



The Arrington Articles

May 26th - June 13th

Hello

The legislative budget process advanced further this past week, with lawmakers making meaningful strides toward finalizing the state budget. Both chambers have been actively engaged in reviewing funding proposals, negotiating critical allocations, and refining priorities to ensure the final budget reflects the needs and interests of our communities. Below, you can read about some of the key wins we've achieved so far.

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Budget Updates

We do not have the finalized numbers for the budget yet; however, we are pleased to share some tentative numbers. Please note that all of these projects are subject to change during the Governor's veto process.

Education

- 1.5 billion in teacher pay increases

- An increase in spending per student

Transportation

- A minimum of \$351 million in highway improvements

Conservation

- \$165 million in Everglades Restoration

We'll be heading back to Tallahassee early next week for final questions, debate, and a vote on the budget. We will provide real-time updates as we move toward the finish line. See the official memo below!



THE FLORIDA SENATE
SENATOR BEN ALBRITTON
President

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators
FROM: Ben Albritton
SUBJECT: Timing for Final Vote on the Budget
DATE: June 13, 2025

Chairs Hooper and McClure have completed the last conference meeting on the budget and plan to hold a final conference meeting later today to complete work on conforming bills, including the tax relief package, and the budget implementing bill.

At this time, I anticipate the General Appropriations Act will be laid on the desk and the 72-hour review period will begin later this evening. You will receive an email from Mr. Sadberry notifying you that the 72-hour period has started and noting the specific time the budget was made available for public review. The time listed in that email will be the time the budget is available for a final vote on Monday. **For your travel and planning purposes, the Senate intends to convene three hours prior to that time, to swear in Senator Mayfield and to discuss and debate the budget and related bills before we vote.**

Once the budget has been laid on the desk, the Secretary will publish the calendar and note the specific time the Senate will convene.

Putting together the final GAA is complicated and sometimes there can be unforeseen delays and technical difficulties. We will certainly keep you updated and let you know if there are any changes to the schedule noted above.

Non-Profit Spotlight

This week, we're proud to showcase the impactful work of The Salvation Army. Through a comprehensive, holistic approach—including shelter, food assistance, and case management—they unite community partners, volunteers, and resources to provide hope, support, and stability for individuals and families in need. You can visit their website to learn more and get involved.



<https://southernusa.salvationarmy.org/orlando/osceola-county/>

Pride Month



In honor of Pride Month, we're proud to highlight Joshua and Michael Orsini-Collins founders of *Adopt With Pride*, an organization dedicated to supporting LGBTQ+ individuals and couples on their journey to adoption. Their mission is to ensure that every child has the opportunity to grow up in a loving, supportive home—regardless of the parents' gender identity or sexual orientation.

Helpful Links

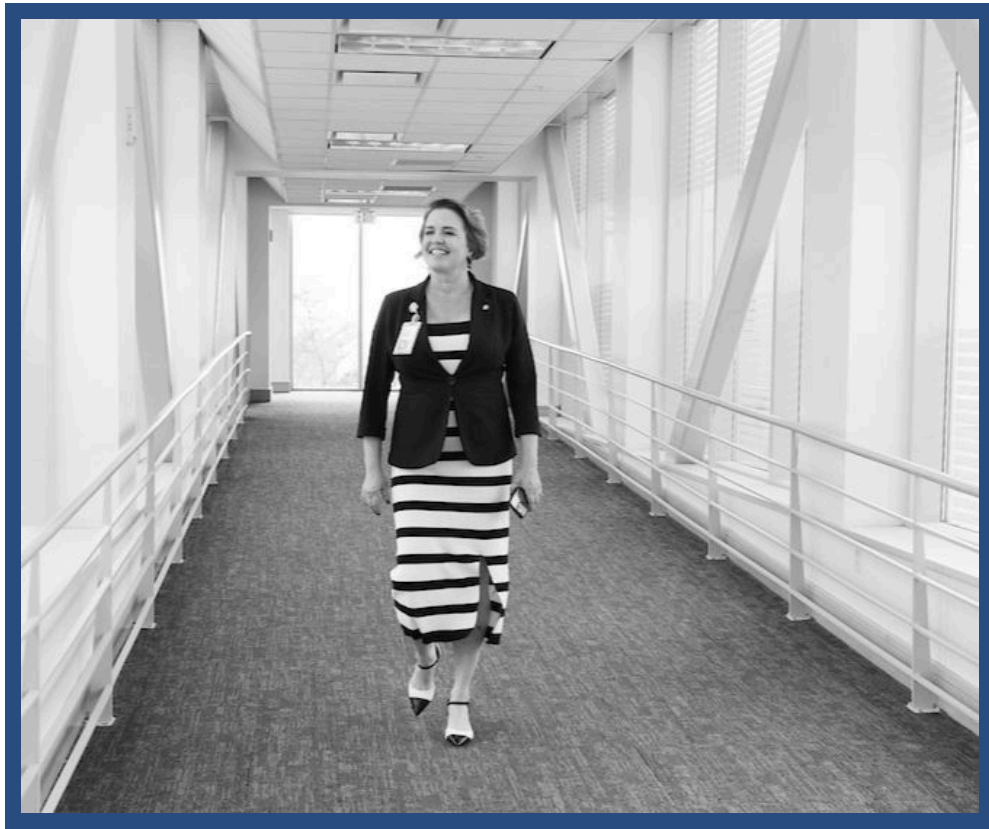
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It is an honor to serve as your voice in Tallahassee. Thank you for the privilege of representing Central Florida. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please don't hesitate to reach out to our office — we are here to help.

Senator Kristen Arrington

