



The Briefing for September 20, 2024

The Last Briefing was September 14, 2024

Note – The Briefing will be limited next week. We will be out of the office through Thursday.

[Link to College Football Schedule - Week 4](#)

Cal at FSU

FAMU at Troy

Monmouth vs FIU

Miami vs USF

FAU at UCONN

UF at Miss State

County Commissions Meet to Discuss Legislative Policies

This week the Florida Association of County held Legislative Policy Committee meetings in Pensacola. Commissioners from throughout the state met to discuss proposals relating to Water, Agriculture, Finance and Tax Proposals, Technology, and more. Here is the link to the proposals that were submitted for consideration. - <https://www.fl-counties.com/policydocs/> Counties will meet in Tampa on December 4-6 to finalize the FAC Legislative Proposals for the 25 Legislative Session.

Term Limits for County Commissioners

[A look at County Term Limits Across the State](#)

The Florida Constitution provides that 5-7 members will be elected to four-year staggered terms. Neither the Florida Constitution nor Florida Statutes provide term limits for county commissioners. However, a charter county has the authority to set their own term limits, 11 counties in Florida imposed term limits within their county charter.

[Map of Florida Counties with Self-Imposed Term Limits](#)

In charter counties, voters have the power to set term limits. Back in 2012, the Florida Supreme Court upheld term limits for Broward County Commissioners. In *William Telli v. Broward*, the court which

held that a voter-approved limit for members of the county commission does not violate the Florida Constitution.

**State Board of Education to meet September 25, 2024
St. Johns River State College - Building J, Room J-149
St. Augustine, FL 32084**

**[Agenda Packet for SBE Meeting](#)
Agenda Includes following items -**

- **[Approval of 2025-26 Education Operating and Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request](#) (PDF)**
- **[Designation of 2023-2024 Academically High-Performing School Districts](#) (PDF)**
- **[Designation of Schools of Excellence](#) (PDF)**
- **[Ratification of FHSAA Annual Budget for 2024-25](#) (PDF)**
- **[Ratification of FHSAA Bylaw](#) (PDF)**
 - **[Proposed Bylaw 9.9](#) (PDF)**
 - **[Proposed Bylaw 4.3.5](#) (PDF)**

24-25 Salary Calculations for County Constitutional Officers and elected school district officials.

The Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR) has been unable to calculate salaries of county constitutional officers and elected school district officials for the 2024-25 fiscal year. Two components of the statutory salary formula (i.e., the Annual Factor and Cumulative Annual Factor) require annual certification by the Department of Management Services (DMS), pursuant to s. 145.19, F.S. As of this morning, EDR has not yet received this certification. Until EDR receives that certification, salaries cannot be calculated. If local officials need a salary figure for budgeting purposes, I would suggest they use the current salary figure until such time that the new FY 2024-25 salaries are published.

<http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/local-government/reports/index.cfm#elected-salaries>

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Six Proposed Constitutional Amendments on the General Election Ballot

Title of Amendment	# on the ballot	Sponsor of the Proposal
PARTISAN ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARDS	(1)	The Florida Legislature/House (HJR 31)
RIGHT TO FISH AND HUNT	(2)	The Florida Legislature/House (HJR 1157)
Adult Personal Use of Marijuana	(3)	Smart & Safe Florida
Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion	(4)	Floridians Protecting Freedom, Inc.
ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE VALUE OF CERTAIN HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS	(5)	The Florida Legislature/House (HJR 7017)
REPEAL OF PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING REQUIREMENT	(6)	The Florida Legislature/Senate (SJR 1114)

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Headlines Around the

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[*Herald: Gov. Ron DeSantis promises relief for Florida condo owners by year's end. But how?*](#)

[*Democrat: Florida State Guard looks to lease space at TLH for new air base*](#)

[*FlaPol: Short-term vacation rental bill sponsor won't pick up the mantle in 2025*](#)

[*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis slams Secret Service for thwarting Florida probe of threat on Donald Trump's life*](#)

[*FlaPol: Badge of honor: Rick Scott picks up police union backing*](#)

[*Times: State moves for more control over university presidential searches*](#)

[*Sentinel: Ocoee High student arrested after bringing gun parts on campus*](#)

[*FlaPol: Weekly new unemployment claims in Florida show a rare Summer increase*](#)

[*FlaPol: Two powerhouse attorneys leave GrayRobinson to start new firm*](#)

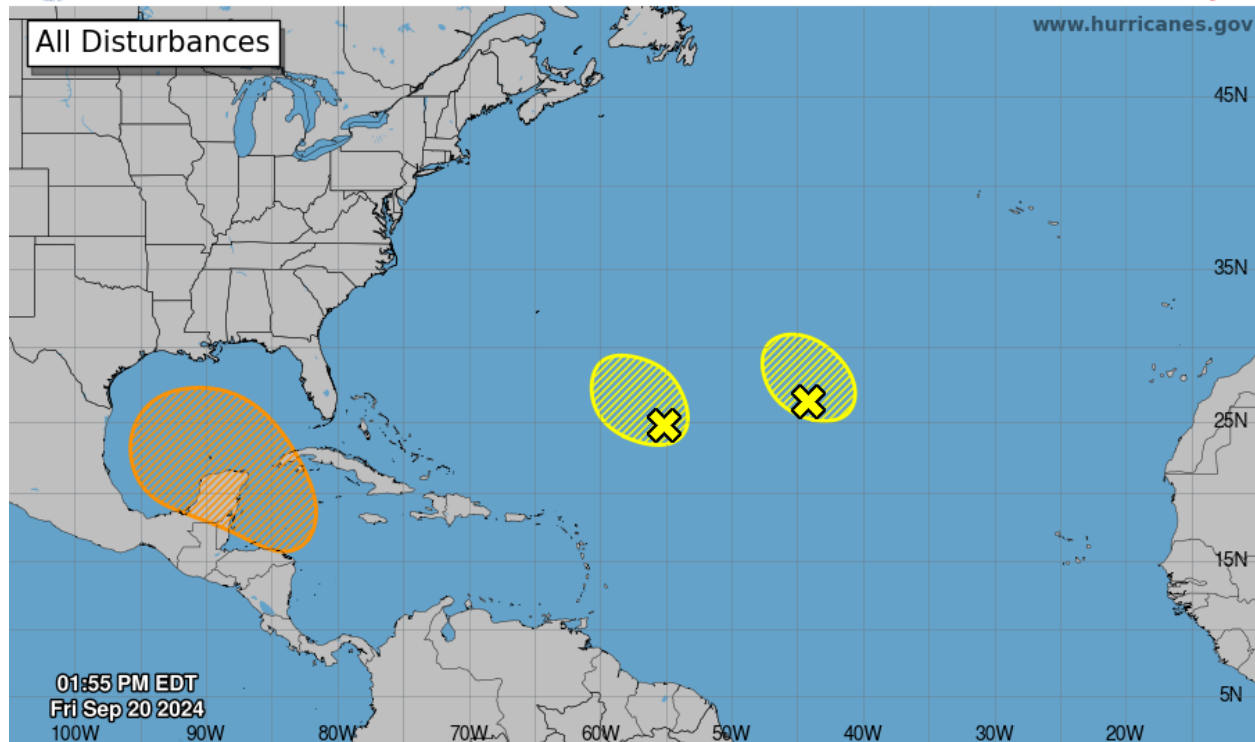
Tropical Outlook

<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 23, 2024

- SEMINOLE STATE TRUSTEES Monday, 2 p.m. The Seminole State College of Florida Board of Trustees will meet. Seminole State College of Florida, Sanford/Lake Mary Campus, 100 Weldon Blvd., Sanford.
- POLK STATE BOARD - Monday, 4 p.m. The Polk State College Board of Trustees will meet. Polk State College, Lakeland Campus, 3425 Winter Lake Road, Lakeland.
- SUWANNEE WATER BOARD WEIGHS BUDGET - Monday, 5:05 p.m. The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board will hold a hearing on a 2024-2025 millage rate and budget. Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

- COURT CONSIDERS PRONOUN LAW - Tuesday, 9 a.m. Central time. A panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will hear four cases, including a battle about a Florida law requiring educators to use pronouns that align with their sex assigned at birth. The state appealed after a district judge ruled the law violated the First Amendment rights of transgender Hillsborough County teacher Katie Wood. Chief U.S. District Judge Mark Walker issued a preliminary injunction that blocked enforcement of the 2023 law against Wood. Hugo Black Federal Courthouse, 1729 Fifth Ave. North, Birmingham, Ala.
- BROWARD COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 11 a.m. The Broward College Board of Trustees will meet. Broward College, Willis Holcombe Center, 111 East Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale.

- CHILDREN'S ISSUES - Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Florida Children and Youth Cabinet will meet. Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Regional Operations Center, 921 North Davis St., Jacksonville.
- REFUGEE TASK FORCE - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Tampa Bay Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/tampa-bay-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- TRANSPORTATION PLAN - Tuesday, 2 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a regional workshop on an updated Florida Transportation Plan. Miami-Dade Public Library, Main Branch, 101 West Flagler St., Miami.
- FLORIDA KEYS COLLEGE BOARD - Thursday, 2 p.m. The Board of Trustees of The College of the Florida Keys will meet. The College of the Florida Keys, 5901 College Road, Key West.
- SOUTHWEST WATER BOARD - Tuesday, 3 p.m. The Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will hold a regular meeting, followed by a hearing on the 2024-2025 budget. Southwest Florida Water Management District, 7601 U.S. 301 North, Tampa.
- PALM BEACH COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 4 p.m. The Palm Beach State College Board of Trustees will meet. Palm Beach State College, Lake Worth Campus, 4200 Congress Ave., Lake Worth.
- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD - Tuesday, 5:15 p.m. The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will hold a hearing on a 2024-2025 budget and millage rates. South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach. https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cLaQZW1bR4yVk_up3QDZ_Q#/registration
- MANATEE-SARASOTA COLLEGE BOARD - Friday, 5:30 p.m. The Board of Trustees of the State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota will meet. State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, 5840 26th St. West, Bradenton.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

- CITIZENS INSURANCE ISSUES - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. The Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Board of Governors will meet after holding committee meetings on Tuesday. The Westin Lake Mary, 2974 International Parkway, Lake Mary. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 95637927111
- EDUCATION ISSUES ON AGENDA - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The State Board of Education will meet. St. Johns River State College, 2990 College Dr., St. Augustine.
- CITRUS ISSUES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Citrus Commission will meet. Florida Department of Citrus, 605 East Main St., Bartow. Call-in number: 1-904-539-9759. Code: 946372354
- GREENWAYS AND TRAILS COUNCIL - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Greenways and Trails Council will meet. Sanford Civic Center, 401 East Seminole Blvd., Sanford.
- UTILITY STORM PLANS - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an internal-affairs meeting, followed by a hearing on storm-protection costs that utilities pass along to consumers. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- 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

- 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.
- TRANSPORTATION PLAN - Wednesday, 2 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a regional workshop on an updated Florida Transportation Plan. MIDFLORIDA Event Center, 9221 S.E. Event Center Place, Port St. Lucie.
- HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 2 p.m. The Hillsborough Community College Board of Trustees will meet. Hillsborough Community College, South Shore Campus, 551 24th St. N.E., Ruskin.
- ETHICS PANEL DISCUSSES LITIGATION - Wednesday, 3 p.m. The Florida Commission on Ethics will get an update on litigation issues. https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86943462104?pwd=KqmaYMNSKcPqIY3tQNEZWfYY_lq_2A.s9DW-iltTCQzPh9B. Code: 635630
- CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 3 p.m. The College of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. College of Central Florida, Hampton Center, 1501 West Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

- GREENWAYS AND TRAILS COUNCIL - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Greenways and Trails Council will meet. Sanford Civic Center, 401 East Seminole Blvd., Sanford.
- INDEPENDENT EDUCATION PANEL - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Commission for Independent Education will meet. Orlando Marriott Lake Mary, 1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary.
- PENSION SYSTEM - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Retirement System Actuarial Assumption Conference will discuss issues related to the state pension system. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- DAYTONA STATE TRUSTEES - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Daytona State College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, followed by a regular meeting. Daytona State College, Wetherell Student Services and Administration Building, 1200 West International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach.
- SUICIDE PREVENTION - Thursday, 1:30 p.m. The state Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council will meet. Florida Department of Children and Families, 2415 North Monroe St., Tallahassee.
- TRANSPORTATION PLAN - Thursday, 2:30 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a regional workshop on an updated Florida Transportation Plan. Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Ave. South, Venice.
- GULF CONSORTIUM BOARD - Thursday, 4 p.m. The Gulf Consortium Board of Directors will meet. Information at <https://www.gulfconsortium.org/>
- NORTHWEST WATER DISTRICT BUDGET - Thursday, 5:05 p.m. Central time. The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will hold a hearing on a 2024-2025 millage rate and budget. Gulf Coast State College, Student Union East, 5230 West Highway 98, Panama City.
- NORTH CENTRAL COUNCIL - Thursday, 7 p.m. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 213 S.W. Commerce Blvd., Lake City. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 813531853

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

- FIU TRUSTEES Friday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida International University Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. Information at <https://calendar.fiu.edu/event/bot-meeting-20240927>
- INDEPENDENT EDUCATION PANEL - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Commission for Independent Education will meet. Orlando Marriott Lake Mary, 1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary.
- FSDB TRUSTEES - Friday, 11 a.m. The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind Board of Trustees will meet.
- Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, Moore Hall, 207 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine.
- UCF TRUSTEES - Friday, 4 p.m. The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. University of Central Florida, Downtown Campus, Orlando. <https://www.youtube.com/live/QEVHYqoU3I0>
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE - State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing updated finance reports.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES PROJECTED FOR FY 24-25

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

2024

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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