

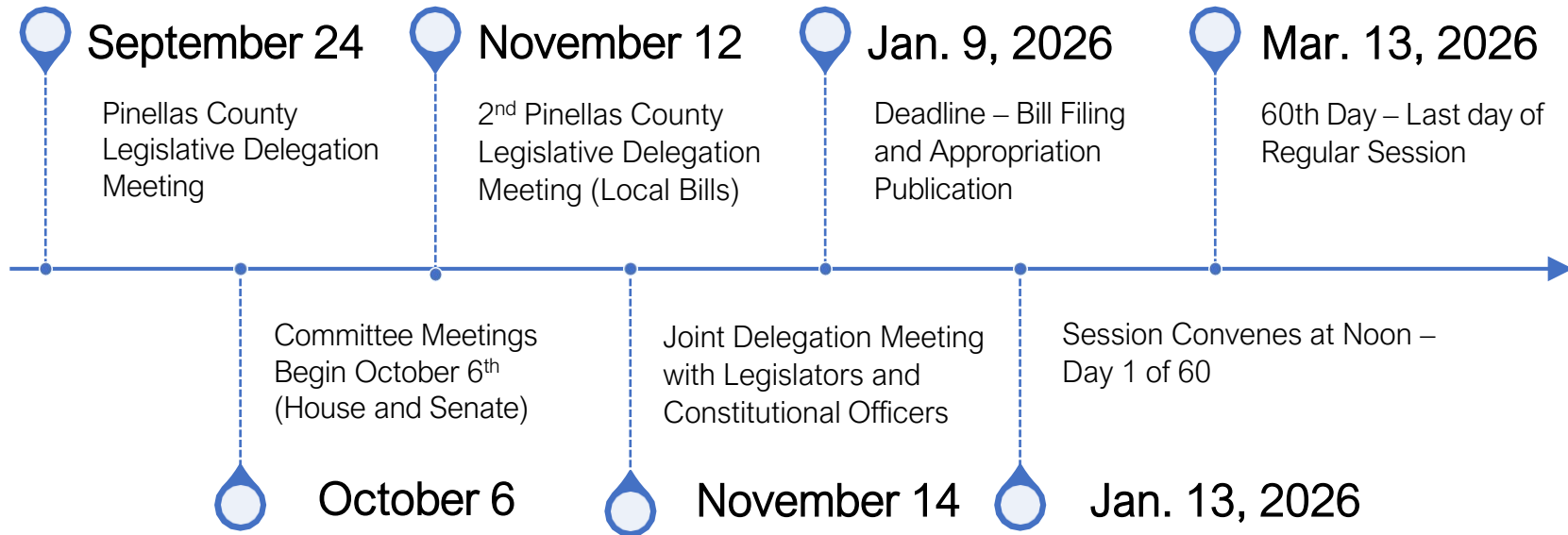


2026 State Legislative Program

October 16, 2025



2026 Regular Session Dates



Guiding Principles



- ✓ Support adequate state funding for constitutional officers required to perform duties on behalf of the state.
- ✓ Support fully funding the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
- ✓ Support a dedicated recurring source of funding for beach nourishment.
- ✓ Support fully funding the Resilient Florida Grant Program.
- ✓ Support assistance with disaster recovery as well as emergency management and planning.
- ✓ Support the continuation of policies that protect Florida's natural resources and scenic beauty, including the prohibition of all oil drilling or exploration efforts in state waters.
- ✓ Support maintaining Tampa Bay Water as the regional water supplier.
- ✓ Support state funding for cultural institutions and the Arts.
- ✓ Support the prioritization of state funding to assist with local and regional infrastructure improvements, including transportation, septic to sewer conversion, damaged sanitary sewer laterals, and wastewater systems.
- ✓ Support innovative funding strategies that address the declining revenue source of transportation funding to adequately address future transportation needs with a specific focus on electric vehicles and allowing for the local indexing of the gas tax.

Legislative Priorities



Disaster Recovery

SUPPORT a state-wide Disaster Recovery proposal to assist with recovery efforts, expedite procedures to get residents back in their homes as quickly as possible, and provide local governments with the flexibility to amend their comprehensive plans and land-use requirements for properties not damaged by natural emergencies to promote community redevelopment, preserve water quality standards, and advance environmental conservation efforts.

Beach Nourishment Funding

SUPPORT fully funding of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Beach Management Funding Assistance Program for traditional beach and inlet projects as well as supplemental program funding to address damages from Hurricanes Debby, Helene, and Milton while also preparing for future storms.

Legislative Priorities



Anonymous Code Enforcement Complaints

SUPPORT policy to allow for a delay in disclosing a complainant's name and address until a hearing officer determines that a code violation existed on the property. This will further protect complainants from retaliatory actions resulting in property damage, threats, acts of violence, bodily injury, or even death. (*FAC Policy Proposal*)

Overdose and Suicide Fatality Review

SUPPORT the creation of statewide Overdose and Suicide Fatality Review committees under the Department of Health to review facts and circumstances of suicide and drug-related deaths. Local review committees would conduct individual case reviews of suicide and drug overdose or drug poisoning deaths, identify factors contributing to those deaths, make recommendations for system, policy and practice improvements at the local and state level, promote interagency collaboration and data sharing consistent with Federal and State confidentiality protections, and inform prevention initiatives through accurate, timely, and comprehensive data.

Non-Legislative Priorities



E-911 Fee Adjustment

SUPPORT adjusting the 911 fee to accommodate increased expenses and expansion of technology to continue providing high quality of service to citizens of Pinellas County. (*FAC Policy Proposal*)

Appropriation Requests



- East Lake Road Corridor Improvements Phase 1
- Seminole Junior Warhawks Field Improvements
- Hurricane Shelter Hardening – Generators
- Hurricane Shelter Hardening – Lealman Exchange
- 31 Pump Station Control Panel Elevating

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Separate BCC Requests

The following requests did not have direct overlap with the operational recommendations from our Departments, so we are including the next few slides for discussion.

Additional BCC Feedback



Tourist Development Tax Expansion

Discuss the expansion of TDT funds to help pay for human costs (such as costs for lifeguards related to tourism) and pay for hard costs related to construction or redevelopment.

Short-Term Rental Regulation

Discuss policy to regulate the density and intensity of short-term rental properties.

Indexing Local Option Fuel Taxes and Electric Vehicle Registration Fees

Discuss policy to allow for the indexing of local option fuel taxes and charge an annual registration fee for electric vehicles.

Additional BCC Feedback



Consolidation of Fire/EMS Independent Fire Districts

Discuss the consolidation of Fire/EMS independent fire districts to alleviate the strain from state law that encourages a reduction in work week hours (42-hour work week) for firefighters.

Retail Pet Store Enforcement Implementation Updates

Discuss protentional proposals that would require new implementation standards and enforcement protocols for retail pet stores.

Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Public Transit

Discuss proposals for FDOT to study Forward Pinellas' performance metrics and efficiency.

Discuss proposals to reduce the board sizes of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and Forward Pinellas.

Discuss further plans to consolidate Forward Pinellas with Pasco and Hillsborough, requiring more BCC oversight.



Questions