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IN RE: MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND
CABINET

CABINET MEMBERS: GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS
ATTORNEY GENERAL ASHLEY MOODY
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER JIMMY
PATRONIS
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE
NIKKI FRIED

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Good morning.

4 CFO PATRONIS: Good morning, Governor.

5 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Good morning, Governor.

6 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Good morning.

7 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: So it seems like -- is the
8 whole Cabinet here?

9 CFO PATRONIS: Jimmy is here.

10 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Ashley Moody is here.

11 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Nikki is here.

12 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Nikki?

13 COMMISSIONER FRIED: I'm here.

14 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Great.

15 Well, this is the January 24th meeting of the
16 Governor and Cabinet. Thank you guys for
17 participating.

18 Obviously, yesterday down in Sebring was a
19 really difficult day for the state. I know you
20 guys have all been engaged in various ways. I was
21 down there yesterday with the briefing.

22 So we want to keep the City of Sebring,
23 Highlands County in our prayers. And we're
24 supporting any efforts at the state level that they
25 need to process the crime and to bring this -- the

1 perpetrator to justice.

2 Our only item on the agenda today is a vote on
3 the appointment of the Executive Director of the
4 Department of Veterans' Affairs. At our last
5 meeting I put forward Representative Danny Burgess
6 as my appointee to this position, and we conducted
7 a public interview.

8 I know Danny is present today in the Cabinet
9 meeting room.

10 Are there any comments or questions about
11 Danny's appointment?

12 CFO PATRONIS: No, sir.

13 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Governor, this is Nikki.
14 I just want to say that Representative Burgess is
15 an excellent choice on behalf of our state's
16 veterans, and I was pleased -- and I'll be pleased
17 to support his nomination today. And I'm glad
18 that the public has had an opportunity to
19 participate in this important decision coming
20 before the Cabinet.

21 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Thank you very much.

22 So with that, is there a motion to accept the
23 resignation of Colonel Sutphin and approve the
24 appointment of Danny Burgess?

25 CFO PATRONIS: Governor, this is Jimmy.

1 You made an excellent selection in choosing
2 Danny, and I move his hire.

3 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Is there a second?

4 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: I second that.
5 Second. This is Ashley Moody.

6 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Great.

7 Any comments or objections?

8 (NO RESPONSE).

9 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
10 carries.

11 I want to extend my congratulations to Danny.
12 I had not really known him that well, but when you
13 need him, I think he's just a good guy.

14 He's got a great heart, great work ethic, a
15 lot of energy. And I think he's going to do a
16 really good job for Florida's veterans, and they're
17 a very important part of our state.

18 So that concludes today's meeting.

19 Our next meeting is next week, Tuesday,
20 January 29th, and I look forward to seeing y'all
21 there.

22 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Thank you, Governor.

23 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Thank you.

24 CFO PATRONIS: Take care.

25 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Safe travels, everyone.

(WHEREUPON, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED) .

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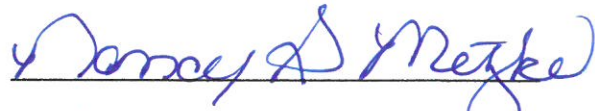
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