



## ***The Briefing for January 27, 2025***

*The Last Briefing was January 26, 2025*

### **What's the weather outlook?**

**[10-Day Weather Forecast for Tallahassee, FL – The Weather Channel | weather.com](#)**

### ***Temperature in Tally - Inside the Capitol – Very Cool!***

#### ***Legislative Leaders Push Back on Governor DeSantis***

Comments made by legislative leaders prior to shutting-down Special Session 2025A

***“Sometimes leadership isn’t about being out front on an issue,” said Senate President Ben Albritton. “It’s actually about following the leader you trust. I trust President Trump. And I trust Florida law enforcement.”***

**House Speaker Danny Perez underscored his dislike for holding special sessions, saying they “should not be stunts designated to generate headlines.”**

Both Albritton and Perez said that they didn’t support some of the measures the governor had called for, including imposing criminal penalties against law enforcement officers who didn’t help with deportation efforts or making it more difficult to send money abroad.

### **Special Session 2025 A – Convenes then Adjourns**

The House and Senate convened Special Session 2025A at 10:30am this morning. After initial procedural actions – reading of the proclamation issued by the Governor last week. Both the House and Senate reviewed their respective responsibilities and voted to adjourn 2025A. None of the bills filed for consideration in 2025A were considered. Special Session 2025A was adjourned “Sine Die”. Special Session 2025A is history.

### **Legislature Reconvenes as Special Session 2025 B**

Following the adjournment of 2025A, the House Speaker and President of the Senate issued a proclamation calling a Special Session 2025 B. The topics addressed will strictly deal with Immigration Bills HB 1B and SB 2. In additional action, the House and Senate proceeded to OVERRIDE – two budget items in the 2024-25 Appropriation Act HB 5001. This override reinstated funding for legislative support services in the House and the Senate.

**Reinstating Vetoed Arts funding Suggested by Democratic Leader Senator Pizzo**

During discussion regarding the reinstatement of Legislative Support Services. Senate Minority Leader Jason Pizzo raised the question of reinstating the \$32 million in funding for Arts and Cultural grants. Senator Pizzo's request was not supported due to the restricted nature of the Special Session. In other words – Not On the Immediate Agenda! Maybe later!

**All Previously Scheduled House Committee Meetings Cancelled**

The House has cancelled all previously scheduled committee meetings except specially called for Special Session 2025B. The Senate Appropriations Committee is scheduled to take up 2025B bill this afternoon.

**Special Session Committee Schedule**

**Monday Jan 27, 2025**

1:00PM -H Select Committee on Illegal Immigration A 212 K 1:00PM-2:30PM  
Consideration of HB 1B – Immigration – McClure

**HB 0001B** Immigration by McClure

Immigration: Revising provisions related to immigration including identification of chief immigration officer & creation of Office of State Immigration Enforcement , duties, responsibilities, & requirements for such officer & office; creation of a grant program for certain purposes; noncitizen voting; noncitizen employment; drivers license & identification cards for noncitizens; immigration detainers; release of noncitizens from custody; cooperation & coordination with federal authorities & enforcement of immigration laws; emergencies related to immigration; & scholarships for noncitizens. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

2:00PM - S Appropriations 412 K 2:00PM-4:00PM  
SS25B SB 0002B Immigration Gruters

**SB 0002B** Immigration by Gruters

Immigration; Citing this act as the “Tackling and Reforming Unlawful Migration Policy (TRUMP) Act”; providing that the Commissioner of Agriculture is the only person responsible for serving as liaison between certain entities regarding federal immigration laws; creating the Local Law Enforcement Immigration Grant Program within the Office of State Immigration Enforcement within the Division of Law Enforcement under the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for specified purposes; creating the Office of State Immigration Enforcement within the Division of Law Enforcement under the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for specified purposes, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$515,030,239 Effective Date: Except as otherwise provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law

3:00PM - H Select Committee on Illegal Immigration B 212 K 3:00PM-4:30PM  
o Consideration of HB 0001B Immigration

5:00PM - H Select Committee on Illegal Immigration C 212 K 5:00PM-6:30PM  
o Consideration of HB 1B - Immigration -- IF RECEIVED

7:00PM - H Rules & Ethics Committee 404 H 7:00PM-7:30PM

**Tuesday Jan 28, 2025**

10:00AM - H SESSION Chamber 10:00AM-N/A

**Deliberations can be watched live on**  
[The Florida Channel: Home](#)

## Tracking Committee Meetings

### Accessing Committee Meeting Agendas and Materials (If available)

[Link to Senate Committees](#)

[Link to House Committees](#)

## *On the Docket*

### MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025

#### — Legislature:

- SPECIAL SESSION - Monday, 10:30 a.m. The House and Senate will convene in a special legislative session called by Gov. Ron DeSantis. DeSantis wants lawmakers to address issues such as making changes to help carry out President Donald Trump's immigration policies. House and Senate chambers.
- REMEMBRANCE DAY LEGISLATION - Monday, 12:30 p.m. Sen. Lori Berman, D-Boca Raton, and Rep. Debra Tendrich, D-Lake Worth, will hold a news conference about legislation that would formally recognize Jan. 27 as Holocaust Remembrance Day in Florida. Sen. Shevrin Jones, D-Miami Gardens, and Rep. Mike Gottlieb, D-Davie, also are expected to take part. Fourth floor, the Capitol.
- HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY - Monday, 5:45 p.m. The Jewish Legislative Caucus of Florida will hold a gathering as the Old Capitol is illuminated in yellow as part of Holocaust Remembrance Day.

#### — Also:

- HIGHER ED COURSES - Monday, 9:30 a.m. The United Faculty of Florida will hold an online event to criticize a state law that allows removal of general-education courses. [https://floridaea.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_k2Aevzv1SYKo7qqU2zIvpg](https://floridaea.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_k2Aevzv1SYKo7qqU2zIvpg)
- NORTHWEST FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Monday, 3 p.m. The Northwest Florida State College Board of Trustees will meet. Northwest Florida State College, 100 College Blvd. East, Niceville.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025

- SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS - Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for special primary elections in Congressional District 1 and Congressional District 6. The District 1 seat is open because of the resignation of former U.S. Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fla. The District 6 seat is open because former U.S. Rep. Mike Waltz, R-Fla., was named national security adviser by President Donald Trump. Special general elections will be held April 1. District 1 is made up Escambia, Santa Rosa and Okaloosa counties and part of Walton County. District 6 is made up of Flagler and Putnam counties and parts of Lake, Marion, St. Johns and Volusia counties.
- MIAMI DADE COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 8 a.m. The Miami Dade College Board of Trustees will meet. Miami Dade College, Kendall Campus, 11011 S.W. 104th St., Miami. <https://www.mdc.edu/livestream>
- SOUTHWEST WATER BOARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Southwest Florida Water Management District, 7601 U.S. 301 North, Tampa.
- PILOT COMMISSIONERS BOARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Pilot Commissioners will meet. DoubleTree by Hilton Grand Key Resort Key West, 3990 South Roosevelt Blvd., Key West.
- ENGINEERS BOARD - Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Florida Board of Professional Engineers will meet. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89248983266>. Meeting ID: 89248983266

- KEYS COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 2 p.m. The College of the Florida Keys Board of Trustees 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 Board of Trustees of State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota will meet. State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, 5840 26th St. West, Bradenton.
- SEWER SERVICE - Tuesday, 6 p.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a hearing for potential customers of Environmental Utilities, LLC, which is seeking approval to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County. Tringali Park Recreation Center, 3460 North Access Road, Englewood.

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025**

- PAROLE CASES - 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 APPEALS BOARD - 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
- SEWER SERVICE - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a hearing for potential customers of Environmental Utilities, LLC, which is seeking approval to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County. Tringali Park Recreation Center, 3460 North Access Road, Englewood.
- DEVELOPMENT FINANCE BOARD - Wednesday, 2 p.m. The Florida Development Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. Florida Development Finance Corp., 156 Tuskawilla Road, Suite 2340, Winter Springs. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84840300265?pwd=TJ0zNhatbGcehloHqLE2bFVIJWV7rf.1> . Call-in number: 1-646-558-8656. Meeting ID: 84840300265. Code: 936748
- TURNPIKE PROJECT - Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise will hold a meeting about a project to add lanes on Florida's Turnpike from the Sawgrass Expressway to Glades Road in Broward and Palm Beach counties. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4996170285056852320>

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025**

- COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Rehabilitation Council for the Blind is scheduled to meet. Holiday Inn IHG Hotel, 2003 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-583-5063. Code: 237602893
- UNIVERSITY SYSTEM - Thursday, 9 a.m. The state university system's Board of Governors will hold a series of committee meetings, followed by a full board meeting. University of North Florida, John A. Delaney Student Union West, 1 UNF Dr., Jacksonville.
- PAROLE CASES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Commission on Offender Review is scheduled to meet. Florida Commission on Offender Review, 4070 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- INDEPENDENT EDUCATION - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Commission for Independent Education is scheduled to meet. Mission Inn Resort and Club, 10400 County Road 48, Howey-In-The-Hills.
- SPEECH-LANGUAGE BOARD - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology will meet. Residence Inn Tallahassee Universities at the Capitol, 600 West Gaines St., Tallahassee.

- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions. <https://floridachamberfoundation.regfox.com/2025-virtual-florida-economic-outlook-jobs-solution-summit>
- GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY EYED - Thursday, 1 p.m. The state Government Efficiency Task Force will meet. Call-in number: 850-739-6768. Code: 893974948
- TURNPIKE DISCUSSED PROJECT - Thursday, 5:30 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting about a project to add lanes on Florida's Turnpike from the Sawgrass Expressway to Glades Road in Broward and Palm Beach counties. Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 South Military Trail, Boca Raton.

#### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025**

- BROWARD COLLEGE CANDIDATES - Friday, 8:30 a.m. The Broward College Board of Trustees will interview candidates for the school's presidency. The candidates are Torey Alston, a former chief of staff at the Florida Department of Transportation who also was appointed by Gov. Ron DeSantis in 2021 to the Broward County Commission and in 2022 to the Broward County School Board, and Jose Llontop, an executive partner at Salt Creek Capital, an investment firm. The Board of Trustees also will hold a regular meeting scheduled to start at 4 p.m. Broward College, Willis Holcombe Center, 111 East Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale.
- NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Nursing Home Administrators will meet. Information at <https://floridasnursinghomeadmin.gov/meeting-information/>
- PRISON MEDICAL ISSUES - Friday, 9 a.m. The state Correctional Medical Authority will meet. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 344085830
- INDEPENDENT EDUCATION - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Commission for Independent Education is scheduled to meet. Mission Inn Resort and Club, 10400 County Road 48, Howey-In-The-Hills.
- PODIATRIC BOARD - Friday, 10 a.m. The Florida Board of Podiatric Medicine will meet. Drury Inn & Suites-Universal Orlando Resort, 7301 West Sand Lake Road, Orlando.

#### ***Headlines Around the State***

[\*FlaPol: Ashley Moody ready to advance Donald Trump agenda on 'influential' committees\*](#)

[\*Sun-Sentinel: Taliban ambassador warns Rubio against bounty threat over Americans detained in Afghanistan\*](#)

[\*FlaPol: Donald Trump doubles down on Jimmy Patronis endorsement\*](#)

[\*WUSF: What to expect in Florida's special congressional primaries on Tuesday\*](#)

[\*The Hill: Rubio orders suspension of visa issuance at the US Embassy Bogota\*](#)

[\*Bloomberg: Rubio Pledges US Review of Hungary Penalties, Szijjarto Says\*](#)

[\*Sun-Sentinel: Florida's Jewish voters: How political groups see tests ahead to court their vote\*](#)

[\*CBS Miami: South Florida watches political fight evolve between Trump and Colombia's Petro over deportation flights\*](#)

[\*NBC 6: Several undocumented immigrants arrested in South Florida raids, federal agencies say\*](#)

[\*FlaPol: Florida reading program for children gets financial boost\*](#)

[\*WUSF: Makeshift sleds and manatees: How Floridians took in the rare snow days\*](#)

[Politico: DeSantis, fellow Republicans in standoff over Trump agenda: 'Mommy and daddy are fighting'](#)

[News4JAX: Florida lawmakers to kick off week with special session addressing illegal immigration, condo regulation and more](#)

[NBC 6: Special legislative session to begin in Florida seeks to get tough on immigration](#)

[My News 13: Several bills filed ahead of Florida's special session](#)

[FlaPol: Blaise Ingoglia files raft of immigration crackdown bills ahead of Special Session](#)

[FlaPol: Mike Caruso files sweeping new organized crime bill for Special Session](#)

[FlaPol: Florida House proposal would establish Office of Secure Florida to oversee immigration issues](#)

[FlaPol: Special Session legislation would block tuition waivers for undocumented immigrants](#)

[PNJ: District 3 state House candidates have tight window to campaign for office](#)

[Times: Florida's citrus outlook remains bleak. But new science offers hope.](#)

[Ledger: Bartow sets public workshop to reevaluate adding fluoride to water, with big-name panelists](#)

[Ledger: Doctors concerned about drop in childhood vaccination rates in Polk County and across Florida](#)

### **Mark Your Calendars**

**2025**

- January 27 - Special Session and Committee Meetings
- January 28-29 - House Committee Meetings
- 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

### **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)

[www.smallcountycoalition.org](http://www.smallcountycoalition.org) or [www.ssdcc.org](http://www.ssdcc.org) and click on the red **Briefing** button

