trustees will hold a series of committee meetings, followed by a full board meeting. Florida A&M University, Al Lawson Center, Tallahassee.
- REDISTRICTING CASE HEARD - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments in two cases, including a battle about the constitutionality of a congressional redistricting plan that Gov. Ron DeSantis pushed through the Legislature in 2022. The case

centers on North Florida's Congressional District 5, which in the past elected Black Democrat Al Lawson but was overhauled in 2022. Voting-rights groups argue the plan violates a 2010 state constitutional amendment that prohibited drawing districts that would "diminish" the ability of minorities to "elect representatives of their choice." But DeSantis argued that keeping a district similar to the past District 5 would be an unconstitutional racial gerrymander under the U.S. Constitution's Equal Protection Clause. Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.

- FIU TRUSTEES - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Florida International University Board of Trustees will hold a series of committee meetings, followed by a full board meeting. Florida International University, Graham University Center, 11200 S.W. Eighth St., Miami.
- CONSERVATION ISSUES - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The state Acquisition and Restoration Council, which works on land conservation issues, will meet. Marjory Stoneman Douglas Building, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee.
- UWF TRUSTEES - Thursday, 9 a.m. Central time. - The University of West Florida Board of Trustees will meet. University of West Florida, UWF Conference Center, 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola.
- GULF COAST STATE TRUSTEES - Thursday, 10 a.m. Central time. - The Gulf Coast State College Board of Trustees will meet. Gulf Coast State College, North Bay Campus, Southport.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD - Thursday, 1 p.m. - The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will hold a regular meeting. At 5:15 p.m., it will hold a hearing on tentative millage rates and a budget for the 2024-2025 year. South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach. https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sFtrJ33JTfyaXkJO4dWP3A#/registration
- CITIZENS CLAIMS - Thursday, 1 p.m. - The Claims Committee of the Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Board of Governors will meet. <https://www.citizensfla.com/public-meetings>. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 98593216531
- MEDICAID DRUGS - Thursday, 1:30 p.m. - The Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board will meet. Information at https://ahca.myflorida.com/public-meetings/notice-of-meeting-workshop-hearing-medicaid-drug-utilization-review-board5?instance_date=09/12/2024
- NORTHWEST WATER BOARD - Thursday, 4 p.m. - The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will hold a regular meeting, followed by a hearing on a tentative 2024-2025 millage rate and budget. Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management Dr., Havana.
- FLORIDA GATEWAY TRUSTEES - Thursday, 5 p.m. - The Florida Gateway College Board of Trustees will meet. Florida Gateway College, Administration Building, Lake City.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

- ETHICS PANEL - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Commission on Ethics will meet. 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.
- FSU TRUSTEES - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida State University Board of Trustees will meet after holding a series of committee meetings Thursday. Augustus B. Turnbull III Florida State Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.
- CYBERSECURITY - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council will meet. Florida Power and Light Company Command Center, 4255 Upthegrove Lane, West Palm Beach.

- HIGHER ED FINANCING AUTHORITY - Friday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Higher Educational Facilities Financing Authority is scheduled to meet. Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida, 542 East Park Ave., Tallahassee. <https://zoom.us/j/94787486498?pwd=Jqss6R9sYuL5m5gB32j> mExzjEQJG6c.1. Call-in number: 1-800-719-7514. Code 596984.
- PINELLAS COUNTY DELEGATION - Friday, 1 p.m. - The Pinellas County legislative delegation will meet and is expected to take testimony about cuts in state arts funding. St. Petersburg College, Seminole Campus, 9200 113th St. North, Seminole.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

- AMENDMENT 4 SUPPORTERS RALLY - Saturday, 11 a.m. - Supporters of a ballot proposal, Amendment 4, that would enshrine abortion rights in the Florida Constitution will hold a rally in Miami. Participants are expected to include Florida Democratic Party Chairwoman Nikki Fried, Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Debbie Mucarsel-Powell and state Rep. Dotie Joseph, D-North Miami. Bayfront Park, 301 North Biscayne Blvd., Miami.

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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