

I. Meeting Packet



State of Florida
Public Service Commission
INTERNAL AFFAIRS AGENDA

Tuesday - May 17, 2022
Immediately Following Commission Workshop
Room 148 - Betty Easley Conference Center

1. General Counsel's Report
2. Executive Director's report
3. 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.

IV. Transcript

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PROCEEDINGS: INTERNAL AFFAIRS

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN ANDREW GILES FAY
COMMISSIONER ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER GARY F. CLARK
COMMISSIONER MIKE LA ROSA
COMMISSIONER GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO

DATE: Tuesday, May 17, 2022

TIME: Commenced at 11:30 a.m.
Concluded at 11:35 a.m.

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
Room 148
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN FAY: All right, Commissioners. This
3 is our internal affairs meeting for May 17th. I
4 would like to start, like I do most of our
5 meetings, recognizing the Employee of the Month for
6 April, and that is Margarita. Margarita has been
7 with our agency since about 2019, and she's a
8 point-person for processing all of the Lifeline
9 letters that go out to qualified recipients. And I
10 think that in itself is an amazing challenge, and
11 so she does a great job with that.

12 With that said, with the help of her team and
13 coworkers, they send out about 28,000 letter --
14 Lifeline letters in the past four months, which is
15 more than the last four years combined. And so I
16 think that just -- it's a testament to the workload
17 and what an amazing job she's done. Her team
18 absolutely loves her and loves to be -- loves
19 having her in the agency. In addition to all of
20 those letters, she also does assisted for customers
21 and certification applications and other Lifeline
22 services. She takes great pride in her work. I
23 enjoyed speaking with her. And probably, most
24 importantly, she does all of these things with a
25 smile. She's just really a pleasure to speak with.

1 And so, with that, I want to congratulate Margarita
2 on recognition of being the April Commission
3 Employee the Month.

4 (Applause.)

5 CHAIRMAN FAY: With that, we will move into
6 our reports. The General Counsel's report.

7 MS. TAN: Good morning. The General Counsel's
8 Office has no report for today.

9 CHAIRMAN FAY: Are you sure? This is your
10 opportunity to say whatever you would like to say.

11 MS. TAN: I'm quite positive.

12 CHAIRMAN FAY: Perfect. With that, we'll move
13 to the Executive Director, Braulio.

14 MR. BAEZ: Talk about passing. Thank you, Mr.
15 Chairman, and good morning, Commissioners. And I
16 wanted to tag on to your comments earlier. I
17 wanted to thank all the presentation, not just the
18 staff that put it together, but the folks that
19 presented today. The materials were full of real
20 good information. And, as you say, they are
21 available, they're going to get posted online for
22 all to see. And anyone that's listening at home, I
23 would recommend -- I would recommend the materials
24 because they do give a good walk-through and a
25 greater appreciation and understanding of exactly

1 what a resident is going through and what their
2 utility is doing for them during the storm season
3 and in the -- you know, in the aftermath of the
4 storm, unfortunately.

5 You heard stuff -- you heard things that --
6 one thing that jumped out at me was, you know, an
7 appreciation for the fact that supply chain issues
8 are a universal problem and that -- that just
9 highlights how many things, as we're all kind of
10 learning now, how many things are beyond our
11 collective control, certainly in utility regulation
12 and things like storm preparation and storm
13 recovery. So that was a good highlight. And also
14 the evolving use of these micro sites. And you can
15 see the sizing down to -- for faster response is
16 also a good evolution of the process.

17 And, lastly, the word of the -- the word of
18 the day for me is Resistograph. I don't know who
19 came up with that, but it's awesome. I wish I had
20 had one as a child. It wouldn't have helped me
21 any, but it may have made my life -- my parents'
22 life a little bit easier. So that was -- that was
23 the word of the day for me.

24 Real quick updates on the legislative front.
25 Thanks to Kaley here next to me, almost all of our

1 A bills, or the bills that were the top of our list
2 to monitor, have been addressed already. There may
3 be one that's lying out there, but no -- no real
4 agency impact. It's just something that was --
5 that was bumped up.

6 In addition, the staff continues to monitor
7 for actions on any of the -- any Florida drawdown
8 on the Federal Infrastructure Funding. No real
9 news on that, but we're still collecting
10 information and facts that we'll be able to flow
11 back to you as it becomes relevant and necessary.
12 Hopefully we'll have, you know, some kind of --
13 once the things settle, we'll have some -- a more
14 complete presentation for you, kind of an update.
15 So, to be continued.

16 And then real quick schedule-wise. You know
17 they had a special session back in April, 19th
18 through 22nd the legislature was in town and dealt
19 with -- dealt with some issues. And then, as if to
20 highlight yet another aspect of hurricane
21 preparation, there's a second special session where
22 the Governor has called on some potential changes
23 to insurance -- on the insurance. You can see that
24 storm preparation and hurricane season doesn't
25 just -- you know, as much as we are concentrated on

1 our piece of the larger picture, it doesn't belong
2 to us exclusively. It drives -- it drives the
3 state and everything that the state does. So some
4 of that might involve certainly insurance issues,
5 but building code changes and what. We'll be --
6 we'll be keeping an eye on that.

7 Looking down the calendar. This was a --
8 you've got the ten-year site plan workshop
9 scheduled for June 1st, a Commission workshop. And
10 then our next Internal Affairs is a great -- this
11 was a great segue into our next Internal Affairs,
12 where we're having a presentation by the Department
13 of Emergency Management. So now you get to see the
14 two sides of storm preparation, get to take a peek
15 inside the emergency operations. As you know,
16 Robert Graham mans ESF 12 for the Commission, along
17 with the other representatives from the utilities,
18 and they do their piece for coordination on storm
19 recovery, et cetera. So it actually sets you up
20 nicely to see the -- experience, you know, more of
21 the process from another aspect.

22 If you all don't have questions, then that's
23 the end of my report.

24 CHAIRMAN FAY: Questions, Commissioners?

25 I'd just like to add to your point that our

1 legislative staff did a fantastic job this past
2 session, and I've heard from multiple people how
3 responsive the agency is when they need information
4 related to things that we're working on. So, you
5 know, I just appreciate what that whole team does.
6 So thank you for raising that.

7 Commissioners, with that, unless there's any
8 other matters, the internal affairs agenda meeting
9 is adjourned.

10 (Proceedings concluded.)

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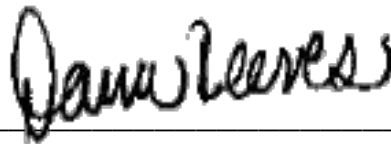
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