



## ***The Briefing for November 14, 2024***

*The Last Briefing was November 11, 2024*

### **Link to College Football Week 12**

#### **Next 10 days**

Newly Elected Officials Take Office

Small County Coalition and SSDCC Membership Select Board Liaisons

Legislative Organizational Session

Rural Economic Development Summit

Hurricane Sara?

#### **On My Desk**

Continuing to Obtain Emails and Cell Phone # of Newly Elected for addition to the Briefing List

Finalizing Legislative Priorities

Preparing for Tampa meetings of the Small County Coalition and the SSDCC

***PLAN ON ATTENDING THESE IMPORTANT BREAKFAST MEETINGS***



**Small County Coalition Breakfast Meeting**

**Wednesday Morning - December 4**

**Tampa Marriott Water Street  
(Hillsborough County)**

The Small County Coalition Breakfast is held in conjunction with the December 4-6, 2024

Florida Association of Counties LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

The Small County Coalition - 2025 Draft Legislative Program - December 2024.docx



**Small School District Council Consortium/FSBA Small District Council**

**Winter Breakfast Meeting December 5**

**Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay**

This important Small School District Meeting is being held in conjunction with FSBA/FADSS 79th Annual Joint Conference

| December 3 – December 6, 2024 |

[Register Here](#)

[SSDCC 2025 Legislative Priorities - Final Draft - Dec 2024 .docx](#)

**Legislative Delegations Begin Local Legislative Hearings**

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 Template for Local Legislative Hearings**

County Commissions, School Officials and others should be prepared to outline specific requests and to offer your House and Senate members assistance. If you present at your delegation hearing – you should:

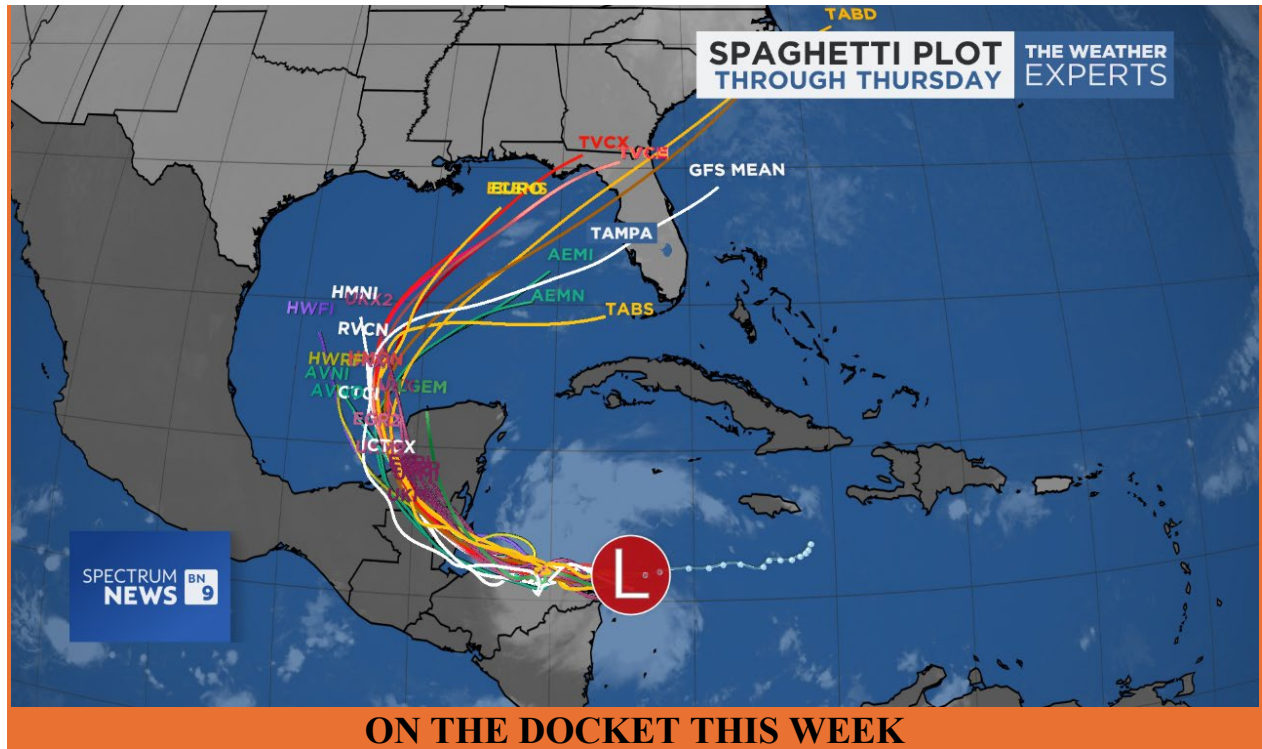
1. Offer Congratulations to your House and Senate members!
2. Express Willingness to assist your legislators as they prepare for and during the upcoming 2025 Legislative Session
3. Outline your key legislative priorities that you will be seeking – i.e. Appropriation Requests; local legislation.
4. Mention the key priorities for local government
5. Indicate that you will be visiting Tallahassee to participate in Legislative Events and would invite the delegation to attend – briefings, receptions, other activities that your local community is planning.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Small County Coalition Priorities</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#"><u>The Small County Coalition - 2025 Draft Legislative Program - December 2024.docx</u></a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local determination of term limits for Local Elected Officials</li> <li>• Broaden Approval Process for Solar Facilities on Agricultural Lands</li> <li>• Increase Funding for Small County Road Programs</li> <li>• Stability and Sustainability of funding for Fiscally Constrained Counties</li> <li>• Program Funding/Waivers/Special Considerations</li> <li>• Enhance Revenue Capacity</li> <li>• Fund Digital Infrastructure and Internet Access</li> <li>• Protect and Enhance Water Quality and Quantity</li> <li>• Support Rural Economic and Community Development</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Priorities For Small School Districts</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#"><u>SSDCC 2025 Legislative Priorities - Final Draft - Dec 2024 .docx</u></a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide Flexibility for School Start Time</li> <li>• Full funding of the Small District Factor</li> <li>• Compression of Local Ad Valorem and Per Student Funding</li> <li>• Offset impact of sharing 1.5 mill Capitol Outlay funds with Charter Schools in the Fiscally Constrained School Districts</li> <li>• Local Flexibility for Implementation of Statewide Programs</li> <li>• Special Facility Construction Account Program Funding</li> <li>• Regional Consortia Service Program Funding</li> <li>• Increased Funding for School Transportation</li> <li>• Increased funding for School District Personnel Salaries</li> <li>• Safe Schools and Mental Health Funding</li> <li>• Funding for Local Capital Outlay</li> <li>• Maintaining Sovereign Immunity Limits</li> <li>• Meaningful Local Involvement</li> <li>• Support for Local Elected Officials and Local Control</li> </ul>
--	---

**Tropical Outlook**

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

The soon-to-be Tropical Storm Sara is now called "Invest 99L". If it continues on its projected path, forming into a Tropical Storm and potentially a Hurricane, it will be the third cyclone to wallop Florida's Gulf Coast. Though it's likely too early to tell, many forecasts have Sara making landfall between Key West and Tallahassee, with most projections centering on the Fort Myers area.



**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024**

- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD - Thursday, 9 a.m. The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. John Boy Auditorium, 1200 W.C. Owen Ave., Clewiston. <https://vimeo.com/event/4528560>
- PALM BEACH DELEGATION - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Palm Beach County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2025 session. Els Center of Excellence, 18370 Limestone Creek Road, Jupiter.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- NORTHWEST WATER BOARD - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. 700 U.S. 331 South, DeFuniak Springs.
- 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.
- FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE BOARD - Thursday, 5 p.m. The Florida Gateway College Board of Trustees will meet. Florida Gateway College, Administration Building, Lake City.
- LOBBYIST COMPENSATION REPORTS DUE - Lobbying firms face a Thursday deadline for filing reports about compensation from July 1 through Sept. 30.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2024**

- DENTISTRY BOARD - Friday, 7:30 a.m. The Florida Board of Dentistry will meet. Drury Inn and Suites Gainesville, 4000 S.W. 40th Blvd., Gainesville.
- RECYCLING ISSUES - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Recycling Partnership and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection will hold Florida Recycles Day. University of South Florida, Patel College for Global Sustainability, Tampa.
- OSTEOPATHIC BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine will meet. Renaissance Boca Raton Hotel, 2000 N.W. 19th St., Boca Raton.

- CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS - Friday, 9 a.m. The South Florida Regional Planning Council and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council will hold a joint conference that will focus on the changing demographics of Southeast Florida. Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton campus, student union building, 1995 Dade Ave., Boca Raton.
- ORTHOTISTS, PROSTHETISTS BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Orthotists and Prosthetists will meet. Call-in number: 850-792-1375. Code: 742388460
- JOBLESS REPORT RELEASED - Friday, 10 a.m. The Florida Department of Commerce will release an October unemployment report.
- DUVAL DELEGATION - Friday, 1 p.m. The Duval County legislative delegation will hold an organizational meeting and public hearing. - Jacksonville City Council chamber, 117 West Duval St., Jacksonville.

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

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

#### 2024

<b>November 5 -</b>	<b>General Election Day</b>
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

#### *Headlines Around the State*

[NBC Miami: Trump baffles Republican senators by picking Matt Gaetz for attorney general](#)

*FlaPol: Matt Gaetz resigns from Congress after Attorney General nomination*

*Politico: Gaetz resigns from Congress possibly skirting long-awaited Ethics report*

*News4Jax: Gaetz pick shows value Trump places on loyalty — and retribution — as he returns to Washington*

*FlaPol: With Matt Gaetz tapped for AG, who could fill his congressional seat?*

*Herald: Donald Trump formally nominates Marco Rubio to be his secretary of state*

*FlaPol: Lara Trump would love to be a Senator from Florida, but she hasn't talked to Gov. DeSantis yet*

*DBNJ: Politics Q&As: With Congressman Michael Waltz's departure, who might take his seat?*

*The Floridian: Trump Snags Rubio, Forcing DeSantis to Choose Between MAGA and His Own Allies for Senate*

*Sentinel: Rick Scott loses underdog bid for Senate majority leader, despite MAGA push*

*The Floridian: Scott Losing Senate Majority Leader Race Deemed 'MAGA' Loss*

*WLRN: What happens when a vaccine skeptic leads health policy? Ask Florida*

*Times: Surgeon General Ladapo eyed for the Trump admin. What has he done in Florida?*

*WUSF: Court is set to hear arguments about Florida's restrictions on gender-affirming care*

*FlaPol: Ben Albritton picks Appropriations Committee Chairs to serve during his term as Senate President*

*FlaPol: Tom Leek committed to serving in Florida Senate, will not run for Congress*

*FlaPol: Flying on private jets OK — but not for free — under proposed new Florida House rules*

*FlaPol: Florida officials announce additional nutritional assistance program for hurricane victims*

*The Floridian: Florida Cautioned on Potential November Hurricane Sara*

### ***About the Briefing!***

***The Briefing is prepared by Chris Doolin***

*[cdoolin@doolinandassoc.com](mailto:cdoolin@doolinandassoc.com)*

The Briefing is compiled to provide information to elected officials and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates. For Questions Email [\\_cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com](mailto:_cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com)

If you want to see all of the latest briefings – you can go [www.smallcountycoalition.org](http://www.smallcountycoalition.org) or [www.ssdcc.org](http://www.ssdcc.org) and click on the red **Briefing** button

***Chris Doolin***

President – Christian B. Doolin & Associates

Vice – President – Robert P. Jones & Associates

Mobile – 850-508-5492

Email – [cdoolin@doolinandassoc.com](mailto:cdoolin@doolinandassoc.com)