

2 Days until General Election!

The Briefing for November 3, 2024

The Last Briefing was November 1, 2024

[College Football Schedule for Week 11](#)

How bad is Florida State football?

The Seminoles are now 1-8 after a 35-11 home loss to North Carolina on Saturday. The Seminoles are the only team in the country to not score more than 21 points in any game this season. FSU travels to Notre Dame this weekend. PS – the Noles were undefeated in regular season play last year!

GENERAL ELECTION

Tracking Election Results

<https://www.myfloridaelections.com/Contact-your-SOE>

SIX PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ON THE BALLOT

Tuesday's ballot in Florida includes six proposed constitutional amendments. The passage of constitutional amendments in Florida requires support from 60 percent of voters. The amendments are listed below. Click the link to navigate directly to that issue.

[Florida Amendment 1 - Partisan Election of Members of District School Boards](#)

Amendment 1 - A legislatively proposed amendment to change school board elections from nonpartisan to partisan.

- A "YES" vote would change School Board elections from nonpartisan to partisan elections beginning in 2026, requiring the candidate's political party to be designated on the ballot and triggering closed primary elections.
- A "NO" vote would leave School Board elections as nonpartisan elections with no closed primaries, allowing all voters to vote for any candidate.

[Florida Amendment 2 - Right to Fish and Hunt](#)

Amendment 2 - A legislatively proposed amendment to provide that hunting and fishing are a public right and the preferred means to manage and control fish and wildlife populations.

- A "YES" vote would enshrine a constitutional right to hunt and fish in Florida in addition to the current statutory right and provide that it is the preferred means of responsibly managing and controlling fish and wildlife.
- A "NO" vote would not establish a constitutional right to hunt and fish, but the 2002 Florida statute preserving the right to hunt and fish would remain in place.

[Florida Amendment 3 - Adult Personal Use of Marijuana](#)

Amendment 3, titled, "Adult Personal Use of Marijuana," would allow adults 21 years old and older to possess, purchase, or use a limited amount of marijuana.

- A "YES" vote would ensure that the personal and recreational use of marijuana by adults 21 years and older would be legal under Florida law.

- A "NO" vote would continue the current Florida law criminalizing possession and use of marijuana, including use of small amounts of marijuana by adults 21 years and older.

Florida Amendment 4 - Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion

Amendment 4, titled, "Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion," would ensure that Floridians have the freedom to make personal medical decisions about their own bodies, without government interference.

- A "YES" vote means that abortion will be legal before viability or when necessary to protect a patient's health, as determined by their healthcare provider.
- A "NO" vote means that Florida's existing six-week abortion ban will remain in effect.

Florida Amendment 5 - Annual Adjustments to the Value of Certain Homestead Exemptions

Amendment 5 -A legislatively proposed amendment to provide for an annual adjustment for inflation to the value of the homestead property tax exemption

- A "YES" vote would increase the homestead exemption amount each January 1, beginning 2025, if the Consumer Price Index increases, thereby reducing the amount of property taxes on primary residences and reducing the amount of tax dollars available for county, city and special district programs and services.
- A "NO" vote would leave the current homestead exemption amount as is.

Florida Amendment 6 - Repeal of Public Campaign Financing Requirement

Amendment 6 - A legislatively proposed amendment to repeal a constitutional provision stating that "it is the policy of this state to provide for state-wide elections in which all qualified candidates may compete effectively" and ensuring that there exists a method of public financing to accomplish this goal.

- A "YES" vote would repeal [Section 7, Article VI](#) from the Florida Constitution, which provides for "public financing for campaigns for state-wide office" to ensure "state-wide elections in which all qualified candidates may compete effectively."
- A "NO" vote would leave the current public campaign financing program, including spending limits for publicly-funded candidates, in place.

ON THE DOCKET THIS WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024

- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BOARD - Monday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Occupational Therapy will meet. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 564341766

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

- ELECTION DAY - Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. as voters cast ballots in myriad races, including races for president, a U.S. Senate seat, congressional seats, legislative seats and a wide variety of local offices. Voters also will decide the fates of six proposed amendments to the Florida Constitution.
- UTILITY ISSUES - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a regular meeting, followed by a hearing about how much electric-utility customers should be charged in 2025 for costs such as power-plant fuel and environmental projects. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024

- MONROE COUNTY MURDER - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments in four cases, including an appeal by Steven Matthew Wolf, who was

sentenced to death in the 2018 murder of a woman in Monroe County. Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.

- PAROLE CASES CONSIDERED - 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
- 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
- WATER QUALITY - Wednesday, noon. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Harmful Algal Bloom Task Force will meet. <https://www.youtube.com/fwcresearch>

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024

- HURRICANE LOSS PANEL - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology will meet. Hermitage Centre, 1801 Hermitage Blvd., Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-914-614-3221. Code: 981532266
- CHIROPRACTIC ISSUES ON TABLE - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Board of Chiropractic Medicine will meet. Hyatt Place, 117 Vilano Road, St. Augustine.
- TRANSPORTATION ISSUES - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Transportation Commission is scheduled to meet. Florida Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee St., Tallahassee.
- REHABILITATION COUNCIL FOR BLIND - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Rehabilitation Council for the Blind will meet. Marriott Jacksonville Downtown, 245 Water St., Jacksonville. Call-in number: 850-583-5063. Code: 72888362
- PACE AGENCY DISPUTE HEARD - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments in four cases, including a dispute between numerous counties and the Florida PACE Funding Agency. Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.
- FAITH COUNCIL - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Faith and Community Advisory Council will meet. Christ's Church, 6045 Greenland Road, Jacksonville.
- GAMBLING ISSUES - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Gaming Control Commission will meet. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- CHILDREN'S ISSUES - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Florida Children and Youth Cabinet will meet. 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.
- SPACE INDUSTRY - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Space Florida Board of Directors will meet. Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, Orlando International Airport, Terminal A, Level 3, 1 Jeff Fuqua Blvd, Orlando. Call-in number: 1-888-475-4499. Guest Code: 2057332530. Passcode: 644720
- MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES - Thursday, 10 a.m. The state Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/commission-mental-health-and-substance-use-disorder-0>

- TRANSPORTATION PLAN - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will host one in a series of meetings about the future of transportation in the state. Marathon Government Center, 2798 Overseas Highway, Marathon.
- NORTHEAST COUNCIL - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Northeast Florida Regional Council will meet. Jessie Ball duPont Center, 40 East Adams St., Jacksonville.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- DEAF, HARD OF HEARING - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is scheduled to meet. DOH-Duval Community Health Programs, 921 Davis St., Building A, Jacksonville.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024

- HURRICANE LOSS PANEL - Friday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology will meet. Hermitage Centre, 1801 Hermitage Blvd., Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-914-614-3221. Code: 981532266
- COLLEGE PRESIDENTS - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida College System Council of Presidents will meet. Hilton Orlando, 6001 Destination Parkway, Orlando. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82170972253?pwd=liPbYHpFbEUQRsbJWe06j0A1tIVGvK.1>. Meeting ID: 82170972253. Code: 799740
- TRANSPORTATION ISSUES - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Transportation Commission is scheduled to meet. Florida Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee St., Tallahassee.
- DEAF, HARD OF HEARING - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will meet. DOH-Duval Central Health Plaza, 515 West Sixth St., Jacksonville.
- LAB PERSONNEL BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel will meet. Guy Harvey Resort, 860 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine.
- FRANKLIN RECOGNIZED - Friday, 6:30 p.m. Rep. Gallop Franklin, D-Tallahassee, will be recognized for his efforts to expand access to health care during a 40th anniversary event for Bond Community Health Center. Mission San Luis, 2100 West Tennessee St., Tallahassee.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS FOR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS



**Small County Coalition Breakfast Meeting
Wednesday Morning - December 4
Tampa Marriott Water Street
(Hillsborough County)**



**Small School District Council
Consortium/FSBA Small District Council
Winter Breakfast Meeting December 5
Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay**

The Small County Coalition Breakfast is held in conjunction with the December 4-6, 2024 [Florida Association of Counties LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE](#)

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](#)

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

Headlines Around the State

[*Sentinel: Justice Department dispatches election monitors to Florida, but state leaders say they can't enter polling sites*](#)

[*NBC 6: DOJ to monitor Broward, Miami-Dade elections for compliance with voting rights laws*](#)

[*Sun-Sentinel: DeSantis elections officials recommend tighter restrictions on ballot amendment initiatives*](#)

[*WUSF: In Florida, women voters turning out in larger numbers than men so far*](#)

[*NWF Daily News: 'Why not me?' 19-year-old looks to become Walton County commissioner*](#)

[*Ledger: Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd has a challenger on election day with a beef - and a checkered past*](#)

[Florida Phoenix: PEN America: Florida removed more library books than any state last year](#)

[Post: Millions in Florida taxpayer cash fuel DeSantis' ad war on pot, abortion amendments](#)

[Herald: DeSantis aligns with companies selling high-potency cannabis while fighting Amendment 3](#)

[Herald: High potency and pesticides: Marijuana is being sold over the counter in Florida as hemp](#)

[FlaPol: Doctors rally for Amendment 4 as the abortion rights fight is down to the wire](#)

[Politico: Rick Scott escapes a Democratic spending spree](#)

[Florida Phoenix: Rick Scott plans to return to Washington next week. Democrats want to send him back to Naples.](#)

[WLRN: Meet the Miami power broker at the heart of South Florida politics](#)

[Sentinel: State of Emergency: Orlando declares curfew, suspends late-night alcohol sales after deadly shootings](#)

[NBC 6: Videos show chaos unleashed in downtown Orlando mass shooting that left 2 dead](#)

[AP: Prisoners plead for air conditioning in lawsuit against Florida corrections department](#)

[News 4 Jax: Florida Letter Carriers Association president supports audit at Jacksonville distribution center](#)

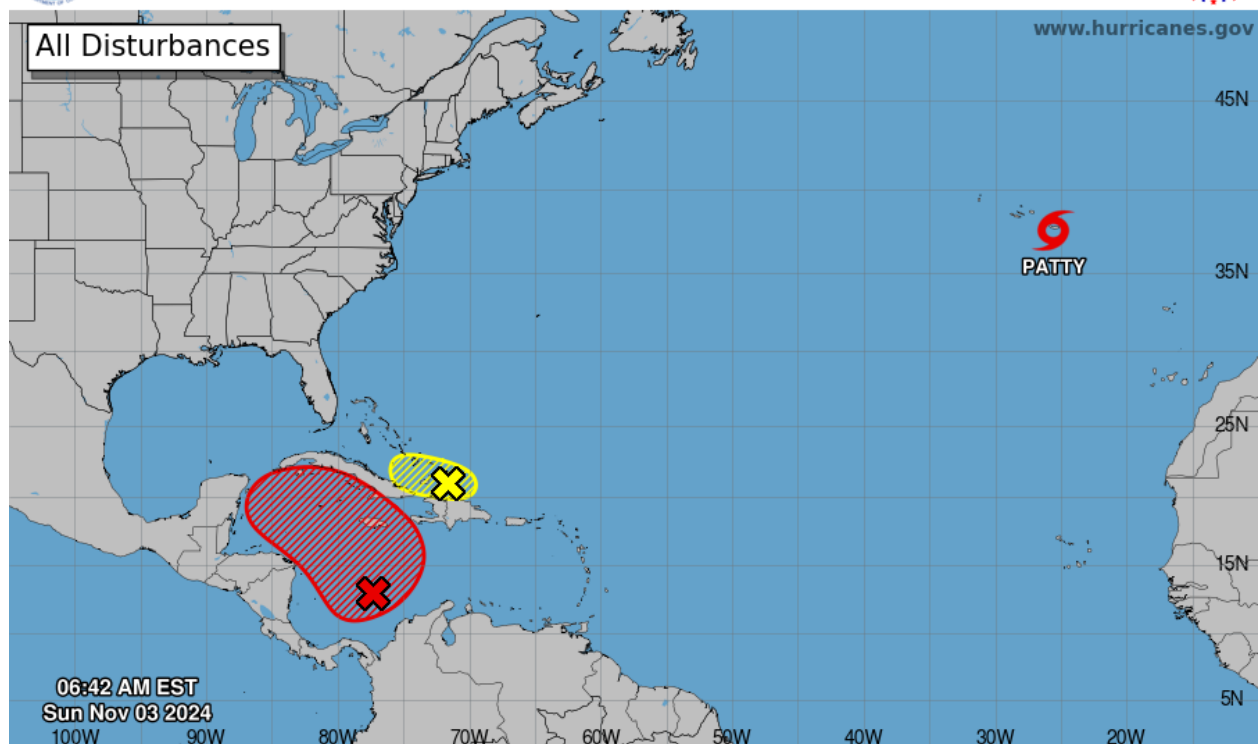
Tropical Outlook

<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

About the Briefing!

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