



The Briefing for Saturday, May 23, 2026

The Last Briefing was Wednesday, May 20, 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

NBA Conference Finals –

Spurs vs OKC - Thunder leads series 2-1

NYC vs Cleveland – Knicks lead series – 2-0

Budget Conferees Getting Close to Settling Budget

The Conferees met three times Friday afternoon exchanging proposals in Education, Transportation, Economic Development, Agriculture, Economic Development and General Government.

Listed below are the latest proposals –

- The Conferees will meet next on Sunday afternoon with the intention of closing out all issues. The Conference Report has to be distributed to House and Senate members by Tuesday evening in order for the legislature to be able to vote on Friday.
- Although the following links are technical – all of them are word searchable. If you have a specific project or program in mind, click on the link and enter the key word in the search option (Ctrl F).

Links for budget offers-

- [PK12 House Bump Offer 1 - Budget, Proviso, Back of Bill](#) (2 MB) -this spreadsheet includes the FEFP offer with budget language.
- [PECO Funding List](#) (140 KB) – the link provides funding rec's for Capital Outlay. Including Special Facilities.
- [PECO House Offer 1 - PECO Proviso and Back of Bill](#) (213 KB) – the link provides narrative for implementing the Capital Outlay issues.
- [Higher Ed House Bump Offer 1 - Budget, Projects, Proviso, Conforming, Implementing](#) (482 KB)
- [Transportation and Economic Development - House Bump Offer 1 - Budget, Projects/Road Projects, Proviso, Implementing Bill, Back of Bill](#) (506 KB)

- [Agriculture and Natural Resources/ Agriculture, Environment and General Government -House Bump Offer 1 - Budget, Water Projects](#) (488 KB)
- [State Administration/Agriculture, Environment, and General Government - House Bump Offer 1 - Budget, Projects, Back of Bill](#) (545 KB)
- [Admin Funds House Bump Offer 1 - Initial Side by Side, Proviso, Back of Bill](#) (426 KB)
- [Criminal and Civil Justice/Justice House Bump Offer 1 - Budget, Project Supplemental, Proviso, Back of Bill, Implementing Bill](#) (887 KB)
- [Health and Human Services - House Bump Offer 1 - Budget, Projects](#) (547 KB)

Note – All issues are subject to change until they are accepted, printed and distributed. Also, there will be the addition of a “Sprinkle” list which includes funding for additional projects or programs.

Florida wildfire, smoke map: Track latest wildfires, red flag warnings **[Interactive Link to Florida Wildfire Data](#)**

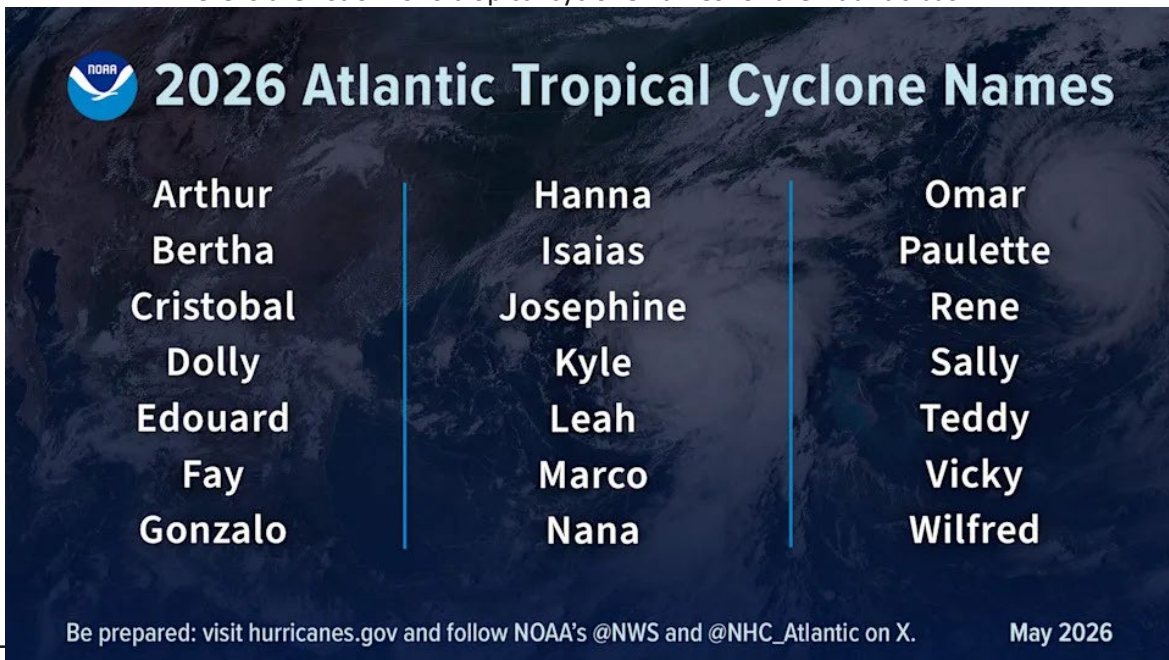
Track the latest wildfire and smoke information with data that is updated hourly based upon input from several incident and intelligence sources.

NOAA's 2026 Atlantic hurricane outlook predicts 'below-average' season

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Thursday issued its official outlook for the 2026 Atlantic hurricane season, which begins on June 1 and lasts until Nov. 30.

NOAA is forecasting 8 to 14 named storms to form in the Atlantic basin this year. Forecasters are predicting a below-normal hurricane season for the Atlantic basin, which comprises the Atlantic Ocean, the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico.

Here is the list of 2026 tropical cyclone names for the Atlantic basin:



The graphic features the NOAA logo in the top left corner. The title "2026 Atlantic Tropical Cyclone Names" is prominently displayed in white text against a dark blue background that shows a satellite view of the Atlantic Ocean. Below the title, the names are organized into three vertical columns, separated by thin white lines. The names in each column are: Arthur, Bertha, Cristobal, Dolly, Edouard, Fay, Gonzalo; Hanna, Isaias, Josephine, Kyle, Leah, Marco, Nana; and Omar, Paulette, Rene, Sally, Teddy, Vicky, Wilfred. At the bottom of the graphic, there is a white text box containing the message: "Be prepared: visit hurricanes.gov and follow NOAA's @NWS and @NHC_Atlantic on X. May 2026".

Arthur	Hanna	Omar
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Reports on MILLAGE RATES AND LOCAL TAX ROLLS

Florida Policy Institute Research Impact of Property Tax cut on Local Governments

[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

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

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.

On The Docket This Week

MONDAY, MAY 25 - Memorial Day

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.

Headlines Around The State

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis explains how he exacts vengeance through budget vetoes

FlaPol: Blaise Ingoglia backs Senate offer to provide security for Ron DeSantis after he leaves office

Times-Union: Florida paying hefty settlement to employee fired over Charlie Kirk post

FlaPol: Paul Renner wants parental rights protections in Florida Constitution

Floridian: Paul Renner Launches 'Parents for Renner' Coalition Promoting Educational Freedom

Times: DeSantis calls special election for Pinellas, Pasco state Senate seat

NYT: Rubio Moves Closer to Decades-Long Goal of Transforming Cuba

Herald: Rick Scott blasts UF president search, money for Uthmeier, and interim president

Sun: U.S. Sen. Scott calls UF search flawed, questions Landry severance

The Capitolist: Sen. Rick Scott Asks State Chancellor to Review UF hiring practices

Today: Three new property insurers enter Florida market. Here's who they are

WLRN: Why Florida's rainy season is a statewide handoff

WLRN: Florida Cabinet officers give warning as peak wildfire season is only beginning

FlaPol: Jenna Persons-Mulicka appointed as Lee County Supervisor of Elections

FlaPol: 'Effective leadership': Florida cattle industry rallies behind Wilton Simpson's re-election bid

DBNJ: Ex-Flagler commissioner, represented by Anthony Sabatini, sues website

Times: Pasco is a fast-growing county. Why is school enrollment dropping?

USA Today: Broward County could close 10+, adding to Miami-Dade possible closures

WLRN: Broward County school board seeks legal action against county tax collectors office over referendum money

News-Press: State announces start of 2026 Florida Python Challenge. \$25K at stake

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 FRED A
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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