



## *The Briefing for November 25, 2024*

*The Last Briefing was November 19, 2024*

*The next Briefing will be next Monday!*

*It's Rivalry Week in College Football*

*[Link to College Football Schedule for Week 14](#)*

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*What's your local weather for T'giving?*

*[Link to Local Weather](#)*

### **Trump Backs Patronis and Fine**

President-Elect Trump is endorsing CFO Jimmy Patronis to replace Rep. Matt Gaetz and State Senator Randy Fine to replace Rep. Mike Waltz in Congress. Both vacancies will be filled through a Special Election to replace Gaetz and Waltz.

*[The Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium will hold meetings next week in Tampa.](#)*



### **Small County Coalition Fall Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 4, 2024 – 7:00-8:30am - Breakfast Buffet**

#### **Purpose of the Meeting:**

**Welcome and Orient New Commissioners**

**Receive Updates/Review Upcoming Activities**

**Fill Vacant Officer Positions**

**Adopt 2025 Legislative Agenda**

Here are agenda materials -

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

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



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

**Thursday, December 5, 2024 - Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay**

**Plated Breakfast served beginning at 7:00am**

**Meeting will adjourn prior to 8:30am**

**[SSDCC 2024- Materials for SDC and SSDCC FALL MEETING Dec 5 - Final .docx](#)**

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

***Headlines Around the State***

[The Hill: Trump team working hand in glove with Biden administration on national security: Waltz](#)

[FlaPol: Nathan Nelson looks to follow former boss Matt Gaetz into Congress](#)

[FlaPol: Ashley Moody, Vern Buchanan demand more answers behind FEMA discrimination against hurricane victims](#)

[FlaPol: Florida's state employees can celebrate Thanksgiving early with paid time off Wednesday](#)

[WUSF: Army Corps to lower Lake Okeechobee by 4 feet; algae blooms could follow](#)

[TCPalm: Voices rising against potential dredging, gas engines in St. Lucie County aquatic area](#)

[NBC Miami: Floridians are still not being diagnosed early enough with lung cancer, study shows](#)

[NBC: AG pick Pam Bondi's past vow: prosecute the 'bad' prosecutors who indicted Trump](#)

[Sun-Sentinel: 'Trump supporter on steroids': AG nominee Pam Bondi built her brand in Florida](#)

[Politico: How Florida's anti-pot legalization campaign rode the populist wave](#)

[WSJ: Palm Beach, a Democratic Pocket in Florida, Becomes MAGA Central](#)

[AP: NATO head and Trump meet in Florida for talks on global security](#)

[News-Press: President-elect Trump endorses Randy Fine to run for congressional seat in Daytona area](#)

[FlaPol: Donald Trump backs Randy Fine as replacement for Mike Waltz in CD 6](#)

[The Hill: Republican senator predicts Gaetz, wouldn't win Florida governorship after he teases run](#)

[FlaPol: Gene Valentino announces campaign to succeed Matt Gaetz](#)

[FlaPol: Rick Scott signs on to Senate DOGE Caucus](#)

[FlaPol: Dentists denounce Surgeon General's swat at flouridation](#)

[The Hill: Trump selects former Florida Rep. Dave Weldon to lead CDC](#)

[Sun-Sentinel: Florida's surgeon general recommends communities stop adding fluoride to water](#)

[NYTimes: Florida's Top Health Official Urges an End to Putting Fluoride in Water](#)

[FlaPol: Janette Nesheiwat chosen by Donald Trump for Surgeon General](#)

[Sun-Sentinel: Potential candidates already look to 2026. LaMarca for Congress? Book's return to Florida Senate?](#)

[FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis orders flags at half-staff to honor Palm Beach Sheriff's deputies killed in crash](#)

[Times: Florida regulators issue subpoenas to insurance industry critic](#)

[WLRN: Investigator in Alex Diaz de la Portilla case accused of criminal contempt](#)

[Sun-Sentinel: DeSantis quickly sets special election to fill Gaetz's Republican seat — unlike delay for a Democratic seat](#)

[Politico: Florida sets special election to fill Matt Gaetz vacancy on April Fools' Day](#)

[FlaPol: Watchdog group files FEC complaint over irregular Matt Gaetz campaign spending](#)

[PNJ: In reversal, Escambia School Board members must testify in book removal case, judge says](#)

[Times: 2 Corcoran critics ousted from board that oversees New College donations](#)

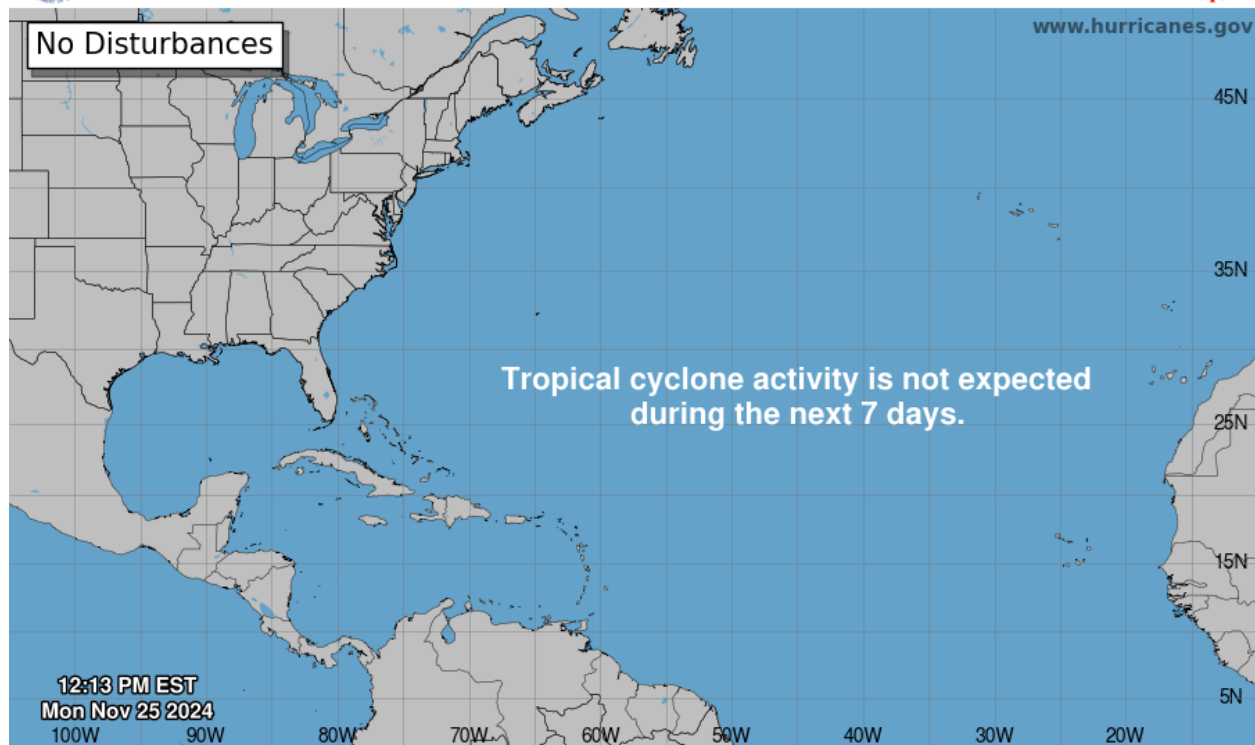
## Tropical Outlook

<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

## ON THE DOCKET THIS WEEK

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2024

- USF COMMITTEES MEET - Monday, 9 a.m. - The Academics and Campus Environment Committee and the Strategic Initiatives Committee of the University of South Florida Board of

Trustees are scheduled to meet. - Information at <https://www.usf.edu/board-of-trustees/meetings/index.aspx>

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2024**

- PAROLE ISSUES ADDRESSED - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Commission on Offender Review is scheduled to hold a teleconference. - Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- ETHICS PANEL MEETS - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Florida Commission on Ethics will meet to discuss lawsuits challenging a 2023 state law that required municipal elected officials to file more-detailed reports about their personal finances. - Florida Commission on Ethics, 325 John Knox Road, Building E, Suite 200, Tallahassee. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81559423436>. Code: 489734
- MOBILE HOMES AT ISSUE - Tuesday, 3 p.m. - The Florida Mobile Home Relocation Corp. board is scheduled to meet.  
- <https://zoom.us/j/4291151196?pwd=YIJNUWd3Vjhwakx0VE> RXdzjhM3NGQT09. Call-in number: 1-888-475-4499. Meeting ID: 4291151196. Code: 412913

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2024**

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

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2024**

- STATE OFFICES CLOSED - State offices will be closed for Thanksgiving.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2024**

- STATE OFFICES CLOSED - State offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving weekend.

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

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

**2024**

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 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**

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| 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  
June 25

FAC Annual Summer Meeting - Orlando  
Small County Coalition Annual Business Meeting - Orlando

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