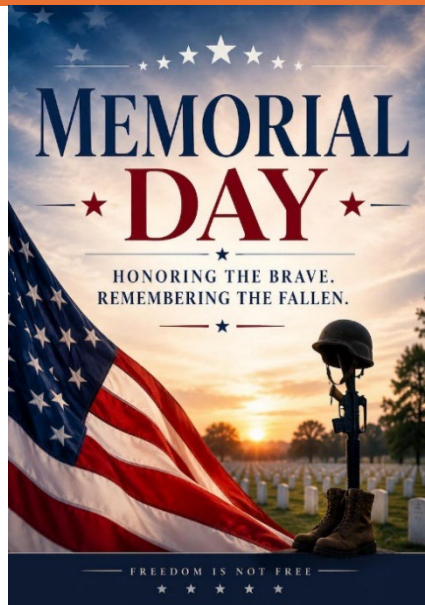




The Briefing for Monday, May 25, 2026

The Last Briefing was Saturday, May 23, 2026

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Memorial Day 2026

Memorial Day falls on today, Monday, May 25, 2026. The federal holiday honors U.S. military personnel who died while serving. While the long weekend is widely celebrated as the unofficial start of summer with barbecues and travel, its true purpose is dedicated to mourning and remembrance. [1, 2]

For historical background on the day's origins, check out History.com, and read the official White House Proclamation for this year's address. [1, 2]

What's the weather outlook?

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

NBA Conference Finals –

Spurs vs OKC - Thunder leads series 2-2

NYC vs Cleveland – Knicks lead series – 3-0

Budget Conference Ends

The Conferees met twice on Sunday exchanging final BUMP offers.

Best to wait for the final reports to be distributed. -

Final Conference Report

Final Budget Documents will be consolidated available soon.

Sometime this afternoon or tomorrow the final conference reports will be distributed to the House and Senate members. When they become available, the 72 hr waiting period will begin. Legislators will be able to vote on the budget documents after the 3 day waiting period ends, more than likely on Friday.

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.

Headlines Around The State

Politico: Florida emergency chief hopes FEMA fundig delays in past heading into hurricane season

Times: Homeowners insurance in Florida has increased by how much?

FlaPol: Jimmy Patronis cheers on transportation improvement bill funding up to \$580B

WUSF: As climate migrants flee Florida's coasts, Alachua County prepares its welcome

WUSF: Economist warns Sarasota commissioners of looming economic threat

Democrat: Florida lawmakers reach budget deal in special session

Politico: Florida's famed agriculture industry faces bumper crop of natural disasters

Sentinel: How Orlando is keeping its major league baseball dreams alive

WUSF: Developers push massive data center complex in DeSoto County amid backlash

FlaPol: Democrats push back on arts funding cuts during Orlando Fringe, budget talks

FlaPol: Budget conference: Lawmakers strike a deal on state parks, environmental projects and kill Ocklawaha River project

Sentinel: Local leaders reflect on response to Pulse attack nearly 10 years later

FlaPol: Budget conference: House says no to Ron DeSantis security after he steps down

FlaPol: 'Who did he handpick?': Jay Collins flustered as Ron DeSantis questions linger

FlaPol: Budget conference: House unwilling to fund meal delivery for struggling Northeast Florida seniors

Times: Floridians pay for CFO Ingoglia's rides, security detail at sporting events

The Hill: Rubio, in India, says Iran war will be solved 'one way or the other'

FlaPol: 'Crock of legalese': War of words continues between Rick Scott, UF over presidential search

Times: UF and Sen. Rick Scott trade barbs on presidential search

On The Docket This Week

TUESDAY, MAY 26

- BUDGET CONFERENCE - 8 a.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:

- HISTORIC MARKERS - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Florida Historical Marker Council will review historical marker applications. Location: R.A. Gray Building, Room 307, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee.
- VISIT FLORIDA MARKETING - Tuesday, 2 p.m. - The Visit Florida Marketing Committee is holding a Zoom call on marketing plans and updates. Location: The meeting will be streamed on the Florida Channel.
- BOARD OF GOVERNORS - Tuesday, 2 p.m. - The state university system Board of Governors is holding an online call. Location: Visit: <https://www.flbog.edu/board/upcoming-meeting/>.
- MANATEE-SARASOTA - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - The State College of Florida Manatee-Sarasota Board of Trustees will hold a meeting. Location: SCF Bradenton Board Room #7 – 160
- KEYS COLLEGE - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The College of the Florida Keys Board of Trustees will hold a budget workshop meeting, followed by a regular board meeting. Location: The William A. Seeker Campus, Boardroom, Key West, FL.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

- BISCAYNE BAY WATERS - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is hosting a meeting of the Biscayne Bay Commission to discuss matters pertaining to the protection of the vital natural resources within Biscayne Bay. Location: The meeting will be streamed on the Florida Channel.
- BROWARD COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - The Broward College Board of Trustees is holding a workshop. Location: Willis Holcombe Center 111 East Las Olas Boulevard, Room 1208 Fort Lauderdale.
- BAY COUNTY TRANSIT PLANNING - Wednesday, 3 p.m. - The Bay County Transportation Planning Organization is meeting. Location: Bayway Public Transit System Administration Facility, 1010 Cone Ave, Panama City.
- SOUTH FLORIDA - Wednesday, 11 a.m. - The South Florida State College Board of Trustees will hold a budget workshop meeting, followed by a regular board meeting. Location: Highlands Campus, 600 W. College Dr., Avon Park, FL

THURSDAY, MAY 28

- INDEPENDENT EDUCATION - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Commission for Independent Education will hold a meeting on degree granting institutions. Location: Visit: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ppQe6S6gSLiTFDOsIIDy5A
- **SOUTHWEST FLORIDA PLANNING** - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council/LEPC District 9 is meeting. Location: Marco Island Fire and Rescue, 1280 San Marco Rd., Marco Island.

- VISIT FLORIDA - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The Visit Florida Board of Directors is meeting. Location: Loews Royal Pacific Resort, Universal Orlando, Coral Sea Ballroom, 6300 Hollywood Way, Orlando.
- GULF COAST - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The Gulf Coast State College Board of Trustees will hold a meeting. Location: Gulf Franklin campus
- **APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING** - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The Apalachee Regional Planning Council is meeting. Location: 2507 Callaway Road, Suite 100, Tallahassee.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- HEARTLAND PLANNING - Thursday, 2 p.m. - The Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization is meeting. Location: BGA Adams Road, LLC, 1220 Adams Road, Fort Meade.
- SELECT FLORIDA - Thursday, 3 p.m. - The Select Florida Board of Directors will hold an online call to consider the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget. Location: Visit: <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/5d210db0-9458-4024-bf91-30df125b99ca@931da019-f64e-4908-b0f6-92f46f78c512>
- **NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA PLANNING** - Thursday, 7 p.m. - North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is meeting, following committee meetings. Location: Drury Inn and Suites, Mockingbird Room, 4000 Southwest 40th Boulevard, Gainesville.

FRIDAY, MAY 29

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- Last scheduled day of the budget special session.

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
Dec 2 -	Small County Coalition Breakfast –
Dec 2-4 –	FSBA Legislative Conference – Tampa
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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