

I. Meeting Packet



State of Florida
Public Service Commission
INTERNAL AFFAIRS AGENDA
Thursday, March 1, 2018
Following Commission Agenda
Room 105 - Gerald L. Gunter Building

1. Legislative Update
2. General Counsel's Report
3. Executive Director's Report
4. Other Matters

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ANY OF THE AGENDAED ITEMS SHOULD CONTACT THE
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT (850) 413-6463.

II. Outside Persons Who Wish to Address the Commission at Internal Affairs

Note: The records reflect that no outside persons addressed the Commission at this Internal Affairs meeting.

III. Supplemental Materials for Internal Affairs

Note: The records reflect that there were no supplemental materials provided to the Commission during this Internal Affairs meeting.

IV. Transcript

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PROCEEDINGS: INTERNAL AFFAIRS

COMMISSIONERS PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER JULIE I. BROWN
COMMISSIONER RONALD A. BRISÉ
COMMISSIONER DONALD J. POLMANN
COMMISSIONER GARY F. CLARK

DATE: Tuesday, March 1, 2018

TIME: Commenced: 12:22 p.m.
Concluded: 12:31 p.m.

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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Okay. Let the record show
3 it is Tuesday, March 1. It's about 12:22 and this
4 is the Internal Affairs meeting, so we would bring
5 this meeting to order. First thing on the agenda
6 is legislative update.

7 MR. BAEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You know
8 the one disadvantage of moving up in the order is
9 that you've got a lot more fastballs. I remember
10 that at spring training. You're stuck with me for
11 a legislative update, so I'm going to keep it
12 really, really short.

13 At this point, in terms of bills that are
14 moving, the reports are that there isn't anything
15 that really is moving with all budget all the time
16 now. We run a one-hour notice for conference. The
17 good news on conference is that the one conference
18 offer from the House that has come through came
19 through last night late. The House actually
20 receded from its original proposal of reducing the
21 two FTE's from -- our reduction of two FTE's, so
22 they actually moved back to zero, which is where
23 the Senate is. So barring the Senate changing its
24 mind, I think they're at where we were originally.
25 That's the good news.

1 So the only -- at this point, the only
2 remaining issue is that Staff's -- the House's
3 original publication of some proviso language is
4 still out there. There isn't anything accompanying
5 it on the Senate side so that's going to get
6 resolved at some point. We don't have any details.
7 I believe right around now is when it might be
8 getting published so we'll know a little bit more
9 later, but we've got nothing more to report at this
10 point. That's an issue that remains unresolved so
11 details to follow.

12 Moving along, we have -- we continue our
13 progress towards the hurricane workshop, which is
14 right now scheduled for April 3rd and 4th. We've
15 finished our -- yes, these are the hardest dates
16 we've got at this point. We finished the taking in
17 of all the analysis and all the data from the
18 participants and we're busy filling in, you know,
19 the agenda with speakers and participants, as well.
20 So hopefully we'll have a good program for you.

21 Next --

22 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chairman.

23 MR. BAEZ: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Could I ask Mr. Baez a
25 question about that? So it's two days, the

1 hurricane workshop, right?

2 MR. BAEZ: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Who are going to be the
4 presenters? Just kind of do a quick little
5 overview of what we are to expect.

6 MR. BAEZ: Well, I can give you, without
7 naming names to protect the innocent, I think the
8 way it's sketched out right now is on day one we
9 have program presentations from the utilities.
10 Okay. So they're going to have --

11 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: On IOU's.

12 MR. BAEZ: Excuse me?

13 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: From the IOU's.

14 MR. BAEZ: Well, from the utility group. So
15 you have presentations from the IOU's and then you
16 have presentations, as a group most likely from the
17 municipal utilities as a group, and then from the
18 co-ops, again, as a group. So association-type
19 representatives.

20 Day two -- well, and then we have, you know,
21 question-and-answer sort of portion of the program.
22 So there will be some back-and-forth discussion on
23 major themes because their presentation hopefully
24 will be geared towards -- it's sort of curated in
25 that way so they'd be speaking toward the major

1 themes of the initiatives and so forth, some kind
2 of summary over the data that they provided. And
3 there would be discussion centered along those
4 lines.

5 The second day would feature, and this is, at
6 this point, a little bit more fluid, but the second
7 day -- the core of the second day would feature the
8 stakeholder, is more stakeholder day. So featuring
9 stakeholders, municipal governments and other
10 customer groups. So we're kind of sifting through
11 the comments that came in through the portal and
12 through our other outreach effort, sifting through
13 who might be an interesting -- have interesting
14 viewpoints to present to you, and we're starting to
15 throw that together with a little bit more concrete
16 program.

17 COMMISSIONER BROWN: If I may.

18 MR. BAEZ: Sure.

19 COMMISSIONER BROWN: If I may make just a
20 minor suggestion.

21 MR. BAEZ: Please.

22 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I think we talked about
23 it offline with -- the FCC has conducted a similar
24 workshop. I don't know if they are concluded at
25 this point or what has come out of it. Mark, I

1 know you're familiar with it. It may be helpful,
2 communications with such a big topic during
3 hurricane time and I think -- and there was a lot
4 of discussion about some of the telecommunications.
5 I know our limited jurisdiction, but it may be nice
6 to have a summary of the workshop that came out of
7 the FCC or maybe some type of presentation on that
8 aspect.

9 MR. BAEZ: That's no minor suggestion. I
10 think we'd love to check in on it and we can follow
11 up with your office in case there's -- you want to
12 amplify that.

13 COMMISSIONER BROWN: No.

14 MR. BAEZ: Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Mr. Chairman. Is it
16 appropriate to have someone from the emergency --
17 state emergency response group participate, as
18 well?

19 MR. BAEZ: At this point, like I said, the
20 second day is -- the programming for the second day
21 is a little bit more fluid so we -- I think that
22 might be something that we can slot for.

23 Commissioner, I guess the key is to try and find
24 the subject matter that fits, right, and so we
25 don't want to get too broad on it, but to the

1 extent that there was, you know, the emergency
2 management experts that we can narrow down and
3 speak to, you know, stay within the lanes of our
4 review, then that's what really makes it effective.
5 And I'm not saying --

6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Coordination -- the
7 coordinating side of it.

8 MR. BAEZ: Yeah, exactly. So to the extent
9 that we can, you know, provide the expert and nail
10 down that person or persons, that might be useful.
11 Absolutely. We'll look into it. Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Mr. Baez, you had
13 mentioned the data intake process.

14 MR. BAEZ: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Are you indicating that
16 that is a process complete? Where are we in that?
17 Have we put out all the solicitations, may be one
18 question.

19 MR. BAEZ: Well, all the solicitations I
20 believe we've been put out --

21 MR. FUTRELL: Commissioner, when the staff did
22 reach out to stakeholder groups back in December
23 and requested comments to be filed by the 20th of
24 February, we've had an ongoing effort to get --
25 issue data requests for utilities and have followed

1 up responses with further data requests. And I
2 think we're getting to the -- where that process is
3 kind of winding down and now we're kind of in the
4 assessment phase reviewing that information and
5 using that to help form preparation for the
6 workshop, as well as ultimately bringing something
7 back to you in the future.

8 MR. BAEZ: Remember the -- even in
9 post-workshop, everything kind of culminates and,
10 you know, a written product that comes back to you
11 at a later date.

12 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Mr. Baez.

14 MR. BAEZ: And, lastly, just to let everyone
15 know that agenda in IA for April has moved to April
16 20th and I believe, unless anybody can remind me of
17 anything else, I think that's it, unless you all
18 have any questions.

19 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: General Counsel report.

20 MR. HEDRICK: No report.

21 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Was that both the
22 legislative and the executive?

23 MR. BAEZ: I left it all on the field, sir.

24 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Well, you failed to mention
25 in your legislative report the most important --

1 MR. BAEZ: Well --

2 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Confirmation of Commissioner
3 Clark.

4 MR. BAEZ: Well, technically that's not
5 legislative, sir, but technically you're right. I
6 would like to congratulate a quorum of my
7 commissioners.

8 (Applause.)

9 MR. BAEZ: Sailed through the last committee
10 stop on to the floor.

11 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: On to the floor.

12 MR. BAEZ: And there's not a whole lot of
13 weeks left, so.

14 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: We have about -- we have
15 eight days left so everybody say a prayer for us.

16 MR. BAEZ: Congratulations, all of you and
17 God-speed.

18 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Other matters? Anything
19 else to come before us? Okay. That all being
20 said, there's no sense prolonging this. We're
21 adjourned. Everybody, please travel safe.

22 (Whereupon, proceedings concluded at 12:31
23 p.m.)

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