



## ***The Briefing -Sunday – May 11 - 2025***

*The Last Briefing - Friday - May 9, 2025 .*

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

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

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### ***A Status on Where We Are!***

- Friday – May 2 - The 60 day regular session was extended through June 6. The Extension was based on the “framework” of an agreement between the Senate President and the House Speaker on \$2.8 billion in tax cuts, , including a .25% reduction of the state sales tax. .
- Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, Governor DeSantis announced he will veto a reduction in the sales tax.
- Friday, May 9 – Agreement of the Tax Reduction Proposal goes “off the rails”.
  - Based on Governor’s Veto threat, President Albritton withdraws his support for reducing the sales tax.
  - Speaker Perez expresses displeasure and indicates his intention to convene the House of Representatives to approve extending the Session through June 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Senate Responds that an additional extension through June 30<sup>th</sup> is not needed while the current June 6<sup>th</sup> extension is in play.
- As of today (Saturday) – The House and Senate leadership have continued to exchange proposals, however, there is no agreement.
- Tuesday – May 13 – the House is scheduled to convene to consider Resolution to extend session.
- Tuesday – May 13 – the House Select Committee on Property Taxes will meet at 1:00pm to continue discussion on property tax reduction proposals.

- Senate President Albritton is not convening the Senate into Session this week.
- There will be no progress until there is agreement on the Tax Plan and then the Budget will be negotiated.
- The Senate Proposed Budget SB 2500 is \$4.7 billion higher than the House Proposal.

### **The Budget**

Current Year Budget is \$117.4 billion  
 DeSantis Proposed Budget is \$115.6 Billion  
 House Proposed Budget is \$112.9 Billion  
 Senate Proposed Budget is \$117.3 Billion

### ***15 Bills were to be considered during the Extended Session,***

- SB 110 - **Rural Renaissance** – Senate President Priority - As of this passed Friday - Speaker Perez has indicated that this proposal is in trouble. Nothing is over until it is!!
- SB 2500 - **The General Appropriations Act** – Includes all spending general operating and capital outlay.
- SB 2510 – **Reduction of Program Weights within the FEFP.** -
- HB 7033 – **Tax Package includes:**
  - **Repeal Tourist Development Councils and Funding transferred** to the County Commission – 75% of the TDT funds transferred are mandated for property tax relief.
  - **Repeal of authority to Opt Out of Affordable Housing Property Tax Exemption**
  - **Sales Tax Reduction** – Speaker Supports - Governor opposes.

### ***Headlines Around The State***

*Sun-Sentinel: Florida's legislative budget talks blew up in tangle over tax cuts*

*Bradenton Herald: Deal to cut Florida taxes 'has blown up.' Threat of government shutdown now looms*

*FlaPol: House budget chief: Senate went back on its word*

*FlaPol: 'Sustainable for the long term': Ben Albritton defends Senate's commitment to 'meaningful tax relief'*

*FlaPol: Donald Trump taps troubled Florida agency chief for high-ranking Homeland Security post*

*Times: Hillsborough OKs teacher pay bonus for low-performing schools*

*Sentinel: 'Don't get in my way,' the new acting head of federal disaster agency warns in call with staff*

*FlaPol: American Tort Reform Association warns Gov. DeSantis against repealing 'free kill'*

*FlaPol: Employee protection bills left out of consideration this Session*

*News-Press: Pope Leo XIV's brother from Port Charlotte is 'mind blown'*

*Sentinel: Mount Dora study IDs likely source of pungent mystery smell*

*Politico: After dramatic Democratic Party exit, Pizzo says he's running for Florida governor*

*FlaPol: Jason Pizzo says he's running for Governor, plans to spend \$25M on his campaign*

*Inside Higher Ed: Conservatives Clash Over Ono Hire at UF*

*Gainesville Sun: Michigan faculty say Ono cut DEI, clamped down on activists to impress UF*

*Times: UF presidential pick's shifting stances offer a look at how he leads*  
*Democrat: FAMU trustee Earnie Ellison resigns after Board of Governors pushback*  
*PNJ: New UWF trustee sets stage for the 'bumpy road' DeSantis promised*  
*Times: Moffitt Cancer Center will no longer fly pride, Juneteenth flags*

### **Mark Your Calendars –**

#### **IMPORTANT MEETINGS COMING UP IN JUNE**

- June 11 – 13- **FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference, Tampa, FL –**  
Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay - [Annual Meeting Agenda for the FSBA](#)
- June 12 – **FSBA Small District Council/Small School District Council Consortium**  
**Joint Annual Business/Breakfast Meeting -**
- June 24-27– **Florida Association of Counties Annual Meeting – Orlando Hilton -**  
[Information on the FAC Annual Meeting](#)
- June 25 – **Small County Coalition Annual Business/Breakfast meeting**

### **On The Docket**

#### **MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025**

- **FAMU FINALISTS** - Monday, 9 a.m. - The Florida A&M University Board of Trustees will start interviewing finalists to become the school's president. Interviews are expected to be spread over four days. - Information at [https://www.famu.edu/about-famu/leadership/board-of-trustees/agendas\\_and\\_minutes.php](https://www.famu.edu/about-famu/leadership/board-of-trustees/agendas_and_minutes.php)
- **UTILITY ISSUES** - Monday, 10:30 a.m. - The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an event in Volusia County to discuss utility issues with seniors, including avoiding utility scams. - Ormond Beach Senior Center, 351 Andrews St., Ormond Beach.
- **CITRUS NUMBERS** - Monday, noon. - The U.S. Department of Agriculture will update a forecast for the 2024-2025 citrus growing season. - Call-in number: 1-888-844-9904. Code: 8552986
- **'CAT FUND'** - Monday, 1:30 p.m. - The Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Advisory Council will meet. - The Hermitage Centre, 1801 Hermitage Blvd., Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-872-242-7651. Code: 394556429

#### **TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025**

##### **— Legislature:**

- **HOUSE EXTENDS SESSION** - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The House is expected to meet to pass a resolution extending the legislative session to negotiate a budget. - House chamber, the Capitol.
- **PROPERTY TAXES** - Tuesday, 2 p.m. - The House Select Committee on Property Taxes is scheduled to meet. - 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.

##### **— Also:**

- **SUWANNEE WATER BOARD** - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board will meet. - Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak.
- **GAMBLING ISSUES** - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - The Florida Gaming Control Commission will meet. - Marriott Fort Lauderdale Airport, 166 North Compass Way, Dania Beach.
- **REHABILITATION COUNCIL** - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - The Florida Rehabilitation Council will hold a quarterly meeting. - Information at <https://www.rehabworks.org/frc/frc-events.html>

- ST. JOHNS WATER BOARD - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board will meet. - St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid St., Palatka.
- 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.
- UTILITY ISSUES - Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. - The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an event in Volusia County to discuss utility issues with seniors, including avoiding utility scams. - Daytona Beach Senior Center, 308 South Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., Daytona Beach.
- CYBERSECURITY - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council will meet. - University of South Florida, Judy Genshaft Honors College, 12260 USF Genshaft Dr., Tampa.
- BYRD SPEAKS TO GOP WOMEN - Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. - State Board of Education member Esther Byrd is scheduled to speak to the Seminole Republican Women, Federated. - Oviedo Cultural Center, 357 Center Lake Lane, Oviedo.

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 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
- UTILITY ISSUES - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an event in Volusia County to discuss utility issues with seniors, including avoiding utility scams. - The Deltona Center, 1640 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., Deltona.
- SCHOOL PRINCIPALS HONORED - Wednesday, noon. - Florida TaxWatch will honor Principal Leadership Award winners during a luncheon at its spring meeting. Speakers are expected to include Florida Lottery Secretary John Davis. - The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota, 1111 Ritz Carlton Dr., Sarasota.
- NORTHWEST WATER BOARD - Wednesday, 1 p.m. - The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. - Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management Dr., Havana.
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Wednesday, 1 p.m. - The Southwest Florida Refugee Task Force will meet. - <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/southwest-florida-refugee-task-force-meeting>

### **THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025**

- CHIROPRACTIC ISSUES - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Board of Chiropractic Medicine will meet. - Holiday Inn Tampa Airport Westshore, 700 North Westshore Blvd., Tampa.
- SOCIAL WORK BOARD - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - The state Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling will meet. - Hyatt Place St. Augustine/Vilano Beach, 117 Vilano Road, St Augustine.
- DEFENSE SUPPORT PANEL - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Defense Support Commission is scheduled to meet. - AC Hotel Tallahassee Universities at the Capitol, 801 South Gadsden St., Tallahassee.
- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council will meet. - The Florida Hotel and Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando.
- SOUTHWEST FLORIDA ISSUES - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. - Florida Department of Transportation SunGuide SWIFT Center 10041 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91588729954?pwd=OVERTVNQVVpRZjQrYlJab1dpMDBPUT09>. Call -in number: 1-929-205-6099. Meeting ID: 91588729954. Code: 082520

- GULF COAST COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The Gulf Coast State College Board of Trustees will meet. - Gulf Coast State College, Gulf/Franklin Campus, 3800 Garrison Ave., Port St. Joe.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- UNIVERSITY SYSTEM - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The state university system's Board of Governors will hold two committee meetings, followed by a full board meeting. - Information at <https://www.flbog.edu/board/upcoming-meeting/>
- I-95 INTERCHANGE - Thursday, 5 p.m. - The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting about a project involving the Interstate 95 interchange at Sunrise Boulevard in Broward County. - ArtServe, 1350 East Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale.
- BERMAN DISCUSSES SESSION - Thursday, 7 p.m. - Senate Minority Leader Lori Berman, D-Boca Raton, is scheduled to discuss the 2025 legislative session during a meeting of the Democratic Club of Delray Beach. - Information at <https://pbcdemocraticparty.org/event/2025-legislative-recap-with-sen-lori-berman/>
- LOBBYIST REPORTS DUE - Lobbying firms face a Thursday deadline for filing reports detailing compensation from Jan. 1 through March 31.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council is scheduled to meet. - The Florida Hotel and Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando.
- OSTEOPATHIC BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine will meet. - The Westshore Grand, 4860 West Kennedy Blvd., Tampa.
- NURSING BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Board of Nursing will meet. - Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 275112502
- HISTORICAL PANEL - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Historical Commission is scheduled to meet. - R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough St., Tallahassee.
- JOBLESS NUMBERS RELEASED - Friday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Department of Commerce will release an April unemployment report.
- UNF TRUSTEES - Friday, 10 a.m. - The University of North Florida Board of Trustees will meet. - <https://unf.zoom.us/j/81410587710#success>. Webinar ID: 81410587710
- PEREZ RECEIVES AWARD - Friday, 11 a.m. - House Speaker Daniel Perez, R-Miami, is slated to receive a public-service award during the annual Claude Pepper Awards Luncheon held by United HomeCare. - The Pullman Hotel, 5800 Waterford District Dr., Miami.
- TERM LIMITS - Friday, noon. - The Tampa Tiger Bay Club will host a discussion about term limits, with participants including Sen. Darryl Rouson, D-St. Petersburg, former Senate President Tom Lee, Hillsborough County Property Appraiser Bob Henriquez and lobbyist Ron Pierce. - The Cuban Club, 2010 North Avenida Republica de Cuba, Tampa.
- SPECIAL ELECTION REPORTS DUE - Candidates in special elections in Orange County's Senate District 15 and House District 40 face a Friday deadline for filing campaign-finance reports. Special primary elections will be held June 24.

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