



## *The Briefing for January 8, 2025*

*The Last Briefing was January 6, 2025*

[\*Here's the link to the College Football Playoff Matchups!\*](#)

**What's the weather outlook?**

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

### ***Deadline Alert for Local Appropriation Projects***

Members of the Florida House are required to submit completed Appropriations Project Request forms by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2025. The Senate does not have a specific deadline but many offices are setting internal deadlines that coincide with the House deadline in order to enable their staff to process project requests by the House deadline.

### *Links to Information Regarding House Local Projects*

[Download Appropriations Project Request Fillable Form \(Fiscal Year 2025-2026\)](#)

[Appropriations Project Request Form Guidance](#)

[Attestation Form](#)

[2025 Appropriations Project Requests](#)

### *Links to Information Regarding Senate Local Projects*

[2025-26 Local Funding Initiative Request Form \[PDF\]](#)

[2025-26 Local Funding Initiative Requests](#)

[Prior Years Local Funding Initiative Requests](#)

### ***Legislative Committee Meetings Commence Next Week***

Both the House and Senate have committee meetings scheduled for next week in Tallahassee. Generally speaking, the initial meetings are primarily overviews of committee scope of activities and reports on interim projects. Here are the links that outline committee agendas:

[\*Calendar for Senate Committee Meetings - Jan. 13-17\*](#)

[\*Calendar for House of Representatives Committee Meetings- Jan. 13-17\*](#)

### ***Links that will help Provide Information for your Legislative Programs***

The following links provide additional information on the issues and concerns articulated by the County Commissions and School Officials in Florida's small counties:

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

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

Here is additional data that will help articulate the fiscal capacity of your community.

[Data Set - Population - Advalorem Value of 1 mill - Value of 1 cent Local Option Sales Tax 2024.xlsx](#)

### **Helpful Links to Bookmark**

[Florida Senate](#)

[Florida House of Representatives](#)

[The Florida Channel](#)

[www.ssdcc.org](http://www.ssdcc.org)

[www.smallcountycoalition.org](http://www.smallcountycoalition.org)

### **Delegation Hearings This Week!**

Here's the schedule for small county hearings this week -

#### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025**

- MARTIN COUNTY DELEGATION - 9 a.m. - Indian River State College, Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart.
- PUTNAM DELEGATION - 2 p.m. - Putnam County Commission chamber, 2509 Crill Ave., Palatka.
- WALTON DELEGATION - 5:30 p.m. Central time. - Freeport High School, 12615 U.S. 331 Business, Freeport.
- SANTA ROSA DELEGATION - 5:30 p.m. Central time. - St. Sylvester Catholic Church, 6464 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze.

#### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025**

- HENDRY DELEGATION - 1 p.m. - Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Ave., Clewiston.

### **Headlines Around the State**

[\*Sun-Sentinel: DeSantis to take more time to choose Rubio's replacement in Senate\*](#)

[\*The Floridian: DeSantis, Undecided: Gov Declines to 'Referee' Field of Hopefuls for Marco Rubio Senate Seat\*](#)

[\*NYT: A Business-Friendly Lawyer's Rise From Lobbyist to Attorney General Pick\*](#)

[\*FlaPol: Confirmation hearings scheduled for Marco Rubio, but delayed for Pam Bondi\*](#)

[\*WLRN: Florida judge blocks release of special counsel report on Trump cases\*](#)

[\*CBS Miami: No evidence of criminal activity found by Florida grand jury investigating COVID-19 vaccines\*](#)

[\*The Floridian: Scott Lays Out Legislative Priorities Entering 119th Congress\*](#)

[\*The Floridian: Cammack Confident Trump's Cabinet Will be Confirmed\*](#)

[\*Democrat: Florida files COVID-19 related suit after accidentally overpaying company \\$5 million\*](#)

[\*DBNJ: What is RSV? Respiratory illnesses for children, others on rise in Florida. What to do\*](#)

[\*CBS Miami: Enrique Tarrio's mom says son has been made scapegoat of Jan. 6 events, pleads for Trump pardon\*](#)

[\*WLRN: Florida man, ex-Marine sue Venezuela's Maduro for anguish caused by imprisonment\*](#)

[\*The Floridian: Matt Gaetz and Jason Pizzo Hint at Gubernatorial Runs\*](#)

[Times: Matt Gaetz: 'I am starting to think about running for governor'](#)

[WUSF: Statewide group denounces bill to ban flags representing 'political viewpoint' in Florida](#)

[The Floridian: 'No Room' for Prosecutors With a 'Political Agenda': DeSantis Praises Lopez During Swearing-In](#)

[Axios: Florida bills to watch in 2025: boat crashes, park protections, Parkland law reversal](#)

[FlaPol: House Democrats roll out ranking member assignments](#)

[Times: Florida sheriff placed on Brady list of law officers deemed untrustworthy](#)

[Sentinel: Orange County adopts public camping ban to comply with state law some say criminalizes homelessness](#)

[Times: Tampa Bay charter network nears end of yearslong legal dispute](#)

[DBNJ: Jessie Thompson resigns as Volusia County School Board chair, will remain on board](#)

[TCPalm: Lake Okeechobee releases suspected in toxic algae bloom in Manatee Pocket, Port Salerno](#)

[WLRN: Palm Beach County approves \\$60 million new mental health facility - but questions remain](#)

[FlaPol: University of West Florida lands top scientist as administrator overseeing research projects](#)

### ***On The Docket This Week***

#### ***THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025***

- CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY BOARD - Thursday, 8 a.m. The state Construction Industry Licensing Board is scheduled to meet. Location: The Westin, 100 Marina View Drive, Sarasota.
- MANATEE COUNTY DELEGATION - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Manatee County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2025 session. The delegation is made up of Sen. Jim Boyd, R-Bradenton; Sen. Joe Gruters, R-Sarasota; Rep. Michael Owen, R-Apollo Beach; Rep. Will Robinson, R-Bradenton; and Rep. Bill Conerly, R-Lakewood Ranch. Location: Bradenton City Hall, 101 Old Main St., Bradenton.
- MARTIN COUNTY DELEGATION - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Martin County legislative delegation is scheduled to meet as it prepares for the 2025 session. The delegation is made up of Sen. Gayle Harrell, R-Stuart; Rep. Toby Overdorf, R-Palm City; and Rep. John Snyder, R-Stuart. Location: Indian River State College, Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart.
- ORANGE DELEGATION - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Orange County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2025 session. The delegation is made up of Sen. Kristen Arrington, D-Kissimmee; Sen. Jason Brodeur, R-Sanford; Sen. Carlos Guillermo Smith, D-Orlando; Sen. Geraldine Thompson, D-Orlando; Sen. Keith Truenow, R-Tavares; Rep. Erika Booth, R-St. Cloud; Rep. Susan Plasencia, R-Orlando; Rep. Doug Bankson, R-Apopka; Rep. LaVon Bracy Davis, D-Ocoee; Rep. Bruce Antone, D-Orlando; Rep. Anna Eskamani, D-Orlando; Rep. Johanna Lopez, D-Orlando; Rep. Rita Harris, D-Orlando; Rep. Leonard Spencer, D-Gotha; and Rep. Paula Stark, R-St. Cloud. Location: Orange County Commission chamber, 201 South Rosalind Ave., Orlando.
- LEE DELEGATION - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Lee County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for this year's session. The delegation is made up of Senate President Ben Albritton, R-Wauchula; Sen. Jonathan Martin, R-Fort Myers; former Senate President Kathleen Passidomo, R-Naples; Rep. Vanessa Oliver, R-Punta Gorda; Rep. Tiffany Esposito, R-Fort Myers; Rep. Jenna Persons-Mulicka, R-Fort Myers; Rep. Mike Giallombardo, R-Cape Coral; and Rep. Adam

Botana, R-Bonita Springs. Location: Florida SouthWestern State College, Nursing Building, 8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers.

- DUVAL DELEGATION - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Duval County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2025 session. The delegation is made up of Sen. Clay Yarborough, R-Jacksonville; Sen. Tracie Davis, D-Jacksonville; Rep. Wyman Duggan, R-Jacksonville; Rep. Angie Nixon, D-Jacksonville; Rep. Kimberly Daniels, D-Jacksonville; Rep. Dean Black, R-Jacksonville; Rep. Kiyon Michael, R-Jacksonville; and Rep. Jessica Baker, R-Jacksonville. Location: Jacksonville City Council chamber, 117 West Duval St., Jacksonville.
- PINELLAS DELEGATION - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Pinellas County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for this year's session. The delegation is made up of Sen. Darryl Rouson, R-St. Petersburg; Sen. Nick DiCeglie, R-Indian Rocks Beach; Sen. Ed Hooper, R-Clearwater; Rep. Adam Anderson, R-Palm Harbor; Rep. Kim Berfield, R-Clearwater; Rep. Berny Jacques, R-Seminole; Rep. Lindsay Cross, D-St. Petersburg; Rep. Linda Chaney, R-St. Pete Beach; and Rep. Michele Rayner, D-St. Petersburg. Location: St. Petersburg College, Clearwater Campus, Arts Auditorium, 2465 Drew St., Clearwater.
- NORTHEAST COUNCIL - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Northeast Florida Regional Council will meet. Location: WJCT Building, 100 Festival Park Ave., Jacksonville. <https://nefrc-org.zoom.us/j/87499770491>. Meeting ID: 87499770491
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is expected to release opinions.
- ALACHUA DELEGATION - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Alachua County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2025 session. The delegation is made up of Sen. Jennifer Bradley, R-Fleming Island; Sen. Stan McClain, R-Ocala; Rep. Yvonne Hinson, D-Gainesville; Rep. Chuck Brannan, R-Macclenny; and Rep. Chad Johnson, R-Chiefland. Location: Santa Fe College, 3000 N.W. 83rd St., Gainesville.
- NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER BOARD - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Location: Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management Dr., Havana.
- PUTNAM DELEGATION - Thursday, 2 p.m. The Putnam County legislative delegation, made up of Sen. Tom Leek, R-Ormond Beach, and Rep. Judson Sapp, R-Green Cove Springs, is scheduled to meet as it prepares for the 2025 session. Location: Putnam County Commission chamber, 2509 Crill Ave., Palatka.
- FLORIDA GATEWAY TRUSTEES MEET - Thursday, 5 p.m. The Florida Gateway College Board of Trustees will meet. Location: Union County School Board office, 55 S.W. Sixth St., Lake Butler.
- WALTON DELEGATION - Thursday, 5:30 p.m. Central time. The Walton County legislative delegation, made up of Sen. Jay Trumbull, R-Panama City, and Rep. Shane Abbott, R-DeFuniak Springs, will meet as it prepares for the 2025 session. Location: Freeport High School, 12615 U.S. 331 Business, Freeport.
- SANTA ROSA DELEGATION - Thursday, 5:30 p.m. Central time. The Santa Rosa County legislative delegation, made up of Sen. Don Gaetz, R-Niceville, and Rep. Alex Andrade, R-Pensacola. Location: St. Sylvester Catholic Church, 6464 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze.

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- RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD - Friday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Board of Respiratory Care will meet. Location: Hyatt Place St. Augustine/Vilano Beach, 117 Vilano Road, St. Augustine. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 742529357

- ST. JOHNS DELEGATION - Friday, 10 a.m. The St. Johns County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2025 session. The delegation is made up of Sen. Tom Leek, R-Ormond Beach; Rep. Kim Kendall, R-St. Augustine; Rep. Sam Greco, R-St. Augustine; and Rep. Judson Sapp, R-Green Cove Springs. Location: St. Johns County Commission auditorium, 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine.
- CONDOS - Friday, 9 a.m. Sen. Rosalind Osgood, D-Tamarac, will hold a news conference about legislation on condominium associations. Location: Sunrise Lakes Phase 4, 10331 Sunrise Lakes Blvd., Sunrise.
- HILLSBOROUGH DELEGATION - Friday, 10 a.m. The Hillsborough County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2025 session. The delegation is made up of Sen. Jay Collins, R-Tampa; Sen. Jim Boyd, R-Bradenton; Sen. Danny Burgess, R-Zephyrhills; Sen. Darryl Rouson, D-St. Petersburg; Rep. Linda Chaney, R-St. Pete Beach; Rep. Michele Rayner, D-St. Petersburg; Rep. Dianne Hart, D-Tampa; Rep. Susan Valdes, R-Tampa; Rep. Karen Gonzalez Pittman, R-Tampa; Rep. Traci Koster, R-Tampa; House Minority Leader Fentrice Driskell, D-Tampa; Rep. Lawrence McClure, R-Dover; Rep. Danny Alvarez, R-Hillsborough County; and Rep. Michael Owen, R-Apollo Beach. Location: TPepin's Hospitality Centre, 4121 North 50th St., Tampa.
- HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE - Friday, 10 a.m. The state Agency for Health Care Administration will hold a hearing about a proposal that seeks to address health-care workforce issues. The proposal, which must be approved by federal health officials, is part of the Medicaid program. Location: Hurston Complex, 400 W Robinson St., North Tower N109, Orlando.
- CITRUS FORECAST RELEASED - Friday, noon. The U.S. Department of Agriculture will update a forecast for the 2024-2025 citrus growing season. Location: Call-in number: 1-888-844-9904. Code: 8552986
- HENDRY DELEGATION - Friday, 1 p.m. The Hendry County legislative delegation, made up of former Senate President Kathleen Passidomo, R-Naples, and Rep. Lauren Melo, R-Naples, will meet in preparation for the 2025 session. Location: Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Ave., Clewiston.
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE - State candidates, political committees and parties face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Dec. 31.

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