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GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Good morning, and welcome to the June 4th meeting of the Governor and Cabinet.

Before we get started, I'd like to welcome Bob Cohen to lead our invocation. Please remain standing after the invocation for the Pledge of Allegiance to be led by Johnny and Theo Patronis.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Thank you.
INTERVIEW AND APPOINTMENT - CLEMENCY COORDINATOR,  
FLORIDA COMMISSION ON OFFENDER REVIEW

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Our next agenda item is an interview for the position of Clemency Coordinator with the Office of Executive Clemency. I'd like to invite Michelle Whitworth to approach the podium for your public interview.

MS. WHITWORTH: Good morning.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Good morning. Yeah, why don't you start by telling us a little bit about yourself, your experience, and why you think you're prepared for the position.

MS. WHITWORTH: My name is Michelle Whitworth, and I am a fifth generation Floridian, and I have resided in North Florida, so apparently that's where my southern accent comes from.

My background is in the area of criminal justice, criminology, probation, and clemency. I have been a public servant serving the State of Florida for the past 25 years. I have been very fortunate to enjoy the work that I have been able to accomplish.

I believe that my extensive knowledge and experience in Florida's clemency process, its
history, its challenges, will allow me to provide a seamless transition for the Office of Executive Clemency and to serve this Board with your mission going forward.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Are you prepared to enact any reforms that the Clemency Board proposes to make the process more efficient and minimize backlogs?

MS. WHITWORTH: Yes. I have served at the Commission under the past four administrations. Several of those administrations did utilize processes that allowed many more applicants to move much more quickly through the system. So, yes, I'm able to identify some of those resources that we used in the past and to work with your staff on your vision going forward.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: And can -- so your position -- what position do you have right now?

MS. WHITWORTH: Currently I'm the supervisor of the Clemency Investigation Section, so it's one of the largest sections at the Commission on Offender Review.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Does anyone else have questions?

COMMISSIONER FRIED: Governor.
So you've been with the Commission for a long period of time. What are -- you know, if you had to name the top three things that you would want -- you would advise us to make changes to or suggestions on how to make the process more efficient.

MS. WHITWORTH: I think really working with your staff on what your vision is. Clemency begins and ends with the Rules of Executive Clemency. So what this Board wants, I will work with your staff on implementing either practices we've used in the past; maybe loosening some of the requirements to make the application process a little easier but still ensuring the integrity of our investigations.

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Governor.

I was so impressed by your qualifications and your background for this role. I know my office went through about 60 resumes and interviewed folks, including yourself, and we were very impressed. One of the things I noted is you have gone through multiple times rule changes within the Office.

If, in fact, we go through rule changes in an effort to minimize our backlog and make the process more efficient and you realize that you need
additional resources to make that happen, will you make us aware of that and how we might, in a cost effective way, apply resources to the efficiency of our process?

MS. WHITWORTH: Yes, that's a great question.

The Office of Executive Clemency's budget is under the Commission on Offender Review. I currently have a great relationship with Chairman Coonrod, and I will look forward to working closely with her and communicating with your staff on identifying anything that we know could help this process.

COMMISSIONER FRIED: And a follow-up kind of to that question: While the budget has not been presented to the Governor, there was additional funds that were appropriated per the Legislature. What would be some of the things that you would see as usage of those additional dollars?

MS. WHITWORTH: Most of those positions would probably be under Clemency Investigations Section, which is the Commission on Offender Review, to work on some of the cases that we currently have pending. Hopefully there will be changes implemented by this Board that maybe will streamline that a little faster and get more
applicants through this process.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Anybody else?

CFO PATRONIS: Yeah. Thank you, Governor.

I've seen you've got a lot of letters of support from mutual friends, whether it be Sheriff A.J. Smith or Will Kendrick. Those are folks I've known a long time, so I thought that was very pleasant.

But tell me, you've been in this profession your whole adult life, after graduating from Florida State. Thank you. But as you've spent this time in the process, if you were going to point to one particular issue that has prepared you for the job and then made you want to stay in the profession, what is your passion or your drive about wanting to stay in this field?

MS. WHITWORTH: I've been very fortunate to work in the specific area of capital clemency, and I have worked closely with many of the Governor's past clemency aides, currently Governor DeSantis' clemency aide, and ensuring that process goes off seamlessly; and getting to see the end result is very gratifying. Looking forward to your future and your vision, I'm very excited; so hopefully there will be changes and that we can serve more
citizens more effectively.

CFO PATRONIS: Thank you.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Anybody else?

(NO RESPONSE).

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: If there are no additional questions, I want to thank you, Michelle.

And at this time I move that we appoint Michelle Whitworth as the Clemency Coordinator with the Office of Executive Clemency.

Is there a second?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All in favor.

(AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any opposed?

(NO RESPONSE).

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Congratulations.

MS. WHITWORTH: Thank you all very much. I look forward to serving with you.

CFO PATRONIS: Governor, just for housekeeping, I don't know -- I know typically we have to set salary. Salary for this position is set at 65, so we just need to note that that's what the position is set at.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. It's noted.

COMMISSIONER FRIED: Thank you, Governor.
Just as -- before you have, I just wanted to recognize that this is a start of Pride month and wanted to make it known and fully clear that here in Florida we are committed to an inclusive culture of equality.

My Department is doing our part to help make this mission go forward. We revised our policy to add sexual orientation and gender identity to the Department's list of workplace protections against discrimination, such as race, religion, and disability. We also hired our first ever LGBTQ consumer advocate.

Despite recent hurtful comments against LGBTQ Floridians, know this: That does not reflect Florida. We are proud to stand against injustice, discrimination, and hate; and stand with our LGBTQ community to continue pushing equality.

Thank you.

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GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Next I would like to welcome the Assistant Commissioner from FDLE. Commissioner Pritt.

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER PRITT: Good morning once again, and thank you for the recognitions earlier.

Before I present our three formal agenda items this morning, I wanted to take a quick moment, even though Commissioner Fried has stolen my thunder, to take just a minute to say that there is no agency more thankful that you all are back here in the State of Florida safely than the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

It was our honor to serve for you as security while you were in the great State of Israel, and I know you had a very productive trip. So thank you very much for that the opportunity, and I thank our Protective Operations Section. They did a phenomenal job.

This morning I have three official items to submit for you. The first is the approval of the minutes from the February 26th, 2019, Cabinet meeting, which I respectfully submit for your
approval.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Move to approve.

Is there a second?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

CFO PATRONIS: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?

(NO RESPONSE).

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion carries.

Item 2.

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER PRITT: Item 2 is the submission of the quarterly contracts and leases over $100,000 for the third quarter of this fiscal year 2018/2019, which I respectfully submit for your approval.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Motion to approve.

Is there a second?

CFO PATRONIS: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?

(NO RESPONSE).

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Hearing none, the motion carries.

Item 3.
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER PRITT: The final item is the submission of our rules package. You first heard this package at the February 26th meeting. The same package is being submitted today for the final approvals with the exception of three items, which are being addressed with technical memorandum as addressed by the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee.

So I respectfully submit those for your approval.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Motion to approve.

Is there a second?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objection?

(NO RESPONSE).

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion carries.

Okay. Thank you.
DIVISION OF BOND FINANCE

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Division of Bond Finance, you're next.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WATKINS: Good morning, Governor and Cabinet.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Good morning.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WATKINS: Item Number 1 is approval of the minutes of the April 2nd meeting.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to approve.

Is there a second?

CFO PATRONIS: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Any objections?

(NO RESPONSE).

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion carries.

Item 2.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WATKINS: Item 2 is a two-part, 2A and 2B. Both are reports on bond sales.

The first was a competitive sale of 19.6 million in Everglades Restoration Refunding Bonds. The bonds were awarded to the true bidder -- or the low bidder at a true interest cost of 1.91 percent.
That allowed us to reduce the interest rates, from 3.94 percent to 1.91 percent; generating gross debt service savings of 3.7 million; present value savings of 3 million or 11.2 percent of the principal amount refunded.

And Item 2B is a report of award on the competitive sale of $86.6 million in Sunshine Skyway Revenue Bonds. This was a new-money bond issue for improvements in Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Manatee Counties. The bonds were awarded to the low bidder at a true interest cost of 2.77 percent.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Item 3.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WATKINS: Item 3 is a resolution authorizing the competitive sale of up to $205 million of right-of-way acquisition bonds for the Department of Transportation.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Move to approve. Is there a second?

CFO PATRONIS: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Any objections?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: None.


EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WATKINS: And Item 4 is
adoption of a resolution authorizing the issuance
and competitive sale of $55 million in Everglades
Restoration Refunding Bonds. This actually is
being used to fix the interest rate on variable
rate bonds.

It's been an effectively strategy to have
variable rate bonds for the last ten years while
these bonds have been outstanding at a very low
interest rate, but given the interest rate
environment and federal monetary policy, we think
it's in our best interest to go ahead and fix that
rate out for the remaining term.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Move to approve.
Is there a second?
CFO PATRONIS: Second.
ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.
GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Any objections?
(NO RESPONSE).
GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
carries.
Okay. Thank you.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WATKINS: Thank you.
ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Administration Commission.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KRUSE: Good morning. We have on two items on the Administration Commission agenda.

Item 1 is a request for approval of the minutes.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. I move to approve. Is there a second?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

CFO PATRONIS: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objection? (NO RESPONSE).

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion carries.

Item 2.


This morning, Department of Economic
Opportunity, Director Ken Lawson, will provide highlights of the 2018 annual report and then an overview of the Canal Restoration Work Program.

Director Lawson.

DIRECTOR LAWSON: Good morning, Governor DeSantis.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Semper Fi.

DIRECTOR LAWSON: Semper Fi indeed.

CFO Patronis, Attorney General Moody, Commissioner Fried, I'm Ken Lawson, the head of DEO. I'm here today to present the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern Annual Progress Report and to establish the Florida Keys Canal Restoration Work Program. But before I begin, I'd like to recognize some of our partners from the Keys who are here in this room today:

From Monroe County, Michelle Coldiron and Christine Hurley, please stand. There you go.

Next I believe from the City of Marathon, Chuck Lindsey. Chuck, are you here? There you go.

And from Key Colony, Chris Moonis. Where are you, Chris?

And finally from Islamorada, Mr. Bryan, Richard Bryan.

Thank you all for your support and your
partnership with DEO. You are so important to ensure that we take care of the Keys.

As you know, the Keys are not only an important part of our Florida history, but economic driver of our state. DEO has been a friend and partner in the Florida Keys for many years. This includes our Director of the Division of Community Development, Mario Rubio.

Mario.

And also, Barbara Powell, our Program Administrator for the Area of Critical State Concern.

Barbara, please stand.

She has been a warrior for the Keys for years. I'd like to recognize her before the Cabinet.

(APPLAUSE).

DIRECTOR LAWSON: We have worked with our partners to complete the Florida Keys' Area of Critical State Concern Annual Progress Report and to discuss the establishment of a Florida Keys Canal Restoration Program.

Now today what we hope to accomplish during this meeting is for you, the Administration Commission, to accept then 2018 Keys Area of Critical State Concern Annual Report; next,
continue the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern designation; accept the Department's recommendation that progress towards accomplishing the task of the Work Program have been achieved; authorize the Department to make rule changes to address Monroe County's requirement to adopt the Conservation Planning Mapping System into Monroe County's Comprehensive Plan; also, the Department requests authorization to file each local government rule for final rule adoption; and finally, authorize the Department to establish the Canal Restoration Program.

Now just to let you know this, since we established this program in '97 with the Work Program, the Florida Keys have eliminated 23,000 septic tanks, including 2,800 cesspits, and connected more than 60,000 wastewater connections. Now in order for you to know this, we're required to submit an annual report to you, the Administration Commission, to report on progress of the Keys Area of Critical State Concern towards completing this work.

This report addresses progress made by the Village of Islamorada, City of Marathon, and also Monroe County. And I'm happy to share that
Marathon has completed 80 percent of the tasks in the Work Program.

Monroe County and the Village of Islamorada completed 100 percent of the tasks in the Work Program. Thus, regarding this success, we'd like to engage in rulemaking. So we request authorization to begin rulemaking on behalf of you, the Commission; and this rulemaking will remove programs and tasks that have been substantially completed and address requests from Monroe County to remove the requirement of tier maps in their comprehensive plan.

Further, the Department requests authorization to begin rulemaking on behalf of you, the Commission, to remove existing rule language detailing stormwater and wastewater programs that have been substantially completed. And these rule changes will include addressing Monroe County's requirement to adopt the Conservation Planning Mapping System in the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan as the maps and systems are currently adopted in the Monroe County land development regulations. And this will allow oversight of the Department to ensure this is done.

And finally, also permit the Department to
file each local government rule for final rule adoption if there's no request for a public hearing. With that, that concludes our presentation of the annual report.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Thank you.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KRUSE: Thank you, Director.

We have two speakers that Director Lawson introduced that would like to make some remarks. First we'll start with Commissioner Michelle Coldiron with Monroe County; and followed by Chuck Lindsey, Marathon City Manager.

MS. COLDIRON: Thank you. And greetings, Governor DeSantis and Cabinet members.

On behalf of Monroe County commissioners and staff, we greatly appreciate our ongoing partnership with the Governor and Cabinet members, as well as the Department of Economic Opportunity and our municipalities through the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern.

Through this partnership, we have established a land management system that, among other things, protects the natural environment of the Florida Keys, promotes and supports a diverse and sound economic base, and protect and improves the
near-shore water quality of the Florida Keys through federal, state, and local funding.

The Florida Keys supports a multi-billion-dollar tourism industry, attracting five million visitors every year, and enabling us to generate over $200 million in annual state sales taxes. It's our collective duty to protect the most important and unique environmental assets in the State of Florida, assets that depend upon the pristine waters of the Florida Keys.

These include: The only living coral reef system in the continental United States; the largest sea grass beds in the western hemisphere; and the $800 million recreational fishing industry, along with the State's most valuable commercial fisheries.

Through years of working together, we have all contributed to installing wastewater treatment systems to eliminate our cesspits and septic tanks; to improve near-water quality -- the near-shore water quality. Sorry, that's a mouthful.

This was a primary component of the Area of Critical State Concern work plan that is nearing completion. While this is to be celebrated, we still have work to be done in the area of canal
restoration and surface-water management to further improve our water quality.

Monroe County and its cities have implemented canal restoration programs to jump start this endeavor. DEO has circulated a handout on these initiatives. Of our 502 canals located in sanctuary waters, several hundred have water quality issues.

The benefits of canal restoration programs include protection of sea life and natural resources; protection against leaching of poor quality water in canals to near-shore waters threatening our coral reef; the creation of private-sector construction jobs for restoration projects; the protection of human health. Canals that don't flush and have rotting seaweed contain bacteria. And lastly, ensuring the continued vibrancy of the billion-dollar marine-based tourism industry of the Florida Keys.

In closing, the County recognizes the ongoing efforts of the State and supports DEO's recommendation to begin rulemaking to eliminate completed work plan tasks and develop the next set of goals as an Area of Critical State Concern that continue improving water quality and protecting the
fabulous Florida Keys as a truly unique environmental resource and valuable economic engine for the State of Florida.

We greatly appreciate you and thank you so much for your support.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Thank you.

MR. LINDSEY: Good morning, Governor and Cabinet members. Thank you very much. I'm honored to be here to represent the City of Marathon and all of its wonderful residents.

Commissioner Coldiron said it very, very well, so I'll make this very short. I just wanted to say thank you.

Thank all of you for your environmental priorities. Sir, thank you for your focus on Everglades restoration; it's very important to us in the Florida Keys. A lot of folks don't think about it, but that water travels south and ends up down with us.

Thank you for the continuation of our designation as an area of critical state concern. It's incredibly important, incredibly important for all of us. And thank you for your focus on canal restoration as we move forward in that third part of the equation to improve our near-shore water
quality. Restoring those canals is very, very important to us.

Governor, I want to thank you very much for your continued focus on affordable housing. Mr. Patronis, thank you as well, not only for the emphasis you place on it, but also for the extra ROGO allocations that were awarded to us. It's very important that we build new housing for our folks and for our residents.

So with that, I'd like to conclude and just say thank you very much.

I'd also like to thank DEO, especially Barbara who works very well with us. It's a pleasure working with you all.

Thank you.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Thank you.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KRUSE: Thank you.

Governor, to close the item, I'm going to walk through five recommendations and then pause for a motion.

Staff recommends that the Commission: One, accept the 2018 annual report;

Two, continue the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern designation;

Three, accept the Department's recommendation
that progress toward accomplishing the tasks of the work program have been achieved;

Four, authorize the Department to, A, publish notices of rulemaking to amend Rules 28-20.140, 28-18.400, and 28-19.310, Florida Administrative Code; to remove completed work program tasks; and to remove the requirement from Monroe County to adopt the Conservation Planning Mapping System into the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan; and B, file the rules for final adoption if no requests for public hearing are received in the rule amendment process;

And then five, authorize the Department to initiate rule development to draft rule language to be brought back at a future meeting to establish a canal restoration work program for the Florida Keys.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Is there a motion to approve?

COMMISSIONER FRIED: So moved.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Is there a second?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. No objections. The motion carries.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KRUSE: Thank you.
That concludes the Administration Commission agenda.
GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. What about the Florida Land Water Adjudicatory Commission items?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KRUSE: Thank you, sir. We have two items on the Commission agenda.

Item 1 is a request for approval of the minutes of the November 30th, 2018 meeting.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Move to approve.

Second?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?

(NO RESPONSE).

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion carries.

Item 2.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KRUSE: Is a request for authorization to publish notices of rulemaking to expand the Bella Collina Community Development District; and if no request for a public hearing is received as a result of the notices, request authorization to file for final rule adoption.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Motion to approve.

Is there a second?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.
GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?
(NO RESPONSE).
GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion carries.

All right. Thank you very much.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KRUSE: Thank you.

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GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Doctor Zingale, Revenue.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ZINGALE: Good morning.
GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Good morning.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ZINGALE: Governor and Cabinet, we have four items on the agenda today. The first is the approval of the minutes.
GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Motion to approve.
Is there a second?
ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.
COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second.
GOVERNOR DESANTIS: No objections, the motion carries.
Item 2.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ZINGALE: Item 2, the Department requests approval to file and certify with the Secretary of State for final adoption under Chapter 120 Florida Statutes rules related to general tax administration.
GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Motion to approve.
And is there a second?
ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.
CFO PATRONIS: Second.
GOVERNOR DESANTIS: No objection, the motion
carries.

Three.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ZINGALE: The Department requests approval to file and certify with the Secretary of State for final adoption under Chapter 120 Florida Statutes rules related to property tax oversight.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Motion to approve. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections? (NO RESPONSE).

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion carries.

Item 4.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ZINGALE: Finally, the Department requests approval of the authority to publish a notice of proposed rules in the Final (sic) Administrative Register for rules relating to child support.

Request approval.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Motion to approve. Is there a second?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. No objections,
the motion carries.

Thank you very much.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ZINGALE: Thank you.

Appreciate the opportunity.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Sure.

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GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Ash Williams, SBA.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Good morning, Governor.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Good morning. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Trustees, Cabinet members.
CFO PATRONIS: Good morning.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: The first item is an update on Fund performance. This is a pre-item actually. Fiscal year to date through last night's close, the Fund is up 2.42 percent. That's 114 basis points ahead of target.

The Florida Retirement System Trust Fund stands at $157.7 billion. That's $2.8 billion less than it started the fiscal year net of approximately $7 billion in distributions for benefit payments.

Item 1, request approval of the March 12 meeting minutes.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Motion to approve.

Is there a second?
ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?
(NO RESPONSE).

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion carries.

Item 2.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.
Request approval of the April 2 meeting minutes.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Motion to approve.
Is there a second?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: No objections. The motion carries.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.

Item 3 is a fiscal determination in connection with Florida Housing Finance Corporation multifamily house refunding bonds for the Mary Bethune-Cookman High Rise in Tampa.

Request approval.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Motion to approve.
Is there a second?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?
(NO RESPONSE).
GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion carries.

Item 4.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.

Item 4 is another fiscal determination. This in connection with another Florida Housing Finance Corporation financing; multifamily mortgage revenue bonds not to exceed $14 million for the acquisition and construction of 120 units of affordable housing, the Parrish Oaks in Manatee County.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Motion to approve. Is there a second?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?

(NO RESPONSE).

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion carries.

Item 5.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.

Item 5, another fiscal determination for the Florida Housing Finance Corporation not to exceed $11 million. This is for the acquisition and rehab of affordable housing for Pembroke Tower Apartments in Broward County.

Request approval.
GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Motion to approve.
Is there a second?
CFO PATRONIS: Second.
GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?
(NO RESPONSE).
GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion carries.
Item 6.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.
Item 6, request approval of a fiscal sufficiency relating to issuance not to exceed $55 million, Department -- Florida -- State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection Everglades Restoration Revenue Refunding Bonds.
Request approval.
GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Motion to approve.
Is there a second?
ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.
GOVERNOR DESANTIS: No objections, the motion carries.
Item 7.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.
Item 7 is a resolution of the Board of the SBA approving the fiscal sufficiency of an amount not to exceed $205 million, State of Florida Full Faith
and Credit, Department of Transportation
Right-of-Way Acquisition and Bridge Construction
Bonds.

Request approval.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Motion to approve.

Is there a second?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: No objections, the motion carries.

Eight.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.

Item 8 is a request for approval for changes
for the Comprehensive Investment Plan for the
Florida Prepaid College Board. This was reviewed
and approved by the College Board itself in a prior
public meeting and makes adjustments for benchmarks
and authority for their investment managers to be
brought up to date and consistent with their
mandates.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Motion to approve.

Is there a second?

CFO PATRONIS: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?

(NO RESPONSE).

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
Item 9.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Item 9 is a request for approval of the quarterly report for the Protecting Florida's Investments Act.

And perhaps the key headliner here is that we've had very a positive outcome on the engagement with Airbnb in relation to the antiboycott divest and sanction Israel movement. As you know, we engaged them previously. They reversed their policy, and so we have removed them from the scrutinized list.

And by approving this report, you will confirm that action. So thank you for your support there.

The second item of interest is that one of the countries that has long been on this list is Sudan. There has been a coup there as of April 11 of this year, and the president has been deposed; however, it's unclear yet whether the successor government will, in fact, be a democratic one. Currently there's a military junta in charge, and it's ambiguous.

So I would not recommend a change there.

And the only other change would be with regard
to Iran. We have added three companies to the
Sudan -- to the scrutinized companies list. All of
these are subsidiaries of the Russian Gazprom
Company, which is an energy firm.

So I'd recommend and request approval of the
report.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Motion to
approve.

Is there a second?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

CFO PATRONIS: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing no objection, the
motion carries.

Next.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.

Item 10, request approval for the SBA's
proposed budgets for the fiscal year. These
include budgets for the State Board of
Administration; the Florida Retirement System
Investment Plan; the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe
Fund; Division of Bond Finance; and the Florida
Prepaid College Board.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Motion to approve.

Is there a second?

CFO PATRONIS: Second.
GOVERNOR DESANTIS: No objection, the motion carries.

All right. Thank you.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.

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GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Internal Improvement Trust Fund, Noah.

SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: Good morning, Governor.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Good morning.

SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: General Moody, CFO Patronis, and Commissioner Fried.

We have a brief Board of Trustees' agenda this morning with four items.

The first item is consideration of minutes from the February 26th and April 2nd meetings.

The Department recommends approval.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Motion to approve.

Is there a second?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing no objections, the motion carries.

Item 2.

SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: The second item is consideration of Florida Forever's 2019 Priority List and the 2019 Five-Year Plan, and the Division of State Lands Annual Work Plan for fiscal year
29 -- sorry, 2019 through 2020.

The Department recommends acceptance of the
plans and approval of the priority list.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Motion to approve.
Is there a second?
CFO PATRONIS: Second.
GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?
(NO RESPONSE).
GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. The motion
carries.

SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: Great.

Items 3 and 4 will be presented by Portia Sapp
from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
Services.

MS. SAPP: Good morning.

Item 3 is a proposed aquaculture lease in
Collier County.

Jeffrey McDonald has requested a new two-acre
water column lease in Blackwater Bay in Collier
County to start his oyster aquaculture business.
The National Marine Fisheries Service and the Army
Corps of Engineers have reviewed the item and
determined the activities proposed are not likely
to have adverse impacts and are compliant with our
general programmatic permit.
The proposed site is located in small tooth sawfish critical habit; however, the area has been shifted to be in water deeper than 36 inches, which is compliant with our programmatic general permit with the Army Corps.

Staff recommends approval of this item.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Motion to approve. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second.

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing no objections, the motion carries.

Four.

MS. SAPP: Item 4 are four aquaculture leases proposed in Franklin County.

Jimmy Wayne Lashley, Jr.; Frederick Register; and Jeff Wren have requested four new one-acre water column leases in St. George Sound in Franklin County to start oyster aquaculture businesses.

Again, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Army Corps of Engineers have reviewed the item and determined the activities proposed are not likely to have adverse impacts and are compliant with our programmatic general permit.
The proposed sites are in gulf sturgeon critical habitat; however, the applicant's plan to use water column gear, off-bottom gear, which is approved within our general permit.

Staff recommends approval of this item.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Motion to approve.

Is there a second?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

CFO PATRONIS: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: No objections, the motion carries.

We did have a speaker on Item 2, so if Debra Foote is here and wants to offer comment, you're welcome to come to the podium.

MS. FOOTE: Good morning, Governor and Cabinet.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Good morning.

MS. FOOTE: I'm glad I'm getting up here to support your endorsement of the Florida Forever Plan. I wanted to express our support for both the Five-Year Plan and the Priority List.

I'm sure it comes as no surprise that Sierra Club believes that land acquisition is good for the State of Florida, and we're pleased that these
projects have gone through both a scientific and a peer-review process to come up with the priorities presented for your approval today.

The Critical Lands Natural -- the Critical Natural Lands Projects top priorities provide critical greenway and wildlife corridor linkages, and this includes areas that will protect both panther and black bear habitat and corridors. And we certainly, and me in particular, are very excited about the project that will protect the critical Apalachicola floodplain and estuary.

The partnership and regional incentive project priorities will contribute to the protection of many water bodies and will assist in the improvement of many of our state's unique and imperiled watersheds, as well as help address water quality problems within many parts of Florida. Included projects will help protect the Indian River Lagoon and our unique and world-renowned first magnitude springs.

And, of course, Sierra Club supports the acquisition of less-than-fee projects. These working farms and forests are managed in ways that protect and enhance wildlife habitat and natural communities.
I would be remiss to not mention that Sierra Club hopes that under this new administration that we see greater efficiency in the land acquisition process. We encouraged DEP to tap into the collective knowledge of its land-trust partners to reduce barriers and delays when purchasing lands with significant conservation value.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak, and we support the decision that you made today. Thank you.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Thank you.

Before we adjourn, I think that the CFO had mentioned the salary, and so do you want to just clear that up?

CFO PATRONIS: Thank you, Governor.

Yeah, I misspoke. It was supposed to be commiserate at 68, not $65,000.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Does anyone have any comment on that?

(NO RESPONSE).

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Wonderful.

All right. Well --

CFO PATRONIS: Thank you.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: -- our meeting here is adjourned. Thank you very much.
(WHEREUPON, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED).

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