

11 Days!

The Briefing for October 25, 2024

Note – From the North Atlantic – 2 more days to reach our destination. Then Home!

The Last Briefing was October 20, 2024

[College Football Schedule - Week 9 Regular Season, 2024 - ESPN](#)

FSU AT MIAMI – FSU will redeem themselves - look for biggest upset of the season!

BYU at UCF – tough game for the Knights!

UF has a bye!

Some thoughts!

It's been a heck of a month – I know everyone has stories about Helene and Milton.

Things are about to pick-up a bit!

Draft legislative issues are being finalized for adoption.

General Election in 11 days ! November 5

New officials will be seated! November 19

A variety of statewide meetings are on the docket for the next 6 weeks!

Legislative Organizational Session November 19

Rural Economic Development Summit November 20-22

Small County Coalition Fall Meeting December 4

Small School District Council Consortium – Legislative Breakfast December 4

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

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis doesn't want you to write his name in for President

NBC Miami: Former Florida GOP Chair Al Cardenas explains why he's voting for Kamala Harris

FlaPol: War of words: Rick Scott 'shocked' by Mitch McConnell accusing him of playing 'victim'

FlaPol: Red wave: Florida GOP maintains nearly 2-to-1 early vote lead over Dems, but trail modestly in mail returns

Democrat: Almost 3 million have voted in Florida so far. When can we see the results?

Daily News: Rising GOP star Byron Donalds of Naples up for reelection in U.S. Congressional District 19

Today: Republican Haridopolos, Democrat Kennedy face off in congressional race to succeed Posey

The Floridian: Cammack to Introduce Bill Creating Tax-Free Savings Accounts for First-Time Homebuyers

WLRN: 'Check My Contract!' State launches fraud prevention portal for victims of Hurricane Milton

WUSF: Authorities warn of an increase in property fraud in Florida

WUSF: Bad state data may misdirect nearly \$1 billion in federal funds to replace lead pipes

Herald Tribune: Fortuitous winds have kept a large red tide bloom away from Sarasota and Manatee beaches

FlaPol: New weekly jobless claims spike big in Florida after Hurricane Milton

Democrat: Gov. and First Lady DeSantis go all out against legal pot amendment

News4Jax: Casey, Ron DeSantis urge Floridians to vote 'no' on Amendment 3, saying it creates a 'big weed cartel'

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis appoints 1, reappoints 3 to Florida Building Commission

Sentinel: FDLE says Amesty 'defrauded' state agency, which then votes on license for her family's college — but keeps it secret

FlaPol: 'Tip of the spear': Veterans Florida touts agriculture career opportunities for ex-service members

Democrat: Online poll sparks latest round of drama, finger-pointing in Tallahassee Commission race

[FlaPol: FWC adds more officers to help clear Florida adrift boats after hurricanes](#)

[WUSF: Flooding and hurricane recovery in Hernando County after back-to-back storms](#)

On The Docket This Week

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024

- AMENDMENT 4 - Sunday, noon. - Supporters of Amendment 4, a ballot proposal that would enshrine abortion rights in the Florida Constitution, will hold a rally and march in Broward County. Speakers are expected to include Senate Minority Leader Lauren Book, D-Davie. - Esplanade Park, 200 S.W. Second St., Fort Lauderdale.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2024

- LAKE-SUMTER COLLEGE BOARD - Monday, noon. - The Lake-Sumter State College Board of Trustees will meet. - Lake County Administration Building, 315 West Main St., Tavares.
- SUICIDE PREVENTION - Monday, 1 p.m. - The state Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council will meet. - Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/suicide-prevention-coordinating-council-0>
- RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS - Monday, 2:30 p.m. - FPU Renewables LLC will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a renewable natural gas facility, with participants in the event expected to include Sen. Corey Simon, R-Tallahassee, Rep. Allison Tant, D-Tallahassee, and Rep. Jason Shoaf, R-Port St. Joe - Full Circle Dairy, 1479 S.E. Winquepin St., Lee.
- RECREATIONAL ISSUES - Monday, 5 p.m. - The South Florida Water Management District will hold a forum about recreational issues within the district. - South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach. https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WTfr17NgQsOMIUJWtCwVTA#/registration

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2024

- SURVEYORS, MAPPERS BOARD - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The state Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers will meet. - Hilton University of Florida Conference Center, 1714 S.W. 34th St., Gainesville.
- ABORTION AD CASE - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - Chief U.S. District Judge Mark Walker will hold a hearing in a legal battle about the state's efforts to block a television ad supporting a proposed constitutional amendment on abortion rights. The Floridians Protecting Freedom political committee, which is sponsoring the proposed amendment, filed the lawsuit. Walker issued a temporary restraining order against state officials, and the hearing will be on a request for a preliminary injunction. - United States Courthouse and Federal Building, 111 North Adams St., Tallahassee.
- FSU TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida State University Board of Trustees will meet. - <https://trustees.fsu.edu/meetings>
- MEDICAL EXAMINERS - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The state Medical Examiners Commission will meet. - Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee.
- 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.
- PILOT COMMISSIONERS BOARD - Tuesday, 11 a.m. - The state Board of Pilot Commissioners will meet. - Call-in number: 1-571-317-3116. Code: 337217893
- KEYS COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 2 p.m. - The Board of Trustees of The College of the Florida Keys will meet. - The College of the Florida Keys, Upper Keys Center, 106040 Overseas Highway, Key Largo.

- MANATEE-SARASOTA COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - The State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota Board of Trustees will meet. - State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, board room, 5840 26th St. West, Bradenton.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2024

- UNIVERSITY SYSTEM - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The state university system's Board of Governors will hold a series of committee meetings, followed by a full board meeting. - Florida International University, Graham Center, 11200 S.W. Eighth St., Miami.
- 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
- GEOLOGISTS BOARD - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - The state Board of Professional Geologists will meet. - Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 659910157
- OPIOID ABATEMENT - Wednesday, 1 p.m. - The Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement will meet. - Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/substance-abuse-program-opioid-abatement-0>
- 'CAT FUND' - Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Advisory Council will meet. - Hermitage Centre, 1801 Hermitage Blvd., Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-872-242-7651. Code: 752156286
- CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 3 p.m. - The College of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. - College of Central Florida, 3001 S.W. College Road, Ocala.
- HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 4 p.m. - The Hillsborough Community College Board of Trustees will meet. - Hillsborough Community College, Dale Mabry Campus, 4001 West Tampa Bay Blvd., Tampa.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2024

- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2024

- CONSERVATION ISSUES - Friday, 9 a.m. - The state Acquisition and Restoration Council, which works on land-conservation issues, will meet. - Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Marjory Stoneman Douglas Building, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee.
- NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Board of Nursing Home Administrators will meet. - Information at <https://floridasnursinghomeadmin.gov/meeting-information/>
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE - State candidates, political committees and parties face a Friday deadline for filing final finance reports before the Nov. 5 elections.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024

- COUNTIES END EARLY VOTING - Early voting will end in many counties, though it will continue through Nov. 3 in other areas of the state.

Hurricane Recovery

Here are some important links for information stay up to speed -

[Link to Hurricane Milton Updates and Information](#)

[Link to State Division of Emergency Management Website](#)

[Link to Florida Association of Counties Disaster Resources Website](#)

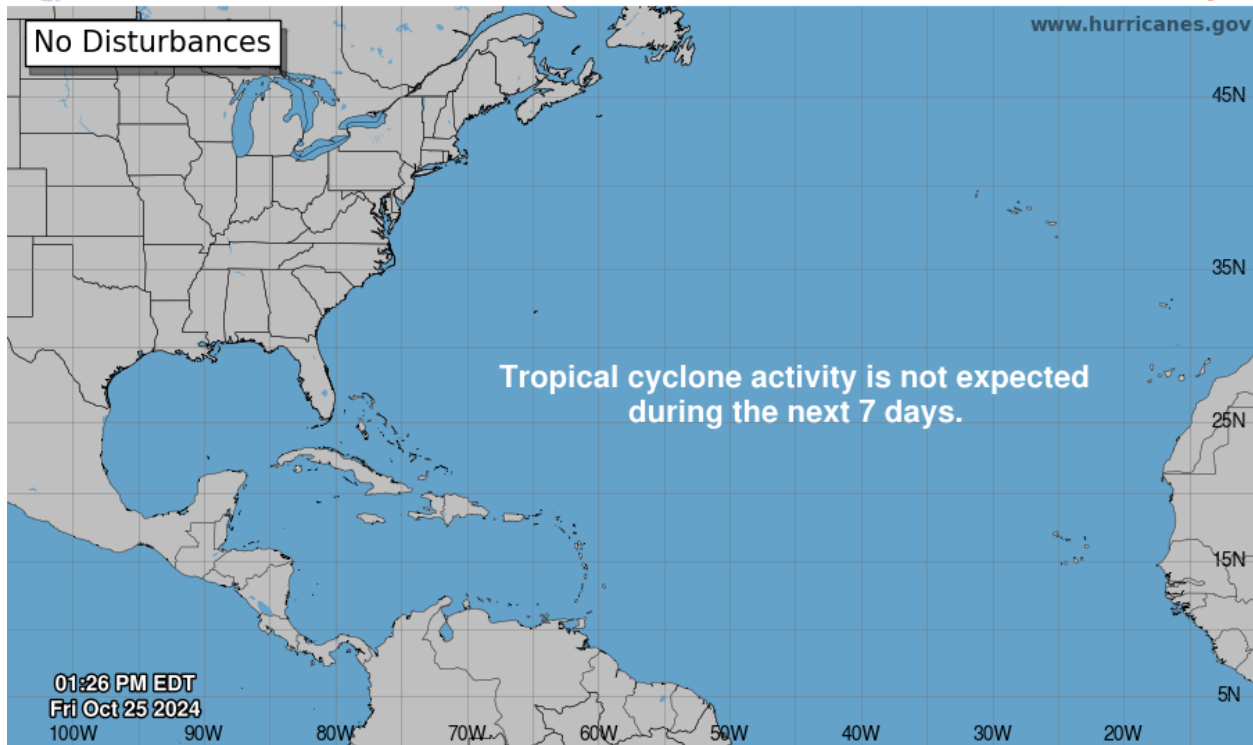
Tropical Outlook

<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

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