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NEW COMMISSIONER BOOT CAMP

DURING THE FAC 2026 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

DEC. 1-3, 2026 | SAWGRASS MARRIOTT PONTE VEDRA FL | **ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1 | CHAMPIONS F

1:00 pm	**Welcome Remarks** Commissioner René Flowers, FAC President, Pinellas County
	Ethics, Sunshine Law & Public Records Caroline Klancke, Executive Director, Florida Ethics Institute
3:00 pm	**Break**
3:15 – 5:15 pm	**Ethics, Sunshine Law & Public Records** Caroline Klancke

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 | CHAMPIONS BC

8:00 – 8:30 am	**Breakfast**
	Welcome Activity: Put Your County on the Map! Denise Vogelgesang, FACT Insurance Manager
8:30 am	**Welcome Remarks** Commissioner René Flowers
8:30 – 9:30 am	**Introductions: C2C Mentor Program** • Ginger Delegal, FAC Executive Director • C2C Mentors & Newly Elected Commissioners
	C2C Mentor Activity: First Job, Best Lesson • Denise Vogelgesang • C2C Mentors
9:30 – 11:00 am	**County Government "Cliff Notes"** Ginger Delegal • County Government Overview: BoCC + Commissioners • Major Functions: Health, Safety, Growth, Infrastructure, Quality of Life • County v. City v. Special Districts • Revenues & Mandates

11:00 am – 11:30 am	**Must v. May: Statutory Requirements Activity** • Denise Vogelgelsang • Ginger Delegal
11:30 – 1:30 pm	**Lunch & The Commissioner's Job Through the Rearview Mirror: Things We Wish We Had Known Panel** **COMMISSIONER PANEL:** • Commissioner Ralph Thomas, FAC Past President, Wakulla County • Commissioner Susan Adams, FAC President Elect, Indian River County • Commissioner Nick Maddox, FAC Past President, Leon County • Commissioner René Flowers, FAC President, Pinellas County **MODERATOR:** Dr. Matthew Sowcik, Ph.D., UF/IFAS
1:30 – 3:00 pm	**Let's Get Registered & Learning!** Emily Anderson, ICG Education & Affiliate Manager • FAC Site & Portal – FAC Website Navigation – Registering for Event in YM – ICG Website Navigation – Registering for ICG Programs (PATH LMS) – News Clips/FAC Newsletters (Constant Contact) • Bookmarking Resources – County Websites – County Ordinances (Municode) – NACo Website – Florida Statutes – State Financial Disclosure Site
3:00 – 3:15 pm	**Break**
3:15 – 5:00 pm	**County to Community: Making Connections** • Commissioner Michelle Lincoln, FAC Immediate Past President, Monroe County • Commissioner Rick Minor, Leon County • Mandy Hines, County Administrator, Desoto County • Jonathan Lewis, County Administrator, Sarasota County **MODERATOR:** Dr. Matthew Sowcik, Ph.D., UF/IFAS
5:30 – 6:30 pm	**FAC Legislative Conference Reception** *Gator Club/Lagoon Deck*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 | CHAMPIONS BC

8:00	**Breakfast**
8:30 am	**Welcome Remarks** Eric Poole, ICG Director
8:30 – 9:30 am	**Crucial Communications** • Cragin Mosteller, FAC Deputy Executive Director • Vincent Long, County Administrator, Leon County • Dr. Matt Sowcik, Ph.D., UF/IFAS – Public Meetings and Processes – County Communications – Intra-Board Communications – Social Media: Personal v. County – Press Releases & Interviews
9:30 – 11:30 am	**Financial Management, Part 1** • Dr. Nathan Palardy, Ph.D, UF/IFAS • Heather Encinosa - Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson – Economic Trends in Florida – County Revenue Sources and Allowable Expenditures
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	**C2C Mentor Lunch & Conversation**
12:30 – 2:30 pm	**Financial Management, Part 2** • Misha Black, FAC Legislative Counsel • Jason Brown, Indian River County – State Shared Revenues – County Budget Process
2:30 – 2:45 pm	**Break**
2:45 – 4:00 pm	**County Budget Game** Leon County Budget Staff
4:00 – 4:30 pm	**What's Next? Overview of Two-Year FAC Cycle** Ginger Delegal
4:30 pm	**Closing Remarks** • Ginger Delegal • Eric Poole

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 | CHAMPIONS DE

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM	**FAC Legislative Conference Closing Breakfast & New Commissioner Recognition**