

I. Meeting Packet



State of Florida
Public Service Commission
INTERNAL AFFAIRS AGENDA

Tuesday – May 23, 2023

9:30 AM

Room 148 - Betty Easley Conference Center

1. General Counsel's Report
2. Executive Director's report
3. 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 ANDREW GILES FAY
COMMISSIONER ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER GARY F. CLARK
COMMISSIONER MIKE LA ROSA
COMMISSIONER GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO

DATE: Tuesday, May 23, 2023

TIME: Commenced: 9:30 a.m.
Concluded: 9:40 a.m.

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
Room 148
4075 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, Florida

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P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRMAN FAY: All right. Everyone grab their seats.

All right. Good morning, everyone. Love to see the excitement around utility regulation this morning. Everybody is ready to go. We will start with our employee of the month this morning.

So Sonica Bruce joined the Commission in 1997, currently serves as an Economic Analyst in the Rate Design Section. Her primary responsibilities is designing water and wastewater rates, and working on other rate related issues.

In addition, Sonica serves as the lead technical analyst on water and wastewater cases, and performs essential undocketed work such as research for customer complaints.

She has a positive attitude despite often a very heavy workload, and can often be heard saying how much she loves her work here at the PSC. She's been essential training other coworkers and is consistently willing to help others around her. Her division excels consistently, and that's in large part to the team atmosphere that Sonica brings to her team.

She really is truly an asset to our

1 commission, and with that, I would like to
2 recognize Sonica Bruce as our employee of the
3 month.

4 (Appause from the audience.)

5 CHAIRMAN FAY: And, Sonica, it was a pleasure
6 getting to know you and talk with you a little bit.
7 And I -- I appreciate you are -- like, if we were
8 allowed to take a billboard out about how great it
9 is to work at the PSC, we would -- we would put
10 your statements up on there, because you really
11 have enjoyed being here, and we are grateful and
12 thankful that we have you, so thank you again for
13 your work.

14 All right. Commissioners, with that, we will
15 move into some of our less recognized employees,
16 the General Counsel and Executive Director.

17 Mr. Hetrick, you are recognized to give your
18 report when you are ready.

19 MR. HETRICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. No report
20 today. If there is any questions, I am ready to
21 entertain them.

22 CHAIRMAN FAY: Great.

23 Any questions, Commissioners?

24 Seeing none, we will move to you, Mr. Baez.

25 MR. BAEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good

1 morning, Commissioners. I feel the need to say
2 with -- I am going to muster all of my I too love
3 my work. I say that several times a day, in fact.

4 Just some quick housekeeping. You notice we
5 took the legislative update item off the agenda.
6 We've hit pause on that. The bills are starting to
7 move, and so as -- as they are pushed forward and
8 presented to the -- to the Governor, we will keep
9 you updated on it, and we will kind of, at some
10 point in the future, probably after July 1, we will
11 have a recap of -- of what's -- what's being signed
12 and things of that nature. So we are monitoring
13 the bills as they are -- as they are moving
14 forward.

15 Lastly, got a couple of housekeeping items
16 scheduling-wise. As you know, and this is
17 primarily for public consumption, you -- we have
18 the Commission Hurricane Preparedness Workshop,
19 which is being held following this meeting. And it
20 will be live streamed for those keeping score at
21 home. The utilities are providing their experts to
22 discuss items such as storm preparation and
23 restoration process, and customer and stakeholder
24 outreach and communication. There will be some
25 discussion about their vegetation management and

1 pole inspection practices, and whatever lessons we
2 learned from the last season.

3 And, again, for -- for those listening in, the
4 presentation and the workshop materials are
5 available on the Commission home page under "Hot
6 Topics".

7 Next, later on today, at 6:00 p.m., there is a
8 staff -- staff virtual customer meeting on the --
9 on the matter of Keen Water Utilities
10 staff-assisted rate case. Customers can access the
11 virtual meeting by phone. Again, how to
12 participate is available under "Hot Topics" on the
13 website.

14 And then an update on the Peoples Gas System
15 rate case. The customer service hearings have been
16 set in customer -- in-person customer service
17 hearings are now scheduled for June 28th at 2:00
18 p.m. in Pembroke Pines, Broward County, and then
19 the next day, June 29th, at 2:00 p.m., in Brandon,
20 in Hillsborough County.

21 In addition, virtual customer service
22 hearings, where customers can participate by phone,
23 are also going to be held Monday, July 10th at
24 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., and on Tuesday, July 11th
25 at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The technical hearing

1 is scheduled for August 29th.

2 If there are questions, or if there is
3 anything else y'all want to discuss, I will be
4 happy to talk about it.

5 CHAIRMAN FAY: Okay. Great.

6 Any legislative or scheduling questions for
7 Mr. Baez? Nope.

8 Okay. With that, Commissioners, seeing any
9 other -- any other business for Internal Affairs?

10 With that, we will adjourn Internal Affairs,
11 and we will start the Hurricane Workshop at 9:50
12 a.m.

13 Thank you so much.

14 (Proceedings concluded.)

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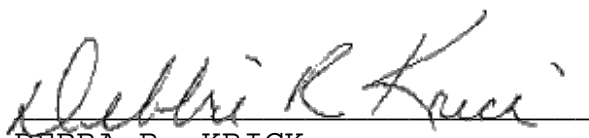
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I, DEBRA KRICK, Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing proceeding was heard at the time and place herein stated.

IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED that I stenographically reported the said proceedings; that the same has been transcribed under my direct supervision; and that this transcript constitutes a true transcription of my notes of said proceedings.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative, employee, attorney or counsel of any of the parties, nor am I a relative or employee of any of the parties' attorney or counsel connected with the action, nor am I financially interested in the action.

DATED this 7th day of May, 2023.



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