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CABINET

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ATTORNEY GENERAL ASHLEY MOODY
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER JIMMY
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GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Good morning. And welcome to the February 4th meeting of the Governor and Cabinet.

I'd like to welcome Chaplain Joe LaCognata from Ocala Fire Rescue to lead us in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

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GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Commissioner Altmaier.
There you are. Okay. Welcome.

COMMISSIONER ALTMAIER: Thank you, Governor.
Good morning, Cabinet.

Our first agenda item this morning is
approval of our December the 3rd minutes of the FSC
meeting. We'd respectfully request your approval
of those.

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

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: No objection, the motion
carries.

Item 2.

COMMISSIONER ALTMAIER: Thank you.

Our last agenda item is request for approval
for republication of a rule and, if no comments are
received, final adoption.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Move to
approve.

Is there a second?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?

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(NO RESPONSE) .

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion carries.

Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ALTMAIER: Thank you.

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HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

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3 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Highway Safety and Motor
4 Vehicles.

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RHODES: Good morning,
6 Governor, CFO, General, Commissioner.

7 We have -- the first agenda item seeks
8 approval of the Cabinet minutes -- meeting minutes
9 from September 24th.

10 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Move to approve.

11 Is there a second?

12 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

13 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?

14 (NO RESPONSE).

15 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
16 carries.

17 Item 2.

18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RHODES: The next agenda
19 item seeks approval of the Department's purchases
20 over a hundred thousand dollars not on state
21 contract for the first and second quarters for
22 '19/'20 fiscal year.

23 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. I move to approve.

24 Is there a second?

25 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

1 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?

2 (NO RESPONSE) .

3 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
4 carries.

5 Item 3.

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RHODES: The Department's
7 last agenda item seeks approval for final rule
8 adoption of 15B-16 relating to the implementation
9 of House Bill 107, also known as the texting bill.

10 This incorporates suggested changes from
11 JAPC's rule review, and it brings forth the
12 framework for the first-time violators who receive
13 a citation for using a handheld device in a
14 designated school crossing, school zone, or work
15 zone.

16 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Move to
17 approve the item.

18 Is there a second?

19 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

20 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

21 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objection?

22 (NO RESPONSE) .

23 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
24 carries.

25 Just one question. I know other states are

1 going to like digital drivers' licenses. You know,
2 where -- I would hope, you know, that we would be
3 able to do that.

4 Where we at with that process?

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RHODES: Yes, sir. We did
6 a request for an invitation, and we're finalizing
7 that with the award process this week.

8 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay.

9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RHODES: So I should have
10 an update for you this week, sir.

11 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Great. All right. Thank
12 you.

13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RHODES: Sure. Thank you.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND

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3 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Noah for Board of
4 Trustees.

5 SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: Good morning.

6 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Good morning.

7 CFO PATRONIS: Good morning.

8 SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: So Item 1 we have is
9 consideration of minutes from the December 3rd,
10 2019, meeting. And the Department recommends
11 approval.

12 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Move to
13 approve.

14 Is there a second?

15 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

16 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

17 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?

18 (NO RESPONSE).

19 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
20 carries.

21 Item 2.

22 SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: Item 2 is consideration
23 of the 2020 project ranking list for the Stan
24 Mayfield Working Waterfronts, which is a Florida
25 Forever grant program within the Florida

1 Communities Trust Act.

2 We have two properties within that -- or two
3 projects within that that we'd like to move forward
4 with, and the Department recommends approval.

5 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Move to
6 approve.

7 Is there a second?

8 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

9 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?

10 (NO RESPONSE).

11 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
12 carries.

13 Item Number 3.

14 SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: Item 3 is consideration
15 of a request to approve the Lake Jackson Aquatic
16 Preserve Management Plan, one of the tools we have
17 right here just north of Tallahassee. And so this
18 is a refresh that the Department recommends
19 approval.

20 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Move to approve.

21 Is there a second?

22 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

23 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

24 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?

25 (NO RESPONSE).

1 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
2 carries.

3 SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: Then we have two
4 sovereignty submerged land leases.

5 Item 4 the Board is asked to consider a
6 renewal and modification of a 10-year sovereignty
7 submerged lands lease to increase the preempted
8 area from 500,450 -- or sorry, 504,585 square feet
9 to 721,730 square feet and allow up to 17
10 liveaboards.

11 The Department has carefully reviewed this
12 proposal and recommends approval.

13 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to
14 approve.

15 Is there a second?

16 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

17 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objection?

18 (NO RESPONSE).

19 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
20 carries.

21 SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: Item 5 is consideration
22 of an application by The Docks on Old River
23 Condominium Association, Incorporated to modify an
24 existing five-year sovereignty submerged lands
25 lease to a 10-year term, exceed the preempted area

1 to shoreline ratio and increase the preempted area
2 from 15,682 square feet to 17,011 square feet for a
3 multi-family docking facility. And they've also
4 provided the necessary offset.

5 The Department recommends approval.

6 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Move to
7 approve.

8 Is there a second?

9 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

10 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Hearing no
11 objections, the motion carries.

12 Item Number 6.

13 SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: So the next three items
14 we have are some pretty exciting Florida Forever
15 acquisitions. We've had a really tremendous year
16 thanks to y'all's support and leadership on the
17 environment.

18 We're going to ask speakers to come up at the
19 end of Item 6 and be able to speak on all of those
20 items so that you get to hear that all at once, and
21 then we'll move through the remaining items.

22 So Item 6 the Board is asking -- or we're
23 asking the Board to approve an option agreement to
24 acquire a conservation easement over approximately
25 559 acres from Matthew Thibault, Pallardy trustee

1 of the Pallardy Ranch Land Trust 2006 for
2 \$1,621,100.

3 The Department recommends approval. This is
4 an exciting acquisition giving us more habitat
5 protection, adding on to prior acquisitions we've
6 had in the area.

7 And we have several speakers. The first I'd
8 like to bring up is Debra Foote with the Sierra
9 Club of Florida.

10 MS. FOOTE: Good morning. I am Debra Foote,
11 the Government Affairs and Political Director for
12 Sierra Club Florida. And we are very excited to be
13 here in support of Items Number 6 and 7.

14 Preservation and conservation of both of these
15 tracts are of particular importance to the
16 Manatee/Sarasota Sierra Group and its citizens due
17 to the high level of development in Sarasota and
18 Manatee Counties that they are experiencing and the
19 expansion of phosphate mining in Manatee County.

20 The proximity of these lands to other
21 conserved lands would expand the function and value
22 of wildlife corridors and help to ensure the
23 survival of threatened and endangered upland
24 species, such as the Florida panther. Conserving
25 these lands also serves aquifer recharge purposes

1 and preservation of threatened ecosystems.

2 So thank you for my ability to speak, and we
3 certainly encourage these purchases.

4 SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: Thank you, Debra.

5 Next we have Lindsey Cross with Florida
6 Conservation Voters.

7 MS. CROSS: Good morning, Governor and
8 Cabinet. It's a pleasure to be here this morning.
9 And I'm Lindsey Cross with the Florida Conservation
10 Voters.

11 I want to first recognize the hard work of all
12 of the staff and the ARC, the Acquisition and
13 Restoration Council for bringing these excellent
14 projects forth to you. We are very supportive of
15 the projects, including the Myakka Ranchlands
16 Project, both the conservation easements and the
17 acquisition projects. They're complimentary to
18 each other, and we think they're going to do a lot
19 to support the water quality, wildlife habitat, and
20 access to recreation in one of the fastest growing
21 regions, not just in our state, but in the entire
22 U.S.

23 In particular, I want to highlight the Orange
24 Hammock property. This is the type of bold and
25 effective project that Florida Forever and the

1 Rural and Family Lands Protection Programs, that
2 these conservation programs were envisioned to do.

3 This is not only going to protect water
4 supply, but it includes a globally imperiled
5 habitat, the dry prairie; and it's going to provide
6 new, unique recreation opportunities to the
7 residents of this area.

8 So I want to thank you for considering these,
9 the continuation of programs like Florida Forever
10 and the Rural and Family Lands Protection Program.
11 It's so critical to our state.

12 Finally, I want to recognize the hard work of
13 the Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast. I
14 know they're here, and they've been working on this
15 project for decades, since their inception in 2003.
16 They're coming to you with a match to make this
17 project happen. So it takes these partnerships,
18 and I think that these are two projects that we'll
19 be very proud of for decades to come. So thank
20 you.

21 SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: And last but absolutely
22 not least, as Lindsey has mentioned, is Christine
23 Johnson with the Conservation Foundation of the
24 Gulf Coast, who is actually a partner of ours on
25 Item 7.

1 MS. JOHNSON: Good morning, Governor and
2 Cabinet members. I am Christine Purvis Johnson,
3 and I am honored to be the President of
4 Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast.

5 We and so many others have worked for almost
6 two decades to conserve Orange Hammock Ranch. It
7 has the Trifecta of benefits: Drinking water
8 supply, rare habitat and species, and unique public
9 access.

10 Orange Hammock Ranch is vital to the drinking
11 water supply of the City of North Port and three
12 counties: Manatee, Sarasota, and Charlotte. The
13 globally imperiled dry prairie habitat is found on
14 the property as well as 2000 acres of marshes and
15 slues supporting the American wood stork and other
16 wading birds.

17 This property needs to be seen and enjoyed by
18 the public, and we applaud FWC for agreeing to
19 manage it for resource-based recreation. I know
20 Executive Director Erikson holds this property dear
21 as he tried to conserve it when he worked for
22 Sarasota County and again when he worked for
23 SWFWMD.

24 That's how long many people have been working
25 to conserve this property, and that's why I'm

1 authorized by my board to pledge that Conservation
2 Foundation of the Gulf Coast will raise
3 \$1.5 million from the community to protect this
4 property in perpetuity. And I appreciate your vote
5 today for conserving Orange Hammock Ranch for
6 drinking water, for imperiled habitat, and for
7 people to enjoy.

8 Thank you.

9 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Great.

10 And I think, Jimmy, wanted to make a comment.

11 CFO PATRONIS: Yes, sir. Thank you, Governor.

12 Noah, thank you for your leadership on all of
13 this. I'm curious. You know, I've been to the
14 Myakka area. I know some of the merits of what
15 you're pushing forward.

16 How do we continue to -- one thing I love
17 about a conservation easement process is you're
18 still having engagement by a landholder to maintain
19 and take care of the overhead, whether it be
20 dealing with stormwater runoff, growth, vegetation,
21 in order to make sure that your folks don't have
22 more to deal with with the water management
23 districts.

24 Is there anything else we can do to help
25 empower you to do more of that, as kind of like a

1 smarter way for resource management?

2 SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: I'm sorry, Chief
3 Financial Officer Patronis, I'm in the mindset of
4 being before the Legislature --

5 CFO PATRONIS: Yeah, I just didn't know --

6 SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: -- and going through
7 the chair.

8 I had a complete brain freeze there for a
9 second. I wanted to say Chairman Governor
10 DeSantis.

11 CFO PATRONIS: It is Session.

12 SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: So there went my blank
13 look. Also, you didn't wear gator tie so I was --

14 CFO PATRONIS: Not yet. It's not Gator Day
15 yet.

16 SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: No, I think being
17 supportive of land acquisition with what you're
18 doing. I honestly think we're hitting stride right
19 now.

20 In this agenda, you see a mix of fee simple
21 and conservation easement. And when you look at
22 this past year, we've had a lot of conservation
23 easements and creative partnerships between local
24 groups raising money, good management decisions
25 between agencies with our partnerships, with

1 Commissioner Fried's office, with FWCC.

2 I think we're hitting stride just because of
3 the strong support you're showing for conservation.
4 The only other thing I'd say is just challenge us
5 to do more, challenge us to look for creative ways
6 to use conservations easements.

7 I think we're doing it, and the biggest
8 difference, again, is just simply the support to
9 say: Go out there and make Florida Forever
10 successful.

11 CFO PATRONIS: Sure. Sure. Well, just
12 whatever we can do to pile on. I just -- I think
13 it's a smart business model, and we protect the
14 environment, at the same time you're allowing for
15 sustainable protection of the resource. And it's a
16 great utilization of a partnership where taxpayers'
17 dollars can go to help expand what you're doing,
18 and private sector can help, you know, shoulder the
19 burden of the overhead and expenses.

20 SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: Absolutely.

21 CFO PATRONIS: Thank you for what you're
22 doing.

23 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Great.

24 Okay. So for Items 6 and 7, I move to approve
25 both of those items.

1 Is there a second?

2 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

3 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?

4 (NO RESPONSE).

5 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
6 carries.

7 Okay. Item 8.

8 SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: Item 8 is the last
9 acquisition. It's consideration of an option
10 agreement to acquire approximately 17 acres within
11 the Strategic Managed Area List, or SMALL Florida
12 Forever project list, from Julia A. Ciotti and
13 James P. Fitzgerald for \$740,000. The subject
14 parcel is situated on the north bank of the Sante
15 Fe River where a first magnitude spring, Columbia
16 Spring, emerges and flows into the river.

17 The Department recommends approval. It's one
18 of those great small spring parcels up in north
19 Florida that's fitting right in with our state park
20 and is going to be an addition to the River Rise
21 Preserve State Park.

22 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Great. I move we approve
23 the item.

24 Is there a second?

25 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

1 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?

2 (NO RESPONSE).

3 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Hearing none, the
4 motion carries.

5 Item 9.

6 SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: Sure. The last two
7 items are actually going to be presented by Portia
8 Sapp with Commissioner Fried's office.

9 MS. SAPP: Thank you. Good morning, trustees.

10 Item 9 is a request. Florida Oyster Company
11 has requested an existing 2.66-acre lease in
12 Volusia County be modified to allow use of the
13 water column so they can grow oyster in floating
14 gear.

15 Staff recommends approval of this item.

16 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: I move to approve.

17 Is there a second?

18 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

19 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

20 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?

21 (NO RESPONSE).

22 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Hearing none, the
23 motion carries.

24 MS. SAPP: Thank you.

25 Item 10, the Department is requesting approval

1 to establish the four-mile aquaculture use zone in
2 Franklin County, which is comprised of 38 1.5-acre
3 parcels.

4 If approved, the application window will be
5 publicly noticed, and the proposed preferences for
6 applicants include applicants that are Franklin
7 County residents; applicants that attend a
8 pre-application meeting; applicants that have not
9 previously held a 10-year submerged land lease with
10 the Department; applicants that have held a salt
11 water products license for at least three of the
12 five years; and applicants that have held an
13 Apalachicola Bay oyster harvesting license for at
14 least three of the last ten years.

15 FWC and DEP have reviewed the items and had no
16 comments. Additionally, the National Marine
17 Fisheries Service and the Army Corps have reviewed
18 the item and determined the activities proposed are
19 not likely to have adverse impacts and are
20 authorized under our programmatic permit.

21 Staff recommends approval of this item.

22 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: I move to approve.

23 Is there a second?

24 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

25 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?

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(NO RESPONSE) .

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion carries.

Thank you.

MS. SAPP: Thank you.

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

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3 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Florida Department of Law
4 Enforcement.

5 COMMISSIONER SWEARINGEN: Good morning.

6 CFO PATRONIS: Good morning.

7 COMMISSIONER SWEARINGEN: I have four agenda
8 items for you. First, I respectfully submit for
9 your approval the minutes from the December 3rd,
10 2019 Cabinet meeting.

11 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: I move to approve.

12 Is there a second?

13 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

14 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?

15 (NO RESPONSE).

16 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
17 carries.

18 Item 2.

19 COMMISSIONER SWEARINGEN: The second item are
20 the contracts over a hundred thousand for the
21 second quarter of fiscal year '19/'20, which I
22 submit for your approval.

23 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to
24 approve.

25 Is there a second?

1 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

2 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?

3 (NO RESPONSE).

4 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
5 carries.

6 Item 3.

7 COMMISSIONER SWEARINGEN: Item 3 is notice of
8 proposed rules. We have six sets of rules and two
9 new rules being proposed, and we're also requesting
10 approval to file for final adoption, if no
11 substantive changes to the rules are required.

12 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: I move to approve.

13 Is there a second?

14 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

15 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?

16 (NO RESPONSE).

17 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
18 carries.

19 Item 4.

20 COMMISSIONER SWEARINGEN: Thank you.

21 The last item is the 2020 Florida Law
22 Enforcement Officers Hall of Fame nominees. The
23 Hall of Fame was created in 2014 to recognize and
24 honor law enforcement officers who put their lives
25 on the line for the safety and protection of

1 Florida citizens and visitors through their works,
2 service, and exemplary accomplishments.

3 Each year nominations are accepted from the
4 Florida Sheriffs, Police Chiefs, Police Benevolent,
5 and the State Law Enforcement Chiefs Associations,
6 and the Fraternal Order of Police. A
7 representative from each entity also serves on the
8 selection committee.

9 This year the committee selected the following
10 nominees for your approval: Lawrence Crow; James
11 Gabbard; William Liquori; William Romine; and Donna
12 Uzzell.

13 And if I could take a moment of personal
14 privilege. SAC Uzzell just retired from FDLE. And
15 during her tenure, she was truly a champion of
16 public safety issues, especially related to the
17 safety of children. She will be the first female
18 honored by being inducted into the Law Enforcement
19 Officers Hall of Fame.

20 The ceremony to honor these individuals is
21 scheduled for Saturday, May 16th, and you will be
22 receiving invitations. I respectfully submit these
23 names for your approval.

24 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. I move to approve.

25 Is there a second?

1 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second.

2 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

3 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objection?

4 (NO RESPONSE).

5 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
6 carries.

7 Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER SWEARINGEN: Thank you.

9 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Oh, we have a question.

10 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Commissioner, real
11 quick. I was recently reading some reports that
12 some local labs are getting more requests to do lab
13 work because they're hesitant to send it to FDLE
14 because they're backed up.

15 Can you tell us and tell the Cabinet -- and I
16 apologize, I gave you no heads up that I would be
17 asking this, but I most recently was reading in
18 some articles. Can you tell the Cabinet what
19 you're doing to reduce those wait times to get key
20 evidence back that we need for prosecutions?

21 COMMISSIONER SWEARINGEN: Well, I recently
22 spoke at the Sheriffs Association. There's a lot
23 of misinformation out there and misperception about
24 what evidence we will take, what can be submitted
25 to us, and we clarified a lot of that.

1 I think there's a lot of misinformation about
2 the turnaround times. Our turnaround times are
3 actually going in the right direction. That's not
4 to say we don't need additional staffing, and we do
5 a number of things to try and bring that time down.

6 We offer overtime for our lab analysts. We
7 are hiring analysts as quickly as we can. So we're
8 doing everything we can to have those turnaround
9 times come down, but I think there's a lot of
10 misinformation out there.

11 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: So you are seeing a
12 trend downward in terms of turnaround time?

13 COMMISSIONER SWEARINGEN: Yes, ma'am. And
14 I'll be glad to meet with you outside of this and
15 give you --

16 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: That would be great.
17 Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER SWEARINGEN: -- give you those
19 turnaround times.

20 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Great. Thank
21 you.

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DIVISION OF BOND FINANCE

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3 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I think we're
4 going to skip ahead to Bond Finance.

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WATKINS: Good morning,
6 Governor, Cabinet members.

7 Item Number 1 is approval of the minutes of
8 the December 3rd meeting.

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

11 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

12 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?

13 (NO RESPONSE).

14 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
15 carries.

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WATKINS: Item Number 2 are
17 three reports of award. The first is the
18 competitive sale of \$177.9 million in turnpike
19 revenue bonds for various projects across the
20 state.

21 The bonds were awarded to the true -- the low
22 bidder at a true interest cost of 2.79 percent.

23 Item 2B is a report of award on the
24 competitive sale of \$20.5 million in capital outlay
25 refunding bonds.

1 The bonds were awarded to the low bidder at a
2 true interest cost of 1.34 percent. That allowed
3 us to reduce the interest rate on outstanding bonds
4 from 4.04 percent to 1.34 percent. Generating
5 gross debt service savings of 3 million; present
6 value savings of 2.8 million, or 12 percent of the
7 principal amount of the bonds refunded.

8 The last report of award is Item 2C, the
9 competitive sale of \$6.1 million of University of
10 Central Florida parking facility revenue refunding
11 bonds. The bonds were awarded to the low bidder at
12 a true interest cost of three -- 1.29 percent
13 allowing us to reduce the interest rate from 3.82
14 percent to 1.29 percent. Generating gross debt
15 service savings of 1.3 million; present value
16 savings of 1.1 million, or 12.1 percent of the
17 principal amount of the bonds refunded.

18 Item 3 is a resolution authorizing the
19 issuance and competitive sale of \$25 million in
20 turnpike revenue refunding bonds for debt service
21 savings.

22 I need a motion.

23 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. I move to approve.

24 Is there a second?

25 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

1 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Is there an objection?

2 (NO RESPONSE).

3 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
4 carries.

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WATKINS: And lastly is
6 Item 4. It's a resolution authorizing the issuance
7 and competitive sale of \$11.8 million of refunding
8 bonds for the University of North Florida for their
9 student wellness center for debt service savings.

10 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: I move to approve.

11 Is there a second?

12 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

13 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?

14 (NO RESPONSE).

15 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
16 carries.

17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WATKINS: Thank you, sir.

18 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Thank you.

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STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

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3 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. We'll do Board
4 of Administration.

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Good morning,
6 Governor --

7 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Good morning.

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: -- trustees,
9 cabinet members.

10 The first item by way of update on portfolio
11 performance. As of last night's close, fiscal year
12 to date, the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund
13 is up 6.23 percent. That's three basis points
14 behind target, marked to market issue.

15 Second, the balance is \$168.7 billion. That's
16 \$5.6 billion more than we started the fiscal year
17 with, net of distributions of roughly \$600 million
18 monthly for benefit payments.

19 Item 1, request approval of the minutes of the
20 3 December meeting.

21 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Move to approve.

22 Is there a second?

23 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

24 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objection?

25 (NO RESPONSE).

1 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
2 carries.

3 Item 2.

4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.

5 Items 2 and 3 are fiscal sufficiencies.

6 The first of these, Item 2, is for an amount
7 not exceeding \$11.8 million, State of Florida,
8 Board of Governors, University of North Florida,
9 mandatory student fee revenue refunding boards
10 (sic).

11 Request approval.

12 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Move to approve.

13 Is there a second?

14 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

15 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?

16 (NO RESPONSE).

17 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
18 carries.

19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Item 3 is
20 likewise a fiscal sufficiency, a resolution of the
21 SBA approving an amount not exceeding 25 million
22 State of Florida, Department of Transportation
23 turnpike revenue refunding bonds.

24 Request approval.

25 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Move to approve.

1 Is there a second?

2 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

3 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objection?

4 (NO RESPONSE).

5 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
6 carries.

7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.

8 Item 4 is a fiscal determination, as are Items
9 5 and 6. This is for the Florida Housing Finance
10 Corporation, and this is a fiscal determination in
11 connection with an issuance not to exceed \$11
12 million multifamily mortgage revenue notes for the
13 Hibiscus Apartments. This is new construction of
14 96 units of affordable housing in Lee County,
15 Florida.

16 Request approval.

17 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Move to approve.

18 Is there a second?

19 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

20 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

21 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objection?

22 (NO RESPONSE).

23 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
24 carries.

25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.

1 Item 5 is likewise a fiscal determination.
2 Request approval of a resolution in connection with
3 issuance not to exceed \$15,300,000, Florida Housing
4 Finance Corp multifamily housing revenue bonds.
5 This is the Meridian Apartments, an acquisition and
6 rehab for 160 units of senior residential rental
7 housing in Hollywood, Florida.

8 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Move to approve.

9 Is there a second?

10 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

11 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing no objection, the
12 motion carries.

13 Item 6.

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.

15 Item 6 is a resolution of the SBA, a fiscal
16 determination for an amount not to exceed
17 20,800,000 Florida Housing Finance Corporation
18 multifamily mortgage revenue bonds.

19 This is the Northside Transit Village II, new
20 construction of 180 units of affordable housing in
21 Dade County.

22 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Move to
23 approve.

24 Is there a second?

25 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

1 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing no objection, the
2 motion carries.

3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.

4 Items 7, 8, and 9 relate to rules related to
5 the investment policy statements of the State
6 Board. These are statement changes that have
7 previously been through the Investment Advisory
8 Council in public meeting and approved by the
9 Trustees in public meeting. And we simply place
10 them all in rules to memorialize them and maximize
11 the legitimacy of our policy.

12 So Item 7 is amendments to Rule 19-7.002.
13 This is the Investment Policy Statement for the
14 Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund, also
15 known as Florida Prime.

16 Request approval.

17 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Move to approve.

18 Is there a second?

19 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

20 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objection?

21 (NO RESPONSE).

22 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
23 carries.

24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Item 7 (sic),
25 likewise Investment Policy Statement update for the

1 Florida Retirement System Investment Plan.

2 Request approval.

3 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Move to approve.

4 Is there a second?

5 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

6 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objection?

7 (NO RESPONSE) .

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

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.

11 Item 9 is also a Rule Amendment for procedures
12 for the investment plan, various documentation
13 matters bringing them up to date.

14 Request approval.

15 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Move to approve.

16 Is there a second?

17 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

18 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objection?

19 (NO RESPONSE) .

20 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
21 carries.

22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.

23 Item 10, request approval of a draft letter to
24 the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee affirming
25 that the SBA trustees have reviewed and approved

1 the Auditor General's financial audit of the Local
2 Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund and taken
3 action to address any impacts.

4 There are no impacts.

5 Request approval.

6 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Move to approve.

7 Is there a second?

8 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

9 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

10 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objection?

11 (NO RESPONSE).

12 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
13 carries.

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.

15 Item 11, request approval of draft letters to
16 the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee affirming
17 that the SBA trustees have reviewed and approved
18 the monthly Florida Prime summary reports and taken
19 actions, if any, to address any impact for Q3 of
20 2019.

21 There is no action required. There were no
22 impacts.

23 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Move to approve.

24 Is there a second?

25 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

1 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objection?

2 (NO RESPONSE).

3 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
4 carries.

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.

6 Item 12 is another draft letter to the Joint
7 Legislative Auditing Committee affirming that the
8 SBA trustees have reviewed and approved the monthly
9 Florida Prime summary reports and actions taken, if
10 any, to address any impacts for the fourth quarter
11 of 2019.

12 Again, there were no material impacts; and
13 therefore, no action is indicated.

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

16 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

17 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objection?

18 (NO RESPONSE).

19 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
20 carries.

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.

22 Item 13 is the quarterly reports for the SBA.
23 And I think the key elements there would include --
24 I'm happy to say, as usual -- no control
25 exceptions, everything in good shape, performance

1 ahead of benchmark. The Fund is in tight shape,
2 and there is detail there.

3 And I'm happy to answer any questions you may
4 have; otherwise, request approval of the reports.

5 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Move to
6 approve.

7 Is there a second?

8 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

9 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objection?

10 (NO RESPONSE).

11 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
12 carries.

13 Thank you.

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.

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ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

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3 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Administration
4 Commission.

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

8 Item 1, request approval of the minutes of the
9 June 4th and September 24, 2019, meetings.

10 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Move to approve.

11 Is there a second?

12 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

13 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

14 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objection?

15 (NO RESPONSE).

16 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
17 carries.

18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KRUSE: Item 2,
19 consideration of the Department of Economic
20 Opportunity's 2019 Florida Keys Area of Critical
21 State Concern Annual Report.

22 This morning DEO Director Ken Lawson will
23 provide highlights of that report for you.

24 Director Lawson.

25 DIRECTOR LAWSON: Good morning, Governor and

1 Cabinet. Good to see you.

2 Now DEO, we've worked with our partners to
3 complete the Florida Keys Area of Critical State
4 Concern Annual Report. DEO is required to submit
5 an annual report to you, the Governor and the
6 Cabinet, the Administration Commission, to report
7 on the progress of the Florida Keys Area of
8 Critical State Concern towards completing the work
9 program tasks.

10 Now today we have hope to accomplish during
11 this meeting, is for the Administration Commission
12 to, one, accept the 2019 Florida Keys Area of
13 Critical State Concern Annual Report; two, continue
14 the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern
15 designation; three, accept the Department's
16 recommendation that progress towards accomplishing
17 the tasks of the work program have been achieved;
18 four, accept the draft rule for the canal
19 restoration work program tasks and the modification
20 of sanctions, provisions, and authorize the
21 publication of notices of rule making; and finally,
22 support legislation to amend the reporting
23 requirements in Section 380.0552(4) of the statute
24 from annually bienially.

25 This report addresses progress made by the

1 Village of Islamorada, the City of Marathon, and
2 Monroe County to accomplish the tasks of the work
3 program. And I'm happy to share the following
4 things with you: Marathon has completed 60 percent
5 of the tasks scheduled during the reporting year;
6 Monroe County completed a hundred percent of the
7 tasks; and the Village of Islamorada completed
8 67 percent of these tasks.

9 Now back in June, on June 4th of 2019, in our
10 meeting with the Administration Commission, you all
11 authorized DEO to initiate rule development to
12 draft rule language for the canal restoration
13 program. Now DEO has included that draft language
14 in the 2019 annual report. Now please know this,
15 that DEO has worked with our partners, the local
16 governments, and the Department of Environmental
17 Protection to develop the draft rule.

18 Our next step is for us to begin widening the
19 net of input and hold a series of workshops to
20 engage the key citizens and other stakeholders.
21 And the Department will bring back a final rule
22 language for adoption prior to the 2021 Session
23 where we'll submit the adopted rule for
24 ratification.

25 Now, Governor DeSantis, I've got to tell you

1 this, we thank you for your leadership on this
2 issue because the Keys' economy depends on clean
3 water. You know, canal restoration is the next
4 logical step in the process of improving the
5 near-shore water quality and protecting the natural
6 resources that is the basis for their tourism
7 economy.

8 Now in conclusion, DEO requests you, that the
9 Administration Commission accepts the five
10 previously-stated recommendations. And with that,
11 I'm happy to answer any questions. Governor,
12 Cabinet.

13 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Does anyone have
14 questions?

15 (NO RESPONSE).

16 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: I think we do have a
17 speaker. Is the mayor here?

18 DIRECTOR LAWSON: You do sir. Yes, sir.

19 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay.

20 DIRECTOR LAWSON: Thank you, sir.

21 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right.

22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KRUSE: Thank you,
23 Director.

24 And Mayor Carruthers would like to speak.

25 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Great.

1 MAYOR CARRUTHERS: Good morning. And thank
2 you, Governor and Cabinet members. It's a real
3 honor to be here again.

4 And we're so pleased to present the annual
5 report from DEO. As the Director stated, Monroe
6 County has completed a hundred percent of our tasks
7 this year. Our municipalities have completed a
8 substantial portion of their tasks. We are very
9 happy to continue our designation as an area of
10 critical state concern.

11 We also fully support DEO's recommendations
12 and are, frankly, thrilled to include canal
13 restoration as part of our work plan. We are
14 perfectly fine with the proposed penalties should
15 we not complete the tasks, because we're committed
16 to those tasks. And we are also fully aware and
17 pleased to report annually on our progress towards
18 that.

19 We consider canal restoration to be the third
20 leg of our three-legged stool for water quality in
21 the Keys. You know, wastewater, which we've
22 completed; stormwater, which we're in the process
23 of doing; and now canal restoration. And it all
24 underpins our \$1.3 billion fishing and tourism
25 economy.

1 So we really appreciate the support from DEO
2 and from you, Governor and the Cabinet. And with
3 that, I'll answer any questions you may have.

4 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Governor, I just have --
5 I just want to say thank you being here today, and
6 of course it's Florida Keys Day at the Capitol; so
7 welcome everybody from Monroe County here to
8 Tallahassee.

9 MAYOR CARRUTHERS: It is, and join us for some
10 key lime pie and some rum punch after work hours
11 today.

12 Thank you very much.

13 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Thank you. All right.

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mayor.

15 And if I might indulge, Representative
16 Raschein just wanted to say a couple of words as
17 well.

18 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Sure. Great.

19 REPRESENTATIVE RASCHEIN: And because it is
20 Florida Keys Day, I just didn't want to miss the
21 opportunity to thank you, Mr. Governor and Cabinet
22 members, for all of your hard work and dedication
23 to the fabulous Florida Keys.

24 And, Mr. Lawson, your team is -- there is no
25 better for us there.

1 It's obviously a very unique area. It's very
2 environmentally sensitive, and it's the partnership
3 that we have with the State of Florida that
4 maintains our unique character down in the Keys.

5 So again, it's Florida Keys Day. I believe
6 all of you are on our agenda today, so I don't want
7 to take up too much more of your time. Again, just
8 very, very grateful.

9 Thank you.

10 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Great.

11 Okay. Well, I move to approve the item.

12 Is there a second?

13 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second.

14 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objection?

15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KRUSE: Governor, I'm
16 sorry, if I might, I do need to run through the
17 recommendations for the record, if I might. It
18 will just take a moment.

19 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay.

20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KRUSE: I apologize.

21 Governor, there are six; I'll make them brief:
22 One, accept the 2019 Florida Keys Area of Critical
23 State Concern Annual Report; two, continue the
24 Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern
25 designation; three, accept the Department's

1 recommendation that progress toward accomplishing
2 the tasks of the current work program have been
3 achieved by the local governments; four, accept the
4 Department's proposed rule language on the
5 suggested revisions to current sanctioned
6 provisions in the adoption of the canal restoration
7 work program tasks, modified to include imposition
8 of sanctions associated with the completion of the
9 canal restoration work program tasks; and authorize
10 the Department to, A, publish notices of rulemaking
11 to amend Rules 28.20.140 (sic), 28-18.400, and
12 28-19.310 FAC; and B, file the amended rules for
13 final adoption if no request for a public hearing
14 are received in the rule amendment process; five,
15 authorize Commission staff to make technical
16 revisions to proposed rule language as necessary;
17 and six, authorize the Department to work with the
18 Legislature during the 2020 legislative session to
19 add references to statutory language in Section
20 380.0552 F.S. to memorialize the canal restoration
21 initiative and the requirement for completion of
22 the associated projects prior to the designation.
23 With regard to the Department's reporting period in
24 Section 380.0552(4)(b), Commission staff recommends
25 retaining the annual reporting period.

1 Thank you, Governor. I apologize for the --

2 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. No problem.

3 All right. Move to approve the item.

4 Is there a second?

5 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

6 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?

7 (NO RESPONSE).

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

10 All right. That concludes today's meeting.

11 Thank you.

12 (WHEREUPON, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED).

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