

I. Meeting Packet



State of Florida

Public Service Commission

INTERNAL AFFAIRS AGENDA

Tuesday – March 03, 2020

Immediately Following Agenda Conference

Room 105 - Gerald L. Gunter Building

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

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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.

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.

IV. Transcript

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PROCEEDINGS: INTERNAL AFFAIRS

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN GARY F. CLARK
COMMISSIONER ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER JULIE I. BROWN
COMMISSIONER DONALD J. POLMANN
COMMISSIONER ANDREW GILES FAY

DATE: Tuesday, March 3, 2020

TIME: Commenced: 11:30 a.m.
Concluded: 11:38 a.m.

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. If everybody will
3 grab a seat, we'll go ahead and get started. We're
4 going to begin with our legislative update.

5 Ms. Pennington, Mr. Potts, who's going to head
6 that up?

7 Mr. Potts.

8 MR. POTTS: Hi. So, today is the 50th day of
9 the 2020 session. So, it's the last day in the
10 Senate for regularly-scheduled committee meetings.

11 With the budget right now, nothing has
12 changed, and we look good, as it is. Allocations
13 are not out yet. And it looks like conference will
14 probably start on Thursday, at the earliest.

15 Once conference finishes, there has to be a
16 72-hour cooling-off period before the budget can be
17 voted on. So, the budget needs to be -- the
18 conference needs to be done by Tuesday night to
19 have sine die on Friday night.

20 I was just going to go over a couple of the
21 bills that we're watching that's still alive.
22 Senate Bill 7018 and House Bill 7099 are essential
23 state infrastructure. Those are the two EV-plan
24 bills.

25 The Senate bill is the one that has the PSC as

1 the lead for the plan, and the House bill has DOT.
2 Both those bills are ready for the floor. And,
3 actually, the Senate bill is on special order for
4 tomorrow.

5 House Bill 207 and Senate Bill 658 are the
6 acquisition of water and wastewater systems. The
7 House bill is ready for the floor, and the Senate
8 bill is stuck in its second committee. So, they're
9 going to have to do some maneuvering for that one
10 to get to the floor and the Senate.

11 Senate Bill 998 and House Bill 1339 -- those
12 are housing bills. Our interest in those is that
13 there is language on the tenant/lot-owner issue for
14 mobile home parks that is in there that would do --
15 would do sort of a fix for us. So, those bills --
16 the Senate bill is up in appropriations this
17 afternoon, and the House bill is ready for the
18 floor.

19 Finally, Senate Bill 1464 and House Bill 1095,
20 the underground-facility damage-prevention bills --
21 those are the 811s -- both of those are ready for
22 the floor in their irrelative chambers.

23 So, we're -- ten days left and seem to be --
24 everything is going fairly well. So, we'll let you
25 know if any issues arise. And if you have any

1 questions or concerns, you can have our -- your
2 advisers get with us and we're happy to meet any
3 time.

4 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Commissioner Graham.

5 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Does it look like
6 they're going to end on time?

7 MR. POTTS: They are at the point right now
8 where -- I was just looking at Twitter. Everybody
9 is saying, oh, well, it looks like there might be
10 an extension. They're at the point where they're
11 trying to threaten staying longer. I'm not sure.

12 There's one other issue going on that -- that
13 might cause them to stay, but that just is so they
14 can keep their subpoena power. I think they
15 probably finish on time, would be my guess, but now
16 is when you start hearing everything.

17 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. Any other
18 questions for Mr. Potts?

19 Thank you, sir.

20 MR. POTTS: All right. Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. Mr. Hetrick.

22 MR. HETRICK: Mr. Chair, I have no report.

23 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Thank you very much.

24 Mr. Baez.

25 Mr. Baez, welcome to the Florida Public

1 Service Commission.

2 MR. BAEZ: (Indicating.)

3 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: (Inaudible.)

4 CHAIRMAN CLARK: He's waving in support -- is
5 that what you said?

6 (Laughter.)

7 MR. BAEZ: I -- I only have an apology to
8 offer at this point, Mr. Chairman. I'm sorry. We
9 don't -- we don't have a report today.

10 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. No problem.

11 All right. Any other matters to come before
12 the Commission?

13 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: I have one.

14 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Commissioner Polmann.

15 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Thank you,
16 Mr. Chairman. We heard, in our agenda conference
17 today, a couple of references to our utilities,
18 water utilities, working with or intending to work
19 with the Florida Rural Water Association.

20 I know it's been a while, perhaps as far back
21 as 2015, since we've had a presentation at this
22 meeting from -- from that group. I would like to
23 suggest and invite the Commission to hear from that
24 organization, FRWA.

25 And if it's the pleasure of the Commission,

1 perhaps our staff can reach out to them and ask
2 them, at an appropriate meeting, to come and give
3 us a presentation and let us know the services that
4 they offer.

5 I, personally, would -- would like to know a
6 little bit more about the types of things they --
7 they do. We make reference to that group on
8 occasion at our agenda conferences. So, maybe I
9 can have my people get with your people --

10 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Absolutely.

11 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: -- get that on the
12 agenda at an appropriate moment, Mr. Chairman.

13 CHAIRMAN CLARK: I believe Director Baez has a
14 comment in that regard.

15 MR. BAEZ: We -- we'd be happy to facilitate
16 that. We've had the Rural Water Association in at
17 least a couple of times that I can recall
18 immediately. And we'd be happy to do it again.
19 And they're always happy to come down and talk to
20 us. So, we'll try and work the best date available
21 for -- for y'all -- the best IA available.

22 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Yeah, I think -- I
23 think it may have been five years. I know
24 several --

25 MR. BAEZ: Has it been that long?

1 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Several of us have not
2 met with them.

3 MR. BAEZ: Yes. That -- I think there's a
4 majority on the Commission now that haven't had the
5 pleasure of the FRWA.

6 COMMISSIONER BROWN: (Inaudible.)

7 MR. BAEZ: Yes, he was a member of the task
8 force. They're -- they're an active association,
9 so --

10 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Thank you.

11 MR. BAEZ: We'll take care of it.

12 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Great. Thank you,
13 Commissioner Polmann.

14 I would also like to remind each of you that
15 my staff will be reaching out to you regarding
16 programs for IA over the next year. That's one of
17 the things that we do want to do is to have a
18 Commissioner-sponsored program in terms of an
19 information or update item every month. So, we'll
20 be getting in touch with you over the next month to
21 make sure those happen.

22 Commissioner Brown.

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: So, this could be my
24 item.

25 CHAIRMAN CLARK: It's your item.

1 COMMISSIONER BROWN: This past week, I was
2 part of the NARUC delegation that went to Puerto
3 Rico to visit with their public service regulatory
4 board. It was in conjunction with the Department
5 of Energy. There were other state commissioners
6 from around the country that really kind of
7 helped -- it's a training project to help expedite
8 the development of the Puerto Rico Energy Board.

9 They were -- I think they were very receptive
10 to the overall program. And we gave them kind of
11 an educational perspective of what Florida is doing
12 and how our regulatory body is structured. And
13 I -- I know that they were very welcoming in that
14 regard.

15 We got to tour PREPA. We got to tour a
16 60-year-old power plant. It was very interesting
17 to see the differences on the island compared to
18 what our utilities are doing here in Florida. And,
19 you know, they're the second-highest cost per
20 kilowatt hour in the country.

21 We also had someone who went, several time
22 zones, from Hawaii. The chairman of the Hawaii
23 Commission came out there to talk -- and they have
24 the highest rates in the nation -- talk about what
25 they were doing.

1 So, it really was interesting to see where
2 Florida is and how we can share our best practices.
3 And that could be a topic. They are really, really
4 interested in how we're structured.

5 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Great. Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: What -- what is their
7 primary fuel source?

8 COMMISSIONER BROWN: What do you think?

9 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Well, it's not solar.

10 COMMISSIONER BROWN: So, they have some wind.
11 They do have a few wind. They're converting some
12 of their coal plants to gas. They have legislation
13 in place that requires a certain renewable
14 percentage, expeditiously.

15 So, they have a lot of legislative goals that
16 may not, in fact, be achievable without having a
17 crazy rate -- undue rate impact.

18 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: So, at the old plant,
19 they probably have dials rather than digital.

20 COMMISSIONER BROWN: They -- they don't have
21 smart meters either.

22 (Laughter.)

23 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Vacuum tubes.

25 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Other comments, other

1 questions? Any other business?

2 If not, we stand adjourned.

3 (Whereupon, the proceedings concluded at 11:38

4 A.M.)

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