

STATE OF FLORIDA

Original  
C & N Reporters

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25

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

DATE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019

LOCATION: CABINET MEETING ROOM  
VIA CONFERENCE CALL  
LOWER LEVEL, THE CAPITOL  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

TRANSCRIBED BY: NANCY S. METZKE, RPR, FPR  
COURT REPORTER

**C & N REPORTERS**  
**POST OFFICE BOX 3093**  
**TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32315-3093**  
**(850) 697-8314**  
**nancy@metzke.com**  
**candnreporters.com**

**INDEX**

**PAGE NO.**

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25

Appointment of the Commissioner  
of Financial Regulation

3

\* \* \* \*

## P R O C E E D I N G S

1

2

3

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Good morning.

4

This is the December 2nd meeting of Governor  
and Cabinet.

5

6

This is via conference call. I just want to  
see are the Cabinet members on the line.

7

8

General Moody, are you there?

9

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: I'm present.

10

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: CFO, are you there?

11

CFO PATRONIS: Good afternoon, Governor. Yes,  
sir.

12

13

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Commissioner, are you  
there?

14

15

COMMISSIONER FRIED: I'm here.

16

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. So the only thing  
we have today is the appointment of Commissioner of  
Financial Regulation. We've done public interviews  
with three of the candidates.

17

18

19

20

At this time I move to appoint Russell Weigel  
to the position.

21

22

Is there a second?

23

CFO PATRONIS: This is Jimmy Patronis. I  
second.

24

25

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All in favor.

1 (AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).

2 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any opposed?

3 COMMISSIONER FRIED: I'm going to abstain from  
4 this vote.

5 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: The salary for the  
6 position is currently set at \$166,000. I move that  
7 we maintain that salary.

8 Is there a second?

9 CFO PATRONIS: Second. This is Jimmy.

10 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Any opposed?

11 (NO RESPONSE).

12 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Hearing none, that  
13 concludes our agenda for today. We'll see y'all  
14 tomorrow morning.

15 CFO PATRONIS: Thank you, sir. Bye-bye.

16 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Thank you, Governor.

17 (WHEREUPON, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED).

18

19

20

\* \* \* \*

21

22

23

24

25

CERTIFICATE

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25

STATE OF FLORIDA     )  
COUNTY OF LEON     )

I, NANCY S. METZKE, RPR, FPR, certify that I was authorized to and did stenographically report the foregoing tape-recorded proceedings and that the transcript is a true and complete record of said recording.

DATED this 18th day of December, 2019.

NANCY S. METZKE, RPR, FPR  
Court Reporter

<b>\$</b>	<b>CERTIFICATE</b> [1] - 5:1 <b>certify</b> [1] - 5:5 <b>CFO</b> [5] - 3:10, 3:11, 3:23, 4:9, 4:15 <b>CHIEF</b> [1] - 1:10 <b>COMMISSIONER</b> [4] - 1:11, 3:15, 4:3, 4:16 <b>Commissioner</b> [3] - 2:4, 3:13, 3:17 <b>complete</b> [1] - 5:6 <b>concludes</b> [1] - 4:13 <b>CONFERENCE</b> [1] - 1:15 <b>conference</b> [1] - 3:6 <b>COUNTY</b> [1] - 5:3 <b>COURT</b> [1] - 1:18 <b>Court</b> [1] - 5:12	<b>L</b>
<b>\$166,000</b> [1] - 4:6		<b>LEON</b> [1] - 5:3 <b>LEVEL</b> [1] - 1:15 <b>line</b> [1] - 3:7 <b>LOCATION</b> [1] - 1:14 <b>LOWER</b> [1] - 1:15
<b>1</b>		<b>M</b>
<b>18th</b> [1] - 5:8		<b>maintain</b> [1] - 4:7 <b>MEETING</b> [3] - 1:4, 1:14, 4:17 <b>meeting</b> [1] - 3:4 <b>MEMBERS</b> [1] - 1:9 <b>members</b> [1] - 3:7 <b>METZKE</b> [3] - 1:17, 5:5, 5:11 <b>MONDAY</b> [1] - 1:13 <b>Moody</b> [1] - 3:8 <b>MOODY</b> [2] - 1:9, 3:9 <b>morning</b> [2] - 3:3, 4:14 <b>move</b> [2] - 3:20, 4:6
<b>2</b>		<b>N</b>
<b>2</b> [1] - 1:13 <b>2019</b> [2] - 1:13, 5:8 <b>2nd</b> [1] - 3:4		<b>NANCY</b> [3] - 1:17, 5:5, 5:11 <b>nancy@metzke.com</b> [1] - 1:24 <b>NIKKI</b> [1] - 1:11 <b>NO</b> [2] - 2:2, 4:11 <b>none</b> [1] - 4:12
<b>3</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>O</b>
<b>3</b> [1] - 2:4 <b>3093</b> [1] - 1:22 <b>32315-3093</b> [1] - 1:23	<b>DATE</b> [1] - 1:13 <b>DATED</b> [1] - 5:8 <b>December</b> [2] - 3:4, 5:8 <b>DECEMBER</b> [1] - 1:13 <b>DESANTIS</b> [10] - 1:9, 3:3, 3:10, 3:13, 3:16, 3:25, 4:2, 4:5, 4:10, 4:12 <b>done</b> [1] - 3:18	<b>OF</b> [5] - 1:1, 1:4, 1:11, 5:3, 5:3 <b>OFFICE</b> [1] - 1:22 <b>OFFICER</b> [1] - 1:10 <b>opposed</b> [2] - 4:2, 4:10
<b>6</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>697-8314</b> [1] - 1:23	<b>favor</b> [1] - 3:25 <b>FINANCIAL</b> [1] - 1:10 <b>Financial</b> [2] - 2:4, 3:18 <b>FLORIDA</b> [4] - 1:1, 1:16, 1:23, 5:3 <b>foregoing</b> [1] - 5:6 <b>FPR</b> [3] - 1:17, 5:5, 5:11 <b>FRIED</b> [4] - 1:11, 3:15, 4:3, 4:16	<b>PAGE</b> [1] - 2:2 <b>Patronis</b> [1] - 3:23 <b>PATRONIS</b> [5] - 1:10, 3:11, 3:23, 4:9, 4:15 <b>position</b> [2] - 3:21, 4:6 <b>POST</b> [1] - 1:22 <b>present</b> [1] - 3:9 <b>proceedings</b> [1] - 5:6 <b>public</b> [1] - 3:18
<b>8</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>850</b> [1] - 1:23	<b>General</b> [1] - 3:8 <b>GENERAL</b> [2] - 1:9, 3:9 <b>Governor</b> [3] - 3:4, 3:11, 4:16 <b>GOVERNOR</b> [11] - 1:4, 1:9, 3:3, 3:10, 3:13, 3:16, 3:25, 4:2, 4:5, 4:10, 4:12	<b>RE</b> [1] - 1:4 <b>record</b> [1] - 5:6 <b>recorded</b> [1] - 5:6 <b>recording</b> [1] - 5:7 <b>Regulation</b> [2] - 2:4, 3:18 <b>report</b> [1] - 5:5 <b>REPORTER</b> [1] - 1:18 <b>Reporter</b> [1] - 5:12 <b>REPORTERS</b> [1] - 1:22
<b>A</b>	<b>H</b>	
<b>abstain</b> [1] - 4:3 <b>ADJOURNED</b> [1] - 4:17 <b>AFFIRMATIVE</b> [1] - 4:1 <b>afternoon</b> [1] - 3:11 <b>agenda</b> [1] - 4:13 <b>AGRICULTURE</b> [1] - 1:11 <b>AND</b> [1] - 1:4 <b>appoint</b> [1] - 3:20 <b>Appointment</b> [1] - 2:4 <b>appointment</b> [1] - 3:17 <b>ASHLEY</b> [1] - 1:9 <b>ATTORNEY</b> [2] - 1:9, 3:9 <b>authorized</b> [1] - 5:5	<b>Hearing</b> [1] - 4:12	
<b>B</b>	<b>I</b>	
<b>BOX</b> [1] - 1:22 <b>BY</b> [1] - 1:17 <b>Bye</b> [1] - 4:15 <b>bye</b> [1] - 4:15 <b>Bye-bye</b> [1] - 4:15	<b>IN</b> [1] - 1:4 <b>INDEX</b> [1] - 2:1 <b>INDICATIONS</b> [1] - 4:1 <b>interviews</b> [1] - 3:18	
<b>C</b>	<b>J</b>	
<b>CABINET</b> [3] - 1:4, 1:9, 1:14 <b>Cabinet</b> [2] - 3:5, 3:7 <b>CALL</b> [1] - 1:15 <b>candidates</b> [1] - 3:19 <b>candnreporters.com</b> [1] - 1:24 <b>CAPITOL</b> [1] - 1:15	<b>JIMMY</b> [1] - 1:10 <b>Jimmy</b> [2] - 3:23, 4:9	

<b>RESPONSE</b> [1] - 4:11 <b>RON</b> [1] - 1:9 <b>ROOM</b> [1] - 1:14 <b>RPR</b> [3] - 1:17, 5:5, 5:11 <b>Russell</b> [1] - 3:20
<b>S</b>
<b>salary</b> [2] - 4:5, 4:7 <b>second</b> [3] - 3:22, 3:24, 4:8 <b>Second</b> [1] - 4:9 <b>see</b> [2] - 3:7, 4:13 <b>set</b> [1] - 4:6 <b>STATE</b> [2] - 1:1, 5:3 <b>stenographically</b> [1] - 5:5
<b>T</b>
<b>TALLAHASSEE</b> [2] - 1:16, 1:23 <b>tape</b> [1] - 5:6 <b>tape-recorded</b> [1] - 5:6 <b>THE</b> [3] - 1:4, 1:15, 4:17 <b>three</b> [1] - 3:19 <b>today</b> [2] - 3:17, 4:13 <b>tomorrow</b> [1] - 4:14 <b>TRANSCRIBED</b> [1] - 1:17 <b>transcript</b> [1] - 5:6 <b>true</b> [1] - 5:6
<b>V</b>
<b>via</b> [1] - 3:6 <b>VIA</b> [1] - 1:15 <b>vote</b> [1] - 4:4
<b>W</b>
<b>WAS</b> [1] - 4:17 <b>Weigel</b> [1] - 3:20 <b>WHEREUPON</b> [1] - 4:17
<b>Y</b>
<b>y'all</b> [1] - 4:13