



The Briefing for Monday, May 18, 2026

The Last Briefing was Friday, May 15, 2026

Note – All previous Briefings can be accessed at www.smallcountycoalition.org or www.ssdcc.org

Click the Briefing button at the website!

What's the weather outlook?

10-Day Weather Forecast for Tallahassee, FL – The Weather Channel

Upcoming Meetings for School Officials

June 10 – 12, 2026 FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference, Tampa, FL

[View the Tentative Agenda](#)

Small District Officials will meet Thursday morning.

On Thursday Morning – June 11th – the FSBA Small District Council will meet to conduct Annual Business. The Small School District Council Consortium will also meet after the FSBA SDC concludes its business. The meeting is scheduled in Audubon D/E/F

Upcoming Meetings for County Commissioners

On June 23-26, the Florida Association of Counties will convene its 2026 Annual Conference in Orlando. [Tentative Agenda for FAC Annual Conference](#)

Small County Coalition to Meet at FAC Annual Conference

The Small County Coalition will convene on Wednesday morning for its Annual meeting. The Small County Coalition meeting is not listed on the FAC agenda but will be held 7:00am-8:30am on Wednesday.

Special Session on Budget Moves into Week 2

The special session on the budget continues into its second week, as of Friday afternoon, the budget committees of each chamber have “Bumped” unresolved issues to the Budget Chairs of the House and Senate for deliberation. At some point, if the budget chairs can not agree – the unresolved issues will be “Bumped” again to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to resolve any remaining issues. Time slots for public conference discussions are scheduled each day of this week. Memos have been sent to House and Senate members outlining the schedule from the rest of the Special Session, which is scheduled to end on Friday, May 29th. Spreadsheets outlining the most recent budget offers are linked below.

Property Taxes

No proposal has been offered yet by the Governor's Office on how to proceed with the reform of property taxes. A Special Session will be scheduled sometime after the Budget is resolved to consider what proposal will be offered to the voters in the November General Election. What we anticipate is an a proposal that increases the amount of property taxes to be exempted on Homesteaded properties. Local government should begin to look at the potential impact on local budgets and how program/service reduction will take shape. If a constitutional amendment passes in November, it will not impact local budget until FY 27-28.

Meetings of Interest to Counties and School Districts

Two meetings of local interest will be held this week. On Wednesday, there will be a meeting to consider a Sheriff's budget appeal. On Friday, the Financial Emergency Board established to oversee the Glades and Union School Districts will meeting.

- **TAYLOR SHERIFF'S BUDGET** - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - The Administration Commission will hear an appeal from the Taylor County Sheriff Wayne Padgett and the Taylor County Commission on his final approved budget. Location: Florida Department of Transportation Auditorium, 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee.
- **GLADES, UNION SCHOOL DISTRICTS** - Friday, 9:15 a.m. - The Financial Emergency Board for the Glades County School District and the Union County School District is holding an online meeting. Location: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/6f519573-5f83-49a9-a79b-830b2da5e9d0@63bf107b-cb6f-4173-8c1c-1406bb5cb794>

Latest Conference Offers

Unresolve Issue have been "Bumped" to Appropriation Chairs
The offers below are the last offers exchanged – items shaded have been agreed to!
Items without shading are unresolved
You can wordsearch terms and names in each of the spreadsheets to see items of interest.

Agriculture & Natural Resources / Agriculture, Environment and General Government	
	• House Offer 1 - Proviso, Implementing & Conforming Bills (852 KB) • Senate Offer 2 - Budget Spreadsheet, NON-Water Projects, Back of Bill (899 KB) • Senate Offer 2 - Budget Spreadsheet, NON-Water Projects, Back of Bill (899 KB)
J Health Care / Health & Human Services	

	• House Offer 2 - Budget Spreadsheet & Projects (612 KB) • Senate Offer 2 - Budget Spreadsheet & Projects (957 KB)
J	Higher Education / Education
	• House Offer 1 - Conforming Bill & Implementing Bill (346 KB) • House Offer 2 - Budget Spreadsheet & Projects (448 KB) • Senate Offer 1 - Proviso (243 KB)
J	Justice / Criminal and Civil Justice
	• Senate Offer 1 - Proviso, Back of Bill, Implementing Bill (877 KB) • House Offer 1 - Conforming Bill HB 5403E (243 KB) • House Offer 2 - Budget Spreadsheet & Projects (480 KB)
J	PreK-12 / Pre-K-12 Education
	• Senate Offer 1 - Budget, Projects, Proviso, Back of Bill (781 KB)
I	State Administration / Agriculture, Environment and General Government
	• Senate Offer 2 - Budget, Proviso, Projects, BOB, IB (2 MB)
I	Transportation & Economic Development / Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development
	• Senate Offer 2 - Budget Spreadsheet & Projects (892 KB) • House Offer 2 - Proviso, Back of Bill, Implementing Bill (239 KB)

Here are some links that will assist you in monitoring the session.

<https://www.flhouse.gov/>

<https://www.flsenate.gov/>

The Florida Channel to Watch Proceedings

House Directory

Senate Directory

On The Docket This Week

MONDAY, MAY 18

--- Legislature

- BUDGET CONFERENCE - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - **If noticed**, House and Senate budget committees will update proposals throughout the day for the various sections of the fiscal year 2026-2027 spending plan.

OTHER SCHEDULED EVENTS:

- SPACE FLORIDA ACCOUNTABILITY - Monday, 1 p.m. - The Space Florida Audit, Accountability, and Governance Committee is meeting online. Location: Phone 321-234-5533. Code: 530 990 455#
- VISIT FLORIDA FINANCES - Monday, 3 p.m. description: The Visit Florida Finance Committee is holding an online meeting. Location: The meeting will be streamed on The Florida Channel.
- FRIENDS OF THE STATE LIBRARY - Monday, 10 a.m. - The Friends of the State Library and Archives of Florida Executive Committee is meeting. Location: Room 307, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee.
- SBA - Monday, 10 a.m. - The State Board of Administration is meeting. Location: Hermitage Room, First Floor, The Hermitage Centre, 1801 Hermitage Blvd, Tallahassee.
- SOUTH FLORIDA PLANNING - Monday, 10:30 a.m. - The South Florida Regional Planning Council is meeting. Location: 1 Oakwood Boulevard, Suite 250, Hollywood.
- CONGRESSIONAL GOP FORUM - Monday, 11:30 a.m. - The Capital Tiger Bay Club is holding a forum for Republican candidates for Congressional District 2, which covers Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla, and Washington counties and portions of Walton and Lafayette counties. Location: The Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, 505 West Pensacola Street, Tallahassee.
- SEMINOLE STATE COLLEGE - Monday, 1 p.m. - Board of Trustees meeting Location: Sanford/Lake Mary Campus, Board Room, W-200; Livestream at: www.seminolestate.edu/live-video

TUESDAY, MAY 19

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OTHER SCHEDULED EVENTS:

- INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE - Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. - Board of Trustees meeting Location: Indian River State College – Pruitt Campus STEM Center Research Coast Auditorium, S108 500 NW California Blvd, Port St. Lucie, FL
- MIAMI-DADE COLLEGE - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - Board of Trustees meeting that may include discussion of potential real estate transactions. Location: Wolfson Campus at 300 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami, in the James K. Batten Community Room (Room 2106) and via livestream at <https://www.mdc.edu/livestream>.
- NORTH FLORIDA COLLEGE - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - Board of Trustees meeting Location: 325 NW Turner Davis Dr, Madison, FL 32340-Board Room-Building 9
- NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE - Tuesday, 2 p.m. CDT - Board of Trustees budget workshop meeting Location: Raider Central, Building 400, Morell Room 302, Niceville Campus, 100 College Boulevard E, Niceville, Florida

- PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - Board of Trustees meeting Location: Multi-Media Board Room, LGA 139, on the Loxahatchee Groves Campus of Palm Beach State College, at 15845 Southern Blvd, Loxahatchee, FL
- PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE - Tuesday, 4:30 p.m. CDT - Board of Trustees meeting Location: Pensacola Campus
- ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - Board of Trustees meeting Location: SPC EPICENTER (Collaborative Labs) 13805 58th STREET N, Clearwater, FL
- SPACE FLORIDA INVESTMENTS - Tuesday, 3 p.m. - The Space Florida Investment Committee is meeting. Location: Phone: 321-234-5533. Code: 152 798 789#
- PYTHON HUNT DATES - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the South Florida Water Management District will announce the dates for the 2026 Florida Python Challenge. Location: S-356 Pump Station, U.S. Highway 41 (SW 8th St.), west of Krome Ave, Homestead.
- SOUTH FLORIDA PLANNING - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The South Florida Regional Planning Council will discuss the Southeast Florida Community Development Fund and the Revolving Loan Fund. Location: 1 Oakwood Boulevard, Suite 250, Hollywood.
- TURNPIKE AT COCONUT CREEK PARKWAY - Tuesday, 6 p.m. - Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is holding a meeting on interchange modifications for Florida's Turnpike at Coconut Creek Parkway in Broward County. Location: The Fort Lauderdale Marriott North, 6650 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale.

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- FLORIDA CITRUS - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Citrus Commission is meeting. Location: Florida Department of Citrus, 605 E. Main Street, Bartow.
- TAYLOR SHERIFF'S BUDGET - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - The Administration Commission will hear an appeal from the Taylor County Sheriff Wayne Padgett and the Taylor County Commission on his final approved budget. Location: Florida Department of Transportation Auditorium, 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee.
- VISIT FLORIDA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Wednesday, 1 p.m. - The Visit Florida Board of Directors Executive Committee is holding a zoom call in advance of the May 28 Board meeting.

THURSDAY, MAY 21

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OTHER SCHEDULED EVENTS:

- DAYTONA STATE COLLEGE - 1 p.m. - Board of Trustees workshop meeting, followed by a regular board meeting at 2 p.m. Location: Wetherell Center (Bldg. 100), Board Room (Room 402L)
- EMERALD COAST PLANNING - Thursday, 3 p.m. CT - The Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization Board is meeting at 3 p.m. after committee meetings that begin at 9:30 a.m. CT. Location: Chautauqua Hall, 95 Circle Dr, Defuniak Springs.
- KNIGHT EXECUTION SLATED - Thursday, 6 p.m. - Florida Death Row inmate Richard Knight is scheduled to be executed for the 2000 murder of Odessia Stephens and her four-year-old daughter Hanessia Mullings in Broward County. Location: Florida State Prison, 23916 N.W. 83rd Ave., Raiford.

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- APRIL UNEMPLOYMENT - Friday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Department of Commerce will release the April unemployment report. Location: The Department website.
- FLORIDA FOLK FESTIVAL - Friday, 5:45 p.m. - The Florida State Parks hosts the 74th Annual Florida Folk Festival through Sunday starting with an open ceremony Friday evening. Location: Stephen Foster Folk Cultural Center State Park, 11016 Lillian Saunders Drive/U.S. Highway 41, White Springs.
- FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY - Friday, 10:45 a.m. - Board of Trustees meeting Location: Barnett Applied Research Center (BARC) Room 2200 and Virtual via Microsoft Teams; Dial in: 1-863-225-2351 | Conference ID: 397 954 778#

Programs Important to Small Counties

[26-27 - Budget Proposals for Important Small County Programs .docx](#)

Florida Education Finance Program

Status of K-12 Funding at the end of the 60 Day Session

[Senate FEFPP Proposal for 26-27](#)

[House FEFPP Proposal for 26-27](#)

DATA SETS ON STATEWIDE MILLAGE RATES AND LOCAL TAX ROLLS

[Report on Millage Rates and Taxes Levied](#)

[Data Sets on County Tax Roll Components](#)

Florida Association of Counties Property Tax Report

Florida DOGE Report Jan 2026 – Adobe cloud storage

Florida TAXWATCH Report How Florida Counties Compare!

Fiscal Structure & Revenue Resilience of Florida Municipalities

Headlines Around The State

Times: 'Demand is growing': Florida lab ramps up stem-cell production

Post: Florida's public school 'funding death spiral' has communities stressed

WUSF: Why was Florida sued over its universal school vouchers?

PNJ: Florida school closures spread as enrollment plunges statewide

PNJ: Property taxes already low in Escambia, Santa Rosa amid Florida debate

WUSF: Drought drains Southwest Florida water reserve, officials say supply is secure

FlaPol: Down in polls, Paul Renner says grassroots will come through for him in gubernatorial race

Florida Phoenix: DeSantis signs law arming trained college, university faculty after FSU shooting

Florida Phoenix: School choice advocates push back against union's 'frivolous' voucher suit

FlaPol: Budget conference: Senate, House make strides on environment, ag, but dozens of gaps remain

FlaPol: Budget conference: House, Senate divided on funding Ron DeSantis' pet economic program

FlaPol: Budget conference: Long list of unresolved TED items bumped to budget Chairs

FlaPol: Budget conference: State Guard missions cut as budget talks continue

Florida Phoenix: It's midpoint in budget negotiations and chambers take a break

Florida Phoenix: DeSantis and Ladapo tout freedom as measles rages

Here are key dates for 26-27

May 12 – 29 -	Special Session on Budget
June 9-12	FSBA Summer Meeting – Tampa
June 11 –	Small District Breakfast – SSDCC Annual Meeting
June 23-26 –	FAC Annual Conference – Orlando
June 24 -	Small County Coalition Summer Meeting
August 18 –	Primary Elections
Sept 16-17 –	FAC Policy Conference – Jacksonville
Nov 3 –	General Election
Nov. 17-19-	Rural Summit – Ocala – Sponsored by FREDa
Dec 2-4 –	Florida Association of Counties Legislative Conference

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Dec 3 - Small District Breakfast – SSDCC Legislative Meeting
Dec - Feb. - Legislative Committee Meetings
March 2 - Legislature convenes
March 16 - Small County Coalition – Legislative Reception
March 17 - Small School District Council Consortium
March 17-18- Rural Days 2027 – Tentative
March 17-18 – FSBA Days in the Legislature
March 17 - Florida Association Counties – Legislative Day
April 30 - Legislative Session 60 Days – Sine Die!

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