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IN RE: MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND CABINET
CONFERENCE CALL

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CABINET MEMBERS: GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT
ATTORNEY GENERAL PAM BONDI
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER JIMMY PATRONIS
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE ADAM PUTNAM

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1 So, as you know, a few years ago we got the
2 Cabinet and Governor's guidelines, and so here we
3 follow those guidelines. We need to do several things.

4 Review the position description-- description and
5 pay compensation, announce an application timeframe,
6 and initiate a nationwide search for a candidate.

7 So, I'll recommend something, and then we can all
8 have a conversation.

9 So, I'd asked-- and, this is the normal procedure,
10 I think, so I'd ask OFR staff to send to our offices
11 the current position description so everybody can
12 review that. All right?

13 I'd like to open the application on People First
14 from June 11th to June 22nd.

15 Then the OFR staff will receive all the
16 applications, and they'd send it to-- I think this is
17 the way we've done it before-- they will send to each
18 of our offices, and they will post them on the Cabinet
19 website.

20 And, then my goal would be-- we can meet again on
21 June 27th, at 8 a.m., to conduct the public interviews,
22 and appointment a new commissioner.

23 And, I think in the mean time everybody has had
24 the opportunity to one-on-one sit down with anybody
25 that applies, and so everybody will get a feel for

1 these individuals that applied before that.

2 Does that process work for everybody, or do y'all
3 have any suggestions on how to change it?

4 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Governor, do you feel
5 that gives us enough time to do a nationwide search,
6 from June 11th to June-- June 27th?

7 THE GOVERNOR: 11th-- I've got-- my proposal is
8 the 11th to the 22nd. I think so. Here's what will
9 happen; either it will or it won't. All right?

10 We'll know-- we'll know, um, before the 27th if we
11 didn't have enough applicants, and we don't-- and then
12 at that time we can make a decision, if we need to, to
13 do something on a temporary basis.

14 If we can do it, it seems like if we could do it,
15 it would be a good thing to get the process behind us
16 and get the right person in there, because I think
17 Drew's last day is the 30th.

18 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: And we can always re-open
19 it if we need to.

20 THE GOVERNOR: Yeah; we will just re-open it like
21 we-- haven't we had to do that in the past?

22 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Yes, we have.

23 THE GOVERNOR: Had to re-open it? Okay.

24 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: So, you want to call a
25 special Cabinet meeting where? In--

1 THE GOVERNOR: Just by phone.

2 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: -- Tallahassee--

3 THE GOVERNOR: No. By phone. Yep. We can do it
4 by phone.

5 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: By phone? Okay. By
6 phone is great. Okay.

7 THE GOVERNOR: Attorney General, everybody is
8 going to have the opportunity to talk to people, to the
9 extent they want to, in-person before then. But, then
10 to the extent anybody wants to do a public interview of
11 people, we can.

12 So, just to go over it again, we'll get the staff
13 to send our offices the current position description,
14 to see if everybody is okay with that. And, if we want
15 to make any tweaks, I think we have a Cabinet-- is it
16 Wednesday? Is it next--

17 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: We do.

18 CFO PATRONIS: Yes, sir.

19 THE GOVERNOR: If we want to make any tweaks to
20 that, we can do that next week.

21 We will open the application for the 11th to the
22 22nd. So as soon as they get the applications, they
23 will send it to each of our offices. Everybody will
24 have the-- and we will post them on the Cabinet
25 website. Everybody will have the opportunity to do, to

1 the extent they want to do in-person interviews,
2 one-on-one with people, they can.

3 And, then we'll hopefully-- one of two things is
4 going to happen, either we are comfortable with the
5 27th, at 8 a.m. by phone, or on the 27th we'll make a
6 decision to do something on an interim basis.

7 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Sounds good to me. I'm
8 holding the description now, so-- yeah, we can discuss
9 that on Wednesday.

10 THE GOVERNOR: Kristin? Kristin Olson is on, from
11 my office. Kristin, is that-- is everything I've said,
12 is that okay with you--

13 MS. OLSON: Yes, sir.

14 THE GOVERNOR: -- I mean, does that follow the
15 guidelines?

16 MS. OLSON: Yes, sir.

17 THE GOVERNOR: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: Governor, I agree with that
19 process. I think you and the Attorney General are
20 right; we're going to know pretty quickly whether
21 that's adequate time or not. But, if there is
22 sufficient interest, given the short term remaining, I
23 think it would be ideal to avoid the interim step, and
24 this process will certainly flush out whether or not
25 that's possible.

1 THE GOVERNOR: Yeah. I think the bottom line,
2 Commissioner, if anybody feels uncomfortable on the
3 27th, we'll do something on an interim basis.

4 I just think we ought to go through the process,
5 and make sure every-- all four of us are good with it,
6 and then if anybody is not, we'll open it up and go--
7 and do more.

8 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Sounds great.

9 CFO PATRONIS: Governor, this is Jimmy. Do you
10 need a motion to approve this?

11 THE GOVERNOR: Yeah; if somebody would make a
12 motion.

13 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: So moved.

14 CFO PATRONIS: Yeah.

15 THE GOVERNOR: And second?

16 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: Second.

17 THE GOVERNOR: Okay. All in favor, aye.

18 (Indicated)

19 And, no opposed? Okay.

20 So, Kristin, is there anything else we need to do
21 on this meeting?

22 MS. OLSON: There is nothing else, sir, except I
23 want to clarify one thing; any changes to the position
24 description should be submitted to OFR by Monday.

25 THE GOVERNOR: Okay. Kristin, is the idea that if

1 we are going to make any changes we'll do that at the
2 Cabinet meeting next week?

3 MS. OLSON: Any changes-- any suggestions for
4 changes should be submitted by Monday, and then we can
5 talk about it if there are any.

6 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Yeah. I've already--

7 THE GOVERNOR: Yeah. But, if we are, Kristin, we
8 would have time to make those changes and get it out at
9 our Cabinet meet on Wednesday.

10 MS. OLSON: Yes, sir.

11 THE GOVERNOR: Is that right?

12 MS. OLSON: Yes, sir. We can update it after the
13 Cabinet meeting.

14 THE GOVERNOR: Okay. All right. Is everybody
15 good with that?

16 CFO PATRONIS: Yes, sir.

17 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: Yes, sir.

18 THE GOVERNOR: All right. Then we'll adjourn the
19 meeting, and I look forward to seeing all of you on
20 Wednesday and Thursday.

21 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Same to you. Bye-bye.

22 CFO PATRONIS: Very good. Take care, sir.

23 THE GOVERNOR: Take care. Bye-bye.

24 WHEREUPON, the meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.
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