



**From all of us
to all of you
Merry
Christmas**



The Briefing for December 19, 2024

The Last Briefing was December 16, 2024

*Briefings will be intermittent until after New Years!
Reach out if you need anything! Take care!*

First Round of College Playoffs This Weekend

Here's the link to the College Football Playoff Matchups!

Bowl Game Schedule

Here are the 2024 Bowl Matchups!

What's the weather outlook?

[10-Day Weather Forecast for Tallahassee, FL - The Weather Channel | weather.com](https://www.weather.com)

Senate President and House Speaker Announce Committee Assignments

Senate President Ben Albritton and House Speaker Danny Perez have announced Committee Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Committee members. Barring wholesale upheaval, these appointments should be through the 25-26 Session.

Senate Committee Appointments

[Senate Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs 2024-26](#)
[Senate Committee Assignments 2024-26 by Committee](#)
[Senate Committee Assignments 2024-26 by Senator](#)

House Committee Appointments

[House 2024-2026 Committee and Subcommittee Chairs](#)
[House Committee Assignments by Committee 2024-26](#)
[House Committee Assignments by Member 2024-26](#)

House and Senate Local Funding/Project Request Process

Here's What You Need To Get Started!

The House and Senate have published the forms necessary to pursue a Local Funding Request. Links for the following are provided to assist you in your efforts – the forms needed; a listing of projects that have already been submitted in the Senate and House; and a listing of project request last year in the House and Senate (Note: the projects list for last year were submitted not necessarily funded).

Senate Budget Forms and Information

[2025-26 Senate Local Funding Initiative Request Form \[PDF\]](#)
[2025-26 Senate Local Funding Initiative Requests](#)
[Prior Years Local Funding Initiative Requests](#)

House Budget Forms and Information

[House Appropriations Project Request Form Guidance](#)
[Download House Appropriations Project Request Fillable Form \(FY 2025-2026\) Attestation Form](#)
[2025-26 Appropriations Project Requests](#)
[House Appropriations Project Forms from prior year.](#)


Establish Your Legislative Priorities

Developing your Legislative Approach

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

Provided above is a link to a basic outline for developing your Local Legislative Program. Organizations are able to copy sections of the text. It is advisable that your legislative priorities be documented and compiled in a legislative Program.

Information to Assess Your Local Fiscal Capacity

- [Questions to Analyze Financial Capacity and Per Capita rankings based on Population and Revenue Sources](#)
- [Data Set - Population –Value of 1 mill Ad Valorem - Value of 1 cent Local Option Sales Tax 2024.xlsx](#)
-  [DATA Set -2024 School District Taxable Values-October 2024.xlsx](#)

Adopted Legislative Priorities


The following legislative programs have been adopted. Issues impacting the small counties and rural school districts of Florida are listed. The following links provide information that can be copied and/or duplicated.

Small School District Priorities

[SSDCC 2025 Legislative Priorities - Adopted December 2024.docx](#)

www.ssdcc.org

Small County Priorities

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

www.smallcountycoalition.org

Headlines Around the State

WUSF: House Ethics Committee secretly voted to release Matt Gaetz ethics report, source says

WUSF: Accused Trump attempted assassin faces felony attempted murder charges in Florida

FlaPol: Ashley Moody says Florida will seek warrant, pursue state charges against would-be Donald Trump assassin

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis lashes out at congressional self-dealing amid spat over spending deal

The Floridian: Scott's No CORRUPTION Act Heads to Biden's Desk

FlaPol: Gulf Coast Representatives slam government spending bill despite it funding disaster relief

News4JAX: Sen. Rick Scott explains support for government efficiency department

The Floridian: Steube Comments on Classified Briefing on New Jersey Drones, 'People Have the Right to Know'

Today: NASA's Bill Nelson praises agency's people, accomplishments during last days as administrator

AP: After victory over Florida in water war, Georgia will let farmers drill new irrigation wells

WLRN: Floridians are about to embark on a record holiday travel season

WUSF: Florida seeks help from Trump before instating new kids health insurance requirements

News4JAX: Parent groups question Florida's \$15.6 million investment in school materials database

The Floridian: Patronis Says Nixing In-State Tuition for Illegal Immigrants Would 'Fix' the 'Glitch' He Voted For

Sun: Florida unveils new artificial intelligence-driven emergency messaging system

FlaPol: Jason Shoaf takes workforce development, Wakulla Springs priorities to legislative committee posts

FlaPol: Adam Botana wants to ease hurricane recovery as Florida braces for the next storms

CBS Miami: Broward Schools approve wearable panic buttons for enhanced safety

Democrat: Rural renaissance: Can state lawmakers help rebuild Taylor County's economy?

WUSF: DeSantis announces 176 additional Purple Star School designations

Times: The delay lasted 49 days. Can that really kill baseball in Tampa Bay?

Times-Union: The Jacksonville Housing Authority's top pick for CEO leads Fort Wayne agency in Indiana

WLRN: Hurricanes left Tampa Bay's immigrant community reeling. Here's how some are recovering

ON THE DOCKET THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024

- **TECO RATES** - Thursday, 9:30 a.m.--- The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an internal-affairs meeting, followed by a meeting about a rate increase for Tampa Electric Co.--- Internal affairs meeting at Gerald L. Gunter Building, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee. Rate meeting at Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.

- BROWARD DELEGATION - Thursday, 10 a.m.--- The Broward County legislative delegation will hold a public hearing as it prepares for the 2025 session. The delegation is made up of Senate Minority Leader Jason Pizzo; Democratic senators Rosalind Osgood, Tina Polsky and Barbara Sharief; Democratic House members Robin Bartleman, Daryl Campbell, Hillary Cassel, Dan Daley, Lisa Dunkley, Mike Gottlieb, Christine Hunschofsky, Felicia Robinson, Mitch Rosenwald and Marie Woodson; and Republican House member Chip LaMarca.--- Junior Achievement World, 1130 Coconut Creek Blvd., Coconut Creek.
- SOUTHWEST COUNCIL - Thursday, 10 a.m.--- The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will meet.--- South Florida Water Management District, 2301 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers.
- PILOT COMMISSIONERS BOARD - Thursday, 10 a.m.--- The Florida Board of Pilot Commissioners will meet.--- Call-in number: 1-571-317-3116. Code: 337217893
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m.--- The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- WATER RATES ON AGENDA - Thursday, 1 p.m.--- The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an online hearing about a proposal by Sunshine Water Services Co. to raise rates. Sunshine Water Services has customers in Charlotte, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Seminole counties.--- <https://www.floridapsc.com/watch-archive-psc-events>
- UNIVERSITY SYSTEM - Thursday, 2:30 p.m.--- The state university system's Board of Governors will hold two committee meetings, followed by a full board meeting.-- <https://www.flbog.edu/board/upcoming-meeting/>

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024

- BUDGET REQUESTS CONSIDERED - Friday, 8:30 a.m.--- The governor's Office of Policy and Budget is scheduled to hold a meeting about agency budget requests and long-term program plans. --- Conference Room 2002L, the Capitol.
- MEDICAID EXPENDITURES - Friday, 9 a.m.--- The Social Services Estimating Conference will analyze expenditures in the Medicaid program.--- 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS - Friday, 10 a.m.--- The Florida Department of Commerce will release a November unemployment report.

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