



The 2024-26 Florida Legislature is Organized Congratulations

Senator Ben Albritton – Senate President 24-26
Representative Danny Perez – Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives

The Briefing for November 19, 2024 *The Last Briefing was November 18, 2024*

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With changes on local school boards and county commissions around the state, we have been slowly gathering email addresses for the newly elected School Board members, School Superintendents, County Commissioners, and New Legislators that have been elected to represent small counties, and small school districts. The information gathered will be used to build distribution lists for information sent to members of the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium. The primary use of these lists will be to send “The Briefing” which is prepared by our firm bringing updates 2-3 times a week. You will be getting “The Briefing” addressed **To:** Chris Doolin; **From:** Chris Doolin. This is because the distribution list is so large that email addresses placed in the **BCC:** address line of the email. If we inserted the small email list in the To: address line pages of individual emails would be listed at the top of the email. That’s not something we want to do! Hopefully over the next few weeks we will get all of the emails, names, cellphones. Until then – welcome aboard and you can contact our office any time at cdoolin@doolinandassoc.com.

[Organizational Websites](#)

As with email addresses, we are updating the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium websites. Updates will include new elected official listings, organizational officers for 2024-25, and updated Legislative materials.

www.smallcountycoalition.org

www.ssdcc.org

[Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium
Annual Legislative Meeting – First Week of December in Tampa](#)



Small County Coalition
Breakfast Meeting
Wednesday Morning - December 4
Tampa Marriott Water Street

[Small County Coalition Fall Meeting Final Meeting Packet - 2024 - Wednesday - December 4 - 2024 .docx](#)

[The Small County Coalition - 2025 Draft Legislative Program - December 2024.docx](#)

[SSD](#)

Preparing for Effective Participation in the 2025 Legislative Process

Local House and Senate members will be holding meetings in advance of the 2025 session, which will start March 4. Local officials should use the opportunity to present priorities and specific needs. Here's a document that will help you prepare for the 2024 Legislative Session.

[Effective Local Participation in the 2025 Legislative Process .doc](#)

Headlines Around the State

[*NYTimes: Gaetz May Not Be Confirmed, Trump Admits. He's Pushing Him and Others Anyway.*](#)

[*Politico: Negative signs for Gaetz as senators brush off questions amid Trump pressure*](#)

[*Politico: How the Gaetz Ethics report could still come out if the panel blocks it*](#)

[*Sentinel: Pressure is building on DeSantis to tap Lara Trump for vacant Senate seat*](#)

[*FlaPol: Rick Scott continues to press for Lara Trump Senate appointment*](#)

[*The Hill: Lara Trump says she hasn't talked to DeSantis about filling Rubio's seat*](#)

[*The Floridian: Lee Introduces Bill to Protect Prison Staff from Sexual Assault, Harassment*](#)

[*Sentinel: UF president's resignation was a mystery. Was it all about rankings?*](#)

[*The Capitolist: Florida's job market weathers hurricanes; unemployment holds steady at 3.3 percent*](#)

[*Today: Space Coast tourism sector shows continued strength going into 2025*](#)

[*News-Herald: AAA predicts a record number of Floridians will travel for Thanksgiving*](#)

[*The Floridian: DeSantis Speaks on Rubio's Senate Seat, Doesn't Leave Out Self-Appointment*](#)

[*Politico: Ron DeSantis' 'Apprentice': Governor announces how he'll pick Marco Rubio's replacement*](#)

[*News4Jax: Who will Gov. DeSantis appoint to fill Rubio's Senate seat? A look at some people in the mix*](#)

[My News 13: DeSantis aims to appoint Marco Rubio's Senate replacement by early January](#)

[The Floridian: Fmr. Green Beret Jay Collins Emerges as Possible Candidate to Replace Rubio](#)

[Democrat: Back to business: As new legislative leaders take charge, what's that mean for Florida?](#)

[Politico: 'It's an arms race': Florida weighs how to compete in new expensive era of college sports](#)

[WUSF: Florida pushes back in lawsuit over school book removal](#)

[FlaPol: Frank Artiles gets 60 days in jail, probation for orchestrating ghost candidate scheme. His attorneys plan to appeal](#)

[News4Jax: New competition in Florida's insurance market brings hope for lower premiums](#)

[FlaPol: Florida workers comp insurance rates to go down at beginning of the year](#)

[Times: Springs group sues Florida environment agency over failure to adopt new rules](#)

[The Floridian: Florida Senate congratulates Jason Pizzo on Democratic leadership honors](#)

[WLRN: Democratic state Senator-elect Mack Bernard's priorities: Affordable housing, economic development](#)

Tropical Outlook

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



Current Disturbances and Two-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: < 40% 40-60% > 60%
Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: Depression Storm Hurricane
 Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

ON THE DOCKET THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024

- INSURANCE MARKET - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Market Accountability Advisory Committee will meet. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 93846973798
- PAROLE CASES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. Florida Commission on Offender Review, 4070 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- UNCLAIMED PROPERTY CASE - Wednesday, 9 a.m. Central time. - A panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments in five cases, including a constitutional challenge to a Florida law that directs the state's handling of unclaimed property. Attorneys for the plaintiffs, St. Petersburg residents Alieda and Lawrence Maron, appealed after U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle sided with state Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis and dismissed the case. The lawsuit alleges that the state does not provide "just compensation," such as interest, to owners who ultimately claim property. It contends that the system results in an unconstitutional "taking" of property. The law involves people's property that has been held by such things as banks and insurance companies. Frank M. Johnson, Jr. United States Courthouse, 1 Church St., Montgomery, Ala.
- CYBERSECURITY- Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council will meet. University of Miami, Frost Institute of Chemistry and Molecular Science, 1201 Memorial Dr., Coral Gables.
- STATE TRUST FUNDS- Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss issues related to the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund, the State School Trust Fund, the State Opioid Settlement Trust Fund, the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund and the general revenue fund. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- FLORIDA POLY TRUSTEES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees will meet. Florida Polytechnic University, Barnett Applied Research Center, Lakeland. Call-in number: 1-863-225-2351. Code: 63382818
- 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
- STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - The State Board of Education will meet. Caribe Royale Orlando, 8101 World Center Dr., Orlando.
- COUNCIL ON BLACK MEN, BOYS - Wednesday, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. - The state Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys is scheduled to meet at two Orlando high schools. 10 a.m. at Jones High School, 801 Rio Grande Ave., Orlando, and 2 p.m. at Evans High School, 4949 Silver Star Road, Orlando.
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - The Broward Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/broward-refugee-task-force-meeting-0>
- AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Agricultural Museum Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. Flagler County Princess Place, 2500 Princess Place Road, Palm Coast.
- EAST CENTRAL COUNCIL - Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. - The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. LYNX Administration Building, 445 North Garland Ave., Orlando.
- UNIVERSITY SYSTEM- Wednesday, 11 a.m. - The state university system's Board of Governors will hold an Academic and Research Excellence Committee meeting, followed by a full board

meeting. <https://fbog.zoom.us/j/81472530999?pwd=HgLUhXMvaFxfPAlp3xAcTZbJ8pNQIK.1#success>

- ST. JOHNS RIVER COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 3 p.m. - The St. Johns River State College Board of Trustees will meet. St. Johns River State College, Administration Building, 5001 St. Johns Ave., Palatka. STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION - Wednesday, 4 p.m. - The Florida Commission on the Status of Women is scheduled to meet. Call 850-414-3300 for instructions on participation.
- LAKE-SUMTER COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 5 p.m. - The Lake-Sumter State College Board of Trustees will meet. Lake-Sumter State College, Kelly Convocation Center, 9501 U.S. 441, Leesburg.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024

- FSU TRUSTEES - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Florida State University Board of Trustees will meet. Heritage Museum at Dodd Hall, 641 University Way, 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.
- UNF TRUSTEES - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The University of North Florida Board of Trustees will hold committee meetings and a full board meeting. University of North Florida, Tom and Betty Petway Hall, Jacksonville.
- CITRUS ISSUES - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Citrus Commission will meet. Call-in number: 1-904-539-9759. Code: 693581159
- INDEPENDENT EDUCATION PANEL - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Commission for Independent Education is scheduled to meet. https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EbJxr0LLSFS wxo9ZJuIEJw. Webinar ID: 83770376606. Code: 482794
- COUNCIL ON BLACK MEN, BOYS - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The state Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys is scheduled to meet. Rosen Shingle Creek Resort, 9939 Universal Blvd., Orlando. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 428345081
- SPEECH-LANGUAGE BOARD - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Board of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology will meet. Call-in number: 1-571-317-3116. Code: 216185421
- GULF COAST COLLEGE BOARD - Thursday, 10 a.m. Central time. - The Gulf Coast State College Board of Trustees will meet. Gulf Coast State College, Student Union West, 5230 West Highway 98, Panama City.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- CRUZ SPEAKS TO TIGER BAY - Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - Carlos Cruz, a partner at Converge Public Strategies, will speak to the Flagler Tiger Bay Club. Hammock Dunes Club, 30 Avenue Royale, Palm Coast.
- MARGARITAVILLE CEO SPEAKS - Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - John Cohan, CEO of Margaritaville Holdings, will speak to the Economic Club of Florida. Florida State University Dunlap Champions Club, 225 Champions Way, Tallahassee.
- INSURANCE CLAIMS - Thursday, 1 p.m. - The Claims Committee of the Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Board of Governors will meet. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 98593216531

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2024

- HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE BOARD - Friday, 8 a.m. - The Hillsborough Community College Board of Trustees will meet. Hillsborough Community College, Dr. Gwendolyn W. Stephenson District Administration Center Board Room, 4115 North Lois Ave., Tampa.
- COUNCIL ON BLACK MEN, BOYS - Friday, 8 a.m. - The state Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys is scheduled to meet. Rosen Shingle Creek Resort, 9939 Universal Blvd., Orlando. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 428345081
- MEDICAID TRANSGENDER CASE - Friday, 9 a.m. - A panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments in a battle about whether Florida violated federal laws by blocking Medicaid coverage for transgender people seeking hormone therapy and puberty blockers to treat gender dysphoria. Lawyers for Gov. Ron DeSantis' administration appealed after U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle found that the prohibition on Medicaid coverage for hormone therapy and puberty blockers violated federal health-care laws and the U.S. Constitution's Equal Protection Clause. Elbert P. Tuttle United States Court of Appeals Building, 56 Forsyth St., N.W., Atlanta.
- INDEPENDENT EDUCATION PANEL - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Commission for Independent Education is scheduled to meet. https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_drB3Zxl7QSO rCjDOI7XI1w. Webinar ID: 82262146331. Code: 210928
- RETIRING JUDGE HONORED - Friday, 1:30 p.m. - A ceremony will be held to honor retiring Leon County Judge Augustus Aikens, with the county courthouse renamed the Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse. Leon County Courthouse, Courtroom 2E, 301 South Monroe St., Tallahassee.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES PROJECTED FOR FY 24-25

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

2024

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, F
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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