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GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Good morning. Welcome to the May 28th meeting of the Governor and Cabinet.

Let's get started with Administrative

Commission. Mark Kruse will present the first items.

COMMISSIONER FRIED: Governor, if I could -EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KRUSE: Thank you,
Governor.

COMMISSIONER FRIED: Governor, before I think we get started, I'd like to have a moment of silence to mark the hundred thousand Americans and 23 hundred Floridians who have died from COVID-19.

(WHEREUPON, THERE WAS A MOMENT OF SILENCE).

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Very well.

All right. Mark Kruse.

COMMISSIONER FRIED: Actually, Governor, if I --

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KRUSE: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER FRIED: Governor, before we start the agenda, I'd like to have a couple of moments just to have a couple of seconds --

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: We're going to go through the agenda, and then if you have some things to

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GOVERNOR DESANTIS: So, Mark, go ahead.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KRUSE: Yes, sir.

Item 1 is request for approval of the 2020
Statewide Emergency Shelter Plan submitted by the
Division of Emergency Management. Danny Kilcollins
will present the report, and Director Jared
Moskowitz will follow with some brief comments.

Danny.

MR. KILCOLLINS: Good morning, Governor and Cabinet members. I appreciate the opportunity to present the Division's 2020 Statewide Emergency Shelter Plan. The Division of Emergency Management is responsible for preparing the Plan pursuant to Section 1013.372(2) and Section 252.3852(b), Florida Statutes.

The Plan was prepared in late 2019 and delivered on January 31st, 2020 as required by the statute. The Plan serves as a guide to determine need for new school facilities to be designed and built as hurricane evacuation shelters.

This Plan is updated every two years and projects needed space required over a five-year period and breaks up this information for general

population and special-need shelters. Also included is information pertaining to the availability of pet friendly shelters.

Florida has made significant strides in reducing its deficit of safe public hurricane evacuation shelter space over the past 20 years. When we started this process in 2000, there was a deficit of more than 1.5 million shelter spaces. Statewide we have created more than one million spaces now; and combined with reducing demand for shelters, we have eliminated the deficit on a statewide aggregate basis.

Some regions still have deficits. This change statewide though allows us to be flexible and use host sheltering when we need to do so. This has been achieved through a combination of retrofitting of existing public schools and other facilities and use of enhanced hurricane resistant construction for new schools.

About 45 percent of the spaces have been created through schools being designed and constructed to meet the Department of Education's public shelter design criteria. About 32 percent of the spaces were created through retrofitting of suitable existing facilities.

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The 2020 Plan determined that seven RPC regions -- Regional Planning Council regions -have sufficient capacity of general population hurricane evacuation shelter space in 2020. Region 1, West Florida; Region 2, Apalachee; Region 3, North Central Florida; Four, Northeast Florida; Region 5, East Central Florida; 9, Treasure Coast; and 10, South Florida.

Three RPC regions have deficits of general population space, and they are: Region 6, Central Florida; Region 7, which is Tampa Bay; and Region 8, which is Southwest Florida.

Five of the ten RPC regions have a deficit of special-need shelters, and the deficit will continue through 2025. They are: Region 2, Apalachee; Region 4, Northeast Florida; Region 5, East Central Florida; Region 6, Central Florida; and Region 8, which is Southwest Florida.

For special-need shelters, five regions can demonstrate they have sufficient spaces though. They are: Region 1, West Florida; Region 3, North Central Florida; Region 7, which is Tampa Bay; Region 9, which is Treasure Coast; and Region 10, which is South Florida.

This is a significant improvement over 2018 in

the previous plans when only one region was demonstrated to have sufficient capacity. That was Region 10, South Florida.

The Division will continue to work with local emergency managers and partners to reduce the deficit by providing hurricane shelter retrofit grants and technical assistance.

Now I'm going to turn it over to our Director, Jared Moskowitz, who will talk about planning with COVID-19 in mind.

DIRECTOR MOSKOWITZ: Danny, thank you.

Good morning, Cabinet members. Thank you for allowing us to present this item.

Obviously everyone has COVID-19 on their mind and hurricane season, and we've had that on our mind since early March. So obviously COVID-19 is going to present additional added challenges for sheltering. We've been working in consultation with the CDC and FEMA and the American Red Cross in looking at guidance for recommended counties. I remind everybody that both evacuations and sheltering happens at the county level, and so those decisions are made at the counties; and different decisions might be made in a Walton County versus a Dade County based on how COVID-19

is active in that community. It makes difference in a June or July storm versus an August or September storm.

One of the biggest changes this year is going to be non-congregate sheltering. We've been working with FEMA for the last several weeks on making sure that FEMA is looking at pre-approving non-congregate sheltering pre-landfall. That is sheltering potentially in hotels.

And so we've been working on an app here to give to the counties for free that would allow them to register people -- preregister people who want to use hotels as non-congregate sheltering. So far we have 200 hotels signed up for non-congregate sheltering, and we've provided that list of hotels to the counties.

The app will also allow them to initiate evacuations early, have plenty of time so that non-congregate shelters shall be operational. The National Guard is always available to us here at the Division of Emergency Management, and we thank them for all of the assistance they've provided to us in COVID-19.

In Hurricane Irma, we had 65 hundred Guardsman working in our shelters, which was the largest

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sheltering mission in state history. 350 thousand people went to shelters after Hurricane Irma.

Overall the CDC after COVID-19 is encouraging every county to use smaller shelters, or less than 50 people are possible. Some counties are working with their school boards to look at separating people by classroom, but those decisions will be made between the county and that local school board.

If traditional congregate sheltering is necessary, we are recommending, regardless of the number of the people in the shelter, and so is the CDC and the American Red Cross, that a minimum of 60 square feet is given per person. We are recommending that counties screen all people coming in. If rapid testing is available, which we're hoping as we get into the latter part of hurricane season it will be, we will help supply rapid testing for people entering or exiting shelters.

Shelters should have an isolation area in the event someone falls ill in the shelter or self identifies potentially as having COVID-19, or they could have a specific facility for somebody who fails a temperature check or is COVID positive so they can be redirected to that specific facility.

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Obviously they should ensure social distancing, a minimum of six feet between families. If the counties need assistance from the Division as far as separation, we will help provide them the supplies to do so. They should all routinely clean and disinfect all common areas and surfaces.

In past hurricane seasons, we have what's called host sheltering from folks from let's say Collier County need to go to Broward County because we have to evacuate a county. In that instance, the Division of Emergency Management will reimburse the host shelter, and we will do the same thing this hurricane season, and we will also help them if non-congregate sheltering is what's needed. don't want financial resources to be the reason why a county does not use all available tools in the toolbox.

Additionally, we're working with AHCA and Florida Health on the hospitals to make sure that those reciprocal agreements that they have in place for evacuations are going to be adhered to and that there are policies in place for when folks have to be transferred to new facilities so that people who might be COVID positive are clearly separated from people who are not COVID positive.

Additionally, the Division of Emergency
Management has purchased 50 generators for the
first time in a long time actually so that we can
help with power missions in emergency situations
wherever they pop up. On the PPE front, because we
know that's going to be a big issue for our
shelters, we have ten million masks in reserve;
five million gloves; one million face shields; and
we signed a 12-million mask deal with Honeywell.
We have five thousand thermometers on hand, 200
negative pressure machines, and a multitude of
advanced sanitation machines.

Finally, we want to talk about how -- we've already said we want people to know their zone, what evacuation zone that they live in. We also want people to know their home, because we only want people now to evacuate if they have to evacuate, if they're in that Evacuation Zone A, B, C, that the county makes the decision to evacuate, let's say.

And so if you live in a newer structure, newer home with newer building code and the storm is of a lower category, knowing your home and staying in your home, sheltering in place may be the safest thing for your family. So we are communicating

that message, and so are all of the county emergency managers.

And so, you know, I want to thank Danny for his work obviously on the Plan. Danny has been doing this for 20 years, presenting this to the Cabinet for 20 years now. Obviously the Plan was due by the end of January, before obviously the complications with COVID-19 and hurricane season were all thought out.

So we continue to modify the Plan. It is a living, breathing document as new guidance comes out from CDC. And as we get further into hurricane season, additional tools will become available.

Governor, I now offer this Plan for your approval and for the Cabinet, and thank you for your time.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Wonderful.

Well, I recommend approval. Does anyone else have an interest in approving or making any comments?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Governor --

COMMISSIONER FRIED: Governor, I will --

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Governor, this is
Ashley Moody. I have a quick question for Director
Moskowitz, if that's okay.

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GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Sure.

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Director Moskowitz, first, thank you so much for what you and your staff have been doing throughout this COVID-19 crisis. And I just want to say personally how much I appreciate your responsiveness, especially as we were dealing with quick testing for law enforcement. You and your staff were great in responding and staying on top of the issues as we presented them, so thank you.

And it is no surprise that you and your staff have been quickly adjusting to address this year's hurricane season in light of our COVID-19 epidemic and concerns.

And you mentioned this in your statement. You suggested that this was a living, breathing document and that it may need to be amended. Do you expect -- and I know it was dated January 31st, 2020. Do you expect that as we move forward that we will need to amend the document to address additional shelter capacity and different types of facilities or non-congregate shelter options just to take into account not only our current situation but future capacity considering potential future disease outbreaks?

DIRECTOR MOSKOWITZ: I can't comment on that. General, first of all, thank you for your question. Thank you for the comments, and we appreciate the partnership.

I can't comment obviously whether or not the Cabinet would need to revote on it. Obviously, you know, I'm talking about differences between the strategic plan and the operational plan obviously. You know, this is the end of May. We have June, July, August, September, October. Irma was in September; Michael was in October.

If I said to you today that we would be making no additional changes to that, clearly we wouldn't be taking in the day-to-day situation. As new information becomes available, new guidance could come out from the CDC and FEMA.

So the reason why I say it's a living, breathing document is because we have to recognize that in emergency management we have to roll with the punches that are dealt to us. I can say additionally (inaudible phone transmission) operational plan, obviously. You know, this is the end of May. We have June, July, August, September, October. Irma was in September; Michael was in October.

I can say that both Craig Fugate and Brock

Long have examined our draft plan that we've sent

down to the counties as guidance, and so we're

continuing to take input through this process from

outside sources, in addition to FEMA, CDC, and the

American Red Cross.

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: All right. Thank you so much, Director Moskowitz.

CFO PATRONIS: Governor, hey, this is Jimmy.
GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Yeah.

CFO PATRONIS: Governor, if I may, this is Jimmy Patronis.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Sure.

CFO PATRONIS: I just wanted to point out that Jared has been amazing to work with. With what we've dealt with, he was able to help us rapidly deploy strike teams through the forest and aid Division of Forestry over the last few weeks. And to throw all of this on top of him in dealing with the pandemic, the likes that none of us have ever seen, I just want to -- you know, I wasn't sure if he was going to be on the call later. I just felt like I needed to take this chance to praise him for what he was able to do and accomplish in such extraordinary times in ensuring the safety of our

first responders, our firefighters and giving them the necessary backup and resources they were able to need to do to save, you know, lives and those that were in danger.

So you've got a good man working for you, and the State is in a better place because of Jared.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER FRIED: Governor, it's

Commissioner Fried. I just have a couple of
questions also.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Great.

COMMISSIONER FRIED: First of all, I would like to -- Jared, I would like to back up what AG Moody and CFO Patronis said about you and your team. They have been absolutely stellar saving lives and really being at the front lines of what we're going through in the State of Florida.

Just a couple of just followup questions in regards the actual shelters during COVID, whose responsibility is it going to be to actually enforce some of those parameters, making sure that we have social distancing in the actual shelters themselves?

DIRECTOR MOSKOWITZ: Commissioner Fried, thank you, and thank you for also your Department's help,

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not just with the fires that we've had, but obviously in the feeding missions that we've done around the State in response to COVID-19.

The answer is that that will be done at the local level as the counties are in charge of the shelters.

COMMISSIONER FRIED: And, Governor, may I have just one followup question also?

In regards to -- I know that there's been ongoing conversation and debate regarding using charter schools as potential hurricane shelters. Is there an update of where we are, of how many charter schools may be up to par on being able to become shelters or what the game plan is for eventually more construction of those charter schools?

DIRECTOR MOSKOWITZ: Commissioner, so that's an ongoing conversation between the school boards and the counties at the local level. Obviously charter schools are public schools, and so, you know, that's a conversation that happens at the local level.

A lot of it depends on the safety of the building. There are a lot of charter schools that aren't built to shelter code. And so, again, those

19 1 shelters are identified at the local level. We 2 provide our eyes on it, but it has to do with the 3 safety of the structure. 4 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Thank you. And, Governor, I will second your motion to 5 6 approve. 7 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Any other objections? Everyone agree? 8 CFO PATRONIS: Agreed. 10 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Agreed. 11 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Hearing no 12 objections, the motion carries. Thank you, Jared, for all of your hard work. 13 14 I appreciate it very much. 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

1 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND 3 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Next I'd like to recognize 5 Secretary Noah Valenstein to present the Board of Trustees' agenda. 7 SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: Thank you, Governor and 8 members of Cabinet. It's a pleasure to bring forward these items this morning. 10 Item 1 is consideration of minutes from the 11 February 4th, 2020 meeting. 12 The Department recommends approval. 13 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to 14 approve. 15 Is there a second? 16 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second. 17 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second. 18 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objection? 19 (NO RESPONSE). 2.0 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Hearing none, the 21 motion carries. 2.2 SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: Item 2 is consideration

of a request from the Florida Department of

Transportation for a release of deed restriction

from an approximately 14.68-acre parcel conveyed in

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1 Board of Trustees' Deed Number 19786 now owned by the Florida State Department of Transportation. 3 The release will allow DOT to grant a perpetual conservation easement for Snail Kite 5 conservation and assist in seamless management of the Loxahatchee Slough Natural Area by Palm Beach 7 County. 8 The Department recommends approval. GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. I move to approve 10 the item. 11 Is there a second? 12 This is Ashley Moody. ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: 13 I second. 14 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Anyone else? 15 (NO RESPONSE). 16 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Anyone else in favor? 17 COMMISSIONER FRIED: I'm in favor. 18 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. All right. We have 19 three affirmative votes, and the item is approved. 2.0 Item 3. 21 SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: Thank you, Governor. 2.2 Item 3 is consideration of a determination 23 that a 2.72-acre parcel of state-owned 2.4 non-conservation land in Escambia County is surplus 2.5 and no longer needed for State purposes, acceptance

1 of a bid in the amount of \$5,925,000 and approval of a contract for sale and purchase of this subject 3 parcel to Continental Pacific, LLC. This was a former DOH facility that was 5 determined to be surplus. The Department recommends approval. 7 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. I move to approve 8 the item. Is there a second? 10 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second. 11 CFO PATRONIS: Second. 12 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Any comments or objections? 13 14 (NO RESPONSE). 15 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Hearing none, the 16 motion carries. 17 Item 4. 18 SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: Thank you. 19 Item 4 is bring before the Board of Trustees 2.0 the 2020 Florida Forever Priority List and request 21 to accept the 2020 Florida Forever Five-Year Plan 22 and accept the 2020/2021 Annual Florida Forever

We bring these forward to you each year to show our work list for land acquisition for the

Work Plan.

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State of Florida. This is largely similar to last year. Five new parcels were added. There were some project boundaries to existing parcels, but largely it's similar to last year.

Your offices were provided letters of support from Sierra Club, Trust for Public Land, A Thousand Friends.

And the Department recommends approval.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. I move to approve the item.

Is there a second?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Any objection?

CFO PATRONIS: Governor, this is Jimmy.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Yeah.

CFO PATRONIS: Just a comment to the Secretary.

Noah, as y'all prioritize and negotiate these moving forward, wherever y'all can -- and you've heard me bring this up before. Wherever we can treat these as a conservation easement where we can still allow the original landholder to have some skin in the game in maintaining these, it would be a great value. And again, just my two cents.

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1 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Well, great.

SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: Absolutely. Thank you, CFO.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Motion carries.

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SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: Thank you.

And then the next seven items together are land acquisitions. I first just want to really thank our Division of State Lands' staff, especially Callie DeHaven, who is our Division Director, who has worked really, really hard with partners at Division of Forestry and others to bring good acquisitions before you.

We've had a number of letters provided to you. I won't go through all of them, but we've had letters of support for various of these items from Thousand Friends of Florida, Trust for Public Land, Sierra Club, Audubon of Florida. I just wanted to read one portion of the Audubon letter, which was actually capturing all of these acquisitions because I think it gives the flavor of those public comments.

And Audubon stated: All of these proposals are remarkable acquisitions for each community and the economies they support. Committing these lands

1 to conservation will ensure that our current and future residents, as well as our many of our visitors will realize the essential benefits of 3 Florida's natural resources in the years to come. 5 Today marks a special day for the State of Florida and the Florida Forever Program. 7 So with that Item 5 is the first parcel. 8 consideration of an option agreement to acquire a conservation easement over approximately 713 acres 10 within the Green Swamp Florida Forever project from 11 AVT Ranch, Incorporated for \$1,125,000.

And the Department recommends approval.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. I move to approve.

Is there a second?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

CFO PATRONIS: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?

(NO RESPONSE).

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

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SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: Thank you.

Item 6, the Board is asked to consider an option agreement to acquire a conservation easement over approximately 2,883 acres within the Tippen

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1 Bay Ranch Florida Forever project from Bob Paul, Incorporated for \$4,166,000. 3 Acquiring less-than-fee protection of the property would help protect habits, surface water, 5 functional wetlands, and groundwater recharge. And the Department recommends approval. 7 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: I move to approve the 8 item. Is there a second? 10 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second. 11 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second. 12 CFO PATRONIS: Second. 13 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections? 14 (NO RESPONSE). 15 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion 16 carries. 17 Item 7. 18 SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: Thank you. 19 Item 7 is consideration of an option agreement 2.0 to acquire approximately 9.9 acres within the 21 Strategic Managed Area Lands List Florida Forever 22 project and the Silver River Conservation and 23 Recreation Lands project from David R. Carter and 24 Victoria H. Carter.

Acquisition of the property would provide

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multiple benefits to Silver Springs State Park. If
you see the attached map, you can see that it's one
of the last inholdings right adjacent to the river.

The Trustee price is \$800,000.

And the Department recommends approval.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to approve.

Is there a second?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

CFO PATRONIS: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?

(NO RESPONSE).

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

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SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: Item 8 is consideration of an option agreement to acquire approximately 4.5 acres within the South Walton County Ecosystem Florida Forever project from David Schofield for \$882,500.

Acquisition of this property will streamline the management and eliminate future habitat fragmentation within Topsail Hill Preserve State Park. Again, this is similar to the prior item where when you look at the map, this is one of the

1 last inholdings in the middle of Topsail Hill State Park, which is one of our most beautiful state 3 parks in Florida. And so the Department recommends approval. 5 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. I move to approve 6 the item. 7 Is there a second? 8 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second. COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second. 10 CFO PATRONIS: Second. 11 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objection? 12 (NO RESPONSE). GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Hearing none, the 13 14 motion carries. 15 Item 9. 16 SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: Thank you. 17 Item 9, the Board is asked to consider an 18 option agreement to acquire approximately 578 acres 19 within the St. Joe Timberland Florida Forever 2.0 project from Diameter Share, Incorporated for 21 \$720,000. 2.2 The Board of Trustees' purchase price will be 23 reduced by \$200,000 through funding from the 24 Florida Fish and Wildlife Foundation -- or sorry,

from the Fish and Wildlife Foundation of Florida.

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1 The subject parcel will be managed by FWCC as 2. part of the Apalachicola River Wildlife and 3 Environmental area. And this actually adds additional access to 5 the Wimico purchase that occurred just recently for FWCC. 7 The Department recommends approval. 8 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Move to approve the item. Is there a second? 10 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second. 11 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second. 12 CFO PATRONIS: Second. 13 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections? 14 (NO RESPONSE). 15 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion 16 carries. 17 Item 10. 18 SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: Thank you. 19 Item 10 is consideration of an option 2.0 agreement to acquire approximately 10,684 acres 21 within the Devil's Garden Florida Forever project 22 from Alico, Incorporated for 28,500,000. 23 Acquisition of the subject property will

improve water quality, enhance the hydrologic

connection of conservation land within the South

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Florida ecosystem, protect habitat and biodiversity of species, as well as a major Florida panther habitat area.

We have letters of support from Sierra Club of Florida, The Nature Conservancy, Audubon, including their local chapters.

And the Department recommends approval.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: I move to approve.

Is there a second?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

CFO PATRONIS: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objection?

(NO RESPONSE).

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

Item 11.

SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: Item 11 is our next big acquisition. This is consideration of an assignment of an option agreement to acquire approximately 17,080 acres within the Dickerson Bay/Bald Point Florida Forever project from The Nature Conservancy and a request to place a restrictive easement over a portion of the property.

The Board of Trustees' purchase price is

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\$43,000,000. That may be reduced by up to a total
of 5,250,000, which includes three million from the
military restrictive easement and The Nature
Conservancy's commitment to contribute \$2,250,000
towards the purchase price.

A portion of the subject property will be managed by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Florida Forest Service as an addition to Tate's Hell State Forest, which is on the west; and a portion of the subject property will be managed by DEP's Division of Rec and Parks as an addition to Bald Point State Park, which is on the east as this property connects those two.

This has really been an acquisition in the works for year, and again I would compliment staff both at DAC and DEP for continual work through on this item.

The Department recommends approval.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. I move to approve the item.

Is there a second?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

CFO PATRONIS: Second.

COMMISSIONER FRIED: Governor, I just have --

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objection?

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COMMISSIONER FRIED: I just have a quick comment that I'd like to make, Governor.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Sure.

COMMISSIONER FRIED: As has been noted, this item is really important to the state's aquaculture industry and especially for our Gulf seafood industry which is still recovering from Hurricane Michael. Protecting these estuaries, bays, and watershed will really help our shellfish and seafood industries for generations to come; and its protection will also benefit the woodlands and wildlife refugees directly adjacent. So I'm definitely extremely in support of this project.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Great. Hearing no objections, the motion carries.

Item 12.

SECRETARY VALENSTEIN: Sure. Item 12, we'd recognize Portia Sapp with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and she will conclude the Board of Trustees' agenda.

And I'd just say thank you for I think probably one of the most successful Florida Forever agendas we've had in years, so appreciate it.

MS. SAPP: Good morning.

Item 12 is a new aquaculture lease in Gulf

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County, and I just wanted to echo, you know, the last project was really, really important for preserving ecosystem services provided by uplands and wetlands within the watersheds that are important for maintaining the water quality in shellfish harvesting areas. So the tracks that Noah just mentioned are proximal to approximately 60 aquaculture leases in Wakulla County and 70 aquaculture leases in Franklin County and Alligator Harbor.

And they really rely on the water quality for their shellfish businesses, so these kind of partnerships are imperative and really important. So I applaud you guys on those projects.

But today for your consideration, I have a new aquaculture lease application in Gulf County.

Indian Lagoon Oyster Corporation has requested a new ten-acre water column lease in Indian Lagoon to start their oyster aquaculture business. This will be the second aquaculture lease in Indian Lagoon.

The Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Department of Environmental Protection's Florida Coastal office have reviewed the item and had no comments. The National Marine Fishery Service and Army Corps have reviewed the item and

1 determined the activities proposed are not likely 2. to have adverse impacts and are compliant with our 3 programmatic general permit. 4 The proposed site is located in Gulf sturgeon 5 critical habitat, but the applicant is proposing to 6 use floating gear, which is authorized within our 7 permit. And staff recommends approval of the item. 8 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: I move to approve the item. 10 Is there a second? 11 CFO PATRONIS: Second. 12 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second. 13 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second. 14 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Having heard three 15 affirmative votes, the motion carries. 16 Okay. I want to thank you for that. 17 18 19 20 21 2.2 23 24 25

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GOVERNOR DESANTIS: And we're now done with the Board of Trustees, and we now have Ben Watkins.

Ben, are you there with Bond Finance?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WATKINS: Yes, sir. Good morning, Governor and Cabinet.

Item 1 is approval of the minutes of the February 4th meeting.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. I move to approve the minutes.

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.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WATKINS: Item Number 2 is a three-part item, and all -- it's a report on competitive bond sales. All of the transactions were executed pre-COVID, so it feels a little bit like ancient history, but I'll run through a summary of the economics of each of those

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2A is a report of award on the competitive sale of 257.7 million in PECO refunding bonds. The bonds were awarded to the low bidder at a true interest cost of 2.09 percent. It allowed us to reduce interest rates on outstanding bonds from 4.86 percent to 2.09 percent, resulting in gross debt service savings of 103.9 million, present value savings of 84.3 million or 28.2 percent of the amount being refunded.

And this, by way of history, is the -- at 103 million that's the greatest savings we've ever achieved on a refunding.

Item 2B is the competitive sale of 95.1 million dollars of PECO refunding bonds. The bonds were awarded to the low bidder at a true interest cost of 1.12 percent. So we reduced the interest rate from 4.78 percent to 1.12 percent, resulting in gross debt service savings of 24.8 million, present value savings of 23.3 million or 20.3 percent of the principal amount of the bonds being refunded.

Last report of award, Item 2C, competitive sale of 190 million -- 190.7 million of Turnpike refunding bonds. The bonds were awarded to the low

bidder at a true interest cost of 1.76 percent.

That allowed us to reduce the interest rate on outstanding bonds from 4.77 percent to

1.76 percent, resulting in gross debt service savings of 81.2 million, present value savings of 68 million or 30 percent of the principal amount of the bonds refunded.

So this brings our total for fiscal year 2020 -- we've executed ten refunding transactions totalling one and a quarter billion dollars in aggregate principal amount, generating gross debt service savings of 332 million, or present value savings of approximately 273 million.

Item 3 are resolutions authorizing the issuance and competitive sale of 71.8 million of dormitory revenue bonds for construction of a new dormitory at Florida International University.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. I move to approve the item.

Is there a second?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

CFO PATRONIS: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objection?

(NO RESPONSE).

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Hearing none, the

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WATKINS: Item 4 is a resolution authorizing the issuance and competitive sale of 16 million dollars for refunding bonds for Florida State University for debt service savings.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: I move to approve the item.

Is there a second?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?

COMMISSIONER FRIED: Needed -- no, I'm good.

(NO RESPONSE).

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion carries.

Item 5.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WATKINS: Item 5 is a resolution authorizing the issuance and competitive sale of 275 million in Turnpike revenue bonds for the financing of various projects on the Turnpike system, including Homestead Extension, Suncoast Parkway 2, and First Coast Expressway.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. I move to approve

1 the item. Is there a second? 3 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second. ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second. 5 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections? (NO RESPONSE). 7 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion 8 carries. Item 6. 10 Item 6 is the --EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WATKINS: 11 authorizes the issuance of up to a billion dollars 12 in right-of-way acquisition bonds for the 13 Department of Transportation. 14 This is an authorization to initiate a 15 validation proceeding, and this will be broke into 16 pieces and brought back to you as the Department of 17 Transportation has the need for money for 18 right-of-way acquisition. So you will see this 19 again in various pieces as the transactions are 2.0 executed. 21 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. I move to approve 2.2 the item. 23 Is there a second? 24 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections?

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1 (NO RESPONSE). GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion 3 carries. Ttem 7. 5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WATKINS: Item 7 is a resolution authorizing the issuance and 7 competitive sale of 21 and a half million 8 dollars for a refunding for University of Florida Translation and Research Building for debt service 10 savings. 11 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: I move to approve the 12 item. 13 Is there a second? 14 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second. 15 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections? 16 (NO RESPONSE). 17 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Hearing none, the 18 motion carries. 19 Thank you, Ben, for all of your --2.0 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Governor, this is 21 Ashley Moody. If I just might say to Director 22 Watkins before he departs. 23 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Sure. 24 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: You know, I just 25 think that -- we kind of glossed over the

historic savings of 103.9 million. It's just amazing, Director Watkins. I wanted to thank you so much for your diligent efforts, that of your staff.

It's just another great example of the proactive fiscal decisions that we have been making here in Florida for decades that keeps Florida fiscally healthy, and I believe truly keeps us one of the leading states in the nation and so strong.

So thank you very much, Director Watkins. I just didn't want to let the opportunity pass before you left our call.

CFO PATRONIS: Governor, this is Jimmy.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Yep.

CFO PATRONIS: I just wanted to point out, \$103 million on one refinancing, that's the biggest number I've ever seen since being on the Cabinet, you know, 342 million dollars of savings back to the taxpayers of the State of Florida.

Ben, amazing work. Thank you for what you're doing, and keep up the good job.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Yeah. No, absolutely great job. We really appreciate it.

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GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Next I'd like to recognize Ash Williams to present the items for SBA.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you, Governor, Trustees, members of the Cabinet.

Let's open with performance as usual. As of the close yesterday, on the 27th, fiscal year to date, the Fund is back in the black plus 1.07 percent. That's 98 basis points ahead of target. The Florida Retirement System Trust Fund sits at a balance of \$159 billion. That's 4.1 billion below where we started the fiscal year net of \$6 billion in distributions over that same period.

Moving forward, Item 1, request approval of the minutes of the February 4 meeting.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Move to approve the item.

Is there a second?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

CFO PATRONIS: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objection?

(NO RESPONSE).

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion

1 carries. Item 2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you. 3 Items 2, 3, 4, are fiscal sufficiencies. 5 Item 2 is a fiscal sufficiency approving an 6 amount not exceeding \$71.8 million of State of Florida, Board of Governors, Florida International 7 8 University dormitory revenue bonds, series 2020A. Request approval. 10 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to 11 approve. 12 Is there a second? 13 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second. 14 CFO PATRONIS: Second. 15 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: No objection, the motion 16 carries. 17 Item 3. 18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you. 19 Item 3 is a resolution of the Florida State 2.0 Board approving fiscal sufficiency of an amount not 21 exceeding \$16 billion, State of Florida, Board of 22 Governors, Florida State University dormitory 23 revenue refunding bonds. 24 Request approval. 2.5 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Move to approve the item.

1 Is there a second? ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second. 3 CFO PATRONIS: Second. GOVERNOR DESANTIS: No objection, The motion 5 carries. Ttem 4. 7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you. Item 4 is a resolution of the State Board of 8 Administration approving fiscal sufficiency of an 10 amount not exceeding \$275 million, State of 11 Florida, DOT Turnpike revenue bonds, series 2020. 12 Request approval. GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to 13 14 approve. 15 Is there a second? 16 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second. 17 CFO PATRONIS: Second. 18 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing no objections, the 19 motion carries. 2.0 Item 5. 21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you. 22 Item 5 is a resolution of the State Board of 23 Administration approving fiscal sufficiency of an 24 amount not exceeding \$21.5 million State of

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1 Clinical Translational Research Building revenue refunding bonds. 3 Request approval. GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Move to approve the item. 5 Is there a second? ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second. 7 CFO PATRONIS: Second. 8 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: No objections, the motion is approved. 10 Item 6. 11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you. 12 The next few items are fiscal determinations. Item 6 is a resolution of the State Board of 13 Administration making a fiscal determination 14 15 regarding the issuance of an amount not exceeding 16 \$15.2 million Florida Housing Finance Corporation 17 multifamily housing revenue bonds. 18 Request approval. 19 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. I move to approve. 2.0 Is there a second? 21 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second. 2.2 CFO PATRONIS: Second. 23 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: No objection, the motion 24 carries. 2.5 Item 7.

1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you. Item 7 is a resolution of the State Board of 3 Administration making a fiscal determination in connection with the issuance of amount not 5 exceeding \$11.5 million in connection with the Florida Housing Finance Corporation multifamily 7 mortgage revenue bonds. 8 Request approval. GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Move to approve. 10 Is there a second? 11 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second. 12 CFO PATRONIS: Second. 13 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: No objections, the motion 14 carries. 15 Item 8. 16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you. 17 Item 8 is a resolution of the State Board of 18 Administration making a fiscal determination in 19 connection with the issuance of an amount not 2.0 exceeding \$25 million Florida Housing Finance 21 Corporation multifamily housing revenue bonds. 2.2

This is for acquisition and rehab of 222 units of affordable housing in Miami, Florida.

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GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Move to

1 approve. Is there a second? 3 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second. CFO PATRONIS: Second. 5 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: No objection, the motion 6 carries. 7 Item 9. 8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you. Item 9, is another fiscal determination, 10 resolution of the SBA making the determination in 11 connection with the issuance of an amount not 12 exceeding \$12 million Housing Finance Corporation 13 multifamily mortgage revenue bonds. 14 This is new construction of 116 units of 15 affordable housing in Orange County. 16 Request approval. 17 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to 18 approve the item. 19 Is there a second? 2.0 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second. 21 CFO PATRONIS: Second. 2.2 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: No objection, the motion 23 carries. 24 Next item. 2.5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.

Items 10 and 11 both relate to the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Premium Reimbursement Formula.

By way of background, the Formula is required by law to be adopted by an outside actuary, Number 1; Number 2, to be actuarially sound; and Number 3, to be approved unanimously by the Trustees.

As background for this item coming to the Trustees today, the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Advisory Council reviewed the rule and -- the proposed Formula in a public meeting some weeks ago and it was unanimously supported. And the process we use for this affords every opportunity for the industry or the public to come forward, be heard, understand what we're doing, et cetera.

So first we have on Item 10, request for approval of the Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Reimbursement Premium Formula itself, which is a slight decrease from where it was last year, about a 3.6 percent reduction in premium. And then Item 10 (sic) is permission to move forward with the rule.

So I would first ask approval of the Formula itself on Item 10.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. I move to approve

1 that. Is there a second? 3 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second. CFO PATRONIS: Second. 5 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objection? (NO RESPONSE). 7 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Hearing none, the motion carries. 8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you. 10 And then Item 11 is request authority to file 11 a notice of a proposed rule for the Hurricane 12 Catastrophe Fund Reimbursement Premium Formal 13 which, again, just formalizes the process, provides 14 access to all parties, and a venue through which 15 any concerns can be voiced and addressed. 16 Request approval. 17 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: I move to approve the 18 item. 19 Is there a second? 2.0 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second. 21 CFO PATRONIS: Second. 22 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: No objection, the motion 23 carries. 24 Nex item.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.

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Item 12 is also related to the Cat Fund. And what we have here is a request for the adoption of a resolution of the State Board of Administration determining the issuance of pre-event revenue bonds or notes in a principal amount up to but not exceeding \$5 billion to maximize the ability of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund to meet future obligations and authorizing and directing the State Board of Administration Finance Corporation to issue pre-event revenue bonds or notes from time to time in an aggregate principal up to but not exceeding \$5 billion in the determination of the President of the Corporation. This issuance is necessary to maximize the ability of the Cat Fund to meet future obligations.

Background on that item, if I may, Governor? GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Sure.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: So we use -we have two different ways to access capital
markets -- three different ways to access capital
markets for the Cat Fund: The first is pre-event
issuance, which we do primarily for purposes of
liquidity; so that if there is a hurricane event
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to rapidly step up and meet our obligations to

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The Cat Fund in its life has paid out over \$9 billion -- well, well over \$9 billion, over \$10 billion at this point, in claims to Florida primary companies who have never been a day late or a dollar short on one of those payments. And we've never had an audit issue after the fact with any of them.

We have currently \$650 million in pre-event financing that will roll off in the next year or so. And what we would like to do through this resolution is position ourselves; that if in the collective judgment of the Division of Bond Finance and the State Board of Administration the opportunity is in the marketplace for us to access capital at a cost-effective interest rate and in a capacity that is of use to the Cat Fund, we will take the opportunity to do so. And this resolution gives us the flexibility to do that through more than one issues -- more than one incidence of issuance if we choose to because it's optimal economically.

It should be very clear this is permissive. We don't have to do this. Our view is that if

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interest rates or market liquidity are undesirable, if liquidity is inadequate or if rates are too high to be attractive, we simply won't do it.

And what we would then do is if we do have a hurricane event, the other major alternative we have is to do post-event Cat bond issuance, which we have clear authority to do under the statute. That is tax exempt issuance. The distribution on it is a little more easily achieved.

And our view is that with the passage of time and rebound of the economy, hopefully the decline of the pandemic, market access and liquidity will improve over time; and further, interest rates will stabilize and quality of credits, like the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, which is a Double A credit, will be more readily recognized and can more cost effectively access the debt markets. That's the background.

The third access point to capital markets that I mentioned is risk transfer through commercial reinsurance. And we've made the judgment that this year, given cost and capacity constraints, it's better that the Cat Fund stay out of market and leave that capacity for Florida primary insurance companies.

1 Request approval. GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to 3 approve. Is there a second? 5 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second. GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections? 7 (NO RESPONSE). 8 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion carries. 10 Next item. 11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you. 12 Item 13 request approval for changes to the 13 investment policy of the Florida Retirement System 14 defined contribution plan. These are technical 15 changes in the investment manager lineup and benchmarks for the target date funds within the 16 17 defined contribution plan. They were reviewed in a 18 public meeting March 31 of this year by the 19 Investment Advisory Council and unanimously 2.0 approved. 21 Request approval. 22 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to 23 approve the item. 24 Is there a second?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

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1 CFO PATRONIS: Second. GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing no objections, the motion carries. 3 Ttem 14. 5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you. Item 14, request approval of the SBA quarterly 7 report required by the Protecting Florida's 8 Investments Act. We don't have any material items to report under any sections of the PFI report. 10 Request approval. 11 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to 12 approve. 13 Is there a second? 14 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Yes, Governor --15 CFO PATRONIS: Second. And, Governor, I've 16 got a comment. 17 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Governor DeSantis, 18 this is Ashley Moody. I would second that, but I 19 just have one quick question if that's okay for 2.0 Executive Director Williams. 21 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Yep. 22 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Executive Director, 23 thank you so much for the information that you have

given to the Cabinet members prior to today, and I

just have just some follow-up questions in light of

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some recent information that has been disclosed and reported on on how a certain number of Chinese companies raised billions of dollars in capital, and they did that by listing on American stock exchanges but then they refused to give regulators access to audit records that were actually required so that their financial accounting could be reviewed and confirmed.

I just wanted to know if we have any direct holdings in these companies, and if so, how we would evaluate the credibility of their financial statements or information that they're putting out and assess risk to us on those holdings if there's a possibility of inaccurate financial reporting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you, General.

Governor, may I respond?

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Oh, yeah.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.

So first of all, General, your point is well taken. And the SBA has been and will continue to be a proponent of the highest levels of transparency and integrity in financial reporting statements around the world.

The legislation that's been proposed in

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Congress that would constrain access to U.S. stock exchanges of companies that choose not to follow U.S. accounting standards frankly I think is a step forward in pushing people toward integrity of their statements.

It should be noted -- well, let me come back to your direct question, finish that first, and then I'll put a little color around it if I may.

On your question of our direct holdings in China, the answer is we do not invest directly in any Chinese companies and portfolios that we at the SBA manage ourselves. What we do is partner with third-party external managers whose job it is to have local expertise that positions them to understand the individual businesses, the markets they operate in, the attendant risks, including political, regulatory, currency, et cetera, specific to the foreign markets that they're in. And those managers have discretion to select securities, buy them, sell them at their discretion.

Important to note a couple of things: Number 1, these managers are contractually fiduciaries to us, meaning that they have an obligation to put the economic interest of our beneficiary ahead of any

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Second, financial statements are an input to investment decisionmaking, but I think I would say that they're only one input and they're by no means the dominating or sole item of information on which investment decisions are made. In fact, there are many, many situations, even with U.S. companies with very strict accounting -- reporting regimes that we have here in the U.S. who have been involved in false reporting, misleading reporting, et cetera.

I think most investment analysts will tell you that when you read company financial statements and SEC filings, oftentimes the most valuable revelations come in the footnotes where some sort of little treatment of one issue or another that might be misleading is disclosed for legal reasons.

So Number 1, going back to first principals, we're fully in favor of strong standards; Number 2, to the extent we have investment in companies in jurisdictions that don't have the same accounting standards as the U.S., in the totality of the decisionmaking of whether to invest or not to invest or how to size an investment, it's a balance of risk and return that the third-party manager

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Lastly I would say that the U.S. has always had the best accounting standards in the world, and in the past, there have been issues in Japan, in Western Europe, and other parts of the world. It's not at all uncommon for foreign jurisdictions to have accounting regimes and requirements and disclosure standards that are nowhere near as powerful as those in the United States. And surely the United State standards are the best in the world.

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Thank you,

Director Williams. And I know that we have talked
in the past about the financial managers that we

utilize, especially in some -- when we have these
investments through these private equity funds.

And I appreciate you being proactive on that and
making sure that they're assessing and mitigating
any risk that may be associated with some of those
companies that are not traded on the American
exchanges.

So appreciate your answer, and thank you so much for having those continued discussions with them so that we can ensure that our investments are safeguarded.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you,

General. And it's no secret to any of us on this

call that the environment between China and the

rest of the world, especially the U.S., is changing

by the hour. And that has risk ramifications that

we're keenly aware of, and we will work closely

with everyone we can to make sure we're in the

right place in the balance of risk and return.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Jimmy, did you have something --

CFO PATRONIS: Governor, this is Jimmy.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Yep. Go ahead.

CFO PATRONIS: Yes, sir. Thank you.

General Moody, thank you for bringing up
China. Both you and the Governor have made
abundantly clear that we've got to hold China
accountable. Thirty days ago we sent a letter to
the Chinese Embassy demanding restitution for the
financial damages they've caused the State of
Florida.

Now we haven't heard back from them, so today we're beginning a process of issuing a letter to over a hundred thousand vendors that do business with the State of Florida. Our request is simple. We just want those vendors to identify whether

their companies are majority owned by American or not.

Based on this information, we're hoping to identify businesses that are majority owned by the Communist Party of China and potentially withhold funds. This is something I think is needed and transparent information that will help us make better decisions.

But again, I appreciate everything that you and the Governor do for the citizens of the State of Florida.

And in addition, Ash, thank you for your service.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you, sir. GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. So is the motion

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ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Yes, Governor.

Again, I would second that motion.

CFO PATRONIS: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Very good.

Next item.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Item 15, request approval of draft letters to the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee affirming that the SBA Trustees have reviewed and approved the monthly Florida

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1	Prime summary reports and actions taken, if any, to
2	address any impacts. There are no impacts.
3	Request approval.
4	GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Move to approve.
5	Is there a second?
6	ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.
7	CFO PATRONIS: Second.
8	GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objection?
9	(NO RESPONSE).
10	GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing none, the motion
11	carries.
12	Item 16.
13	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.
14	Item 16, request approval of the appointment
15	of Mr. Gary Wendt to the Investment Advisory
16	Council.
17	GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Move to approve.
18	Is there a second?
19	CFO PATRONIS: Second.
20	ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.
21	GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. No objections, the
22	motion carries.
23	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.
24	Item 17, request approval of the appointment
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GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Move to approve.

Is there a second?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

CFO PATRONIS: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing no objection, the motion carries.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.

Item 18 is the quarterly reports as of 12/31/19 relating to State Board of Administration. I would say at a summary level, there are no compliance or control issues, no legal issues of concern and performance. If you look at our single most important metric for performance, which is our absolute nominal return standard, we have exceeded the standard for really every major period going back to 30 years with the exception of the 20-year segment. That's the only one we're behind on, but 1, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, and 30-year segments we outperformed on all of them.

Request acceptance of those reports.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Move to accept the reports.

Is there a second?

1 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second. 2. CFO PATRONIS: Second. 3 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Hearing no objection, the motion carries. 4 5 Item 19. 6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you. 7 Item 19 is request approval for the State 8 Board of Administration's proposed budget for fiscal year '20/'21 which includes the State Board 10 of Administration, the Florida Retirement System 11 Investment Plan, the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe 12 Fund, Division of Bond Finance, and Florida's 13 Prepaid College Board. 14 We have met and briefed with staff extensively 15 for each of these budgets. I think we've addressed 16 questions, provided background materials that are 17 quite thorough, and there are materials provided in 18 the package today. 19 I'm happy to answer any questions anyone may 2.0 have and would otherwise ask approval. 21 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Move to 22 approve. 23 Is there a second? 24 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Hearing no

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objections, the motion carries. 1 Next item. 3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Item 20 is a resolution of the State Board of Administration --5 we're back to fiscal determinations here -- making the fiscal determination in connection with the 7 issuance of an amount not to exceed \$5.3 million 8 Florida Housing Finance Corporation multifamily revenue notes. This is to cover new construction of a 50-unit 10 11 affordable housing community located in Bay County, 12 Florida, Hilltop Point. 13 Request approval. 14 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Move to 15 approve. 16 Is there a second? 17 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second. 18 CFO PATRONIS: Second. 19 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any objections? 2.0 (NO RESPONSE). 21 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: None. The motion carries. 2.2 Next item. 23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you. 24 Item 21 is another fiscal determination, 2.5 a resolution of the State Board of Administration

1 making a determination in connection with the 2 issuance of an amount not exceeding \$6.7 million 3 Florida Housing Finance Corporation multifamily 4 mortgage revenue bonds. 5 This is for construction -- new construction 6 of a 60-unit affordable housing community located 7 in Bay County, Florida, Springfield Crossings. 8 Request approval. GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to 10 approve the item. 11 Is there a second? 12 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second. 13 CFO PATRONIS: Second. 14 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing no objection, the 15 motion carries. 16 17 18 19 20 21 2.2 23 24 25

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3	GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. I think we're now
4	going to State Board of Administration Finance
5	Corporation.
6	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Yes, sir.
7	Item 1, request approval of the December 6th,
8	2016 minutes.
9	GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. I move to approve
10	the item.
11	Is there a second?
12	ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.
13	GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any comments or
14	objections?
15	(NO RESPONSE).
16	GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Hearing none, the
17	motion carries.
18	Item 2.
19	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you.
20	Item 2, request adoption of a resolution
21	authorizing the issuance and negotiated sale of
22	pre-event revenue bonds or notes from time to time
23	in an aggregate principal amount up to but not
24	exceeding \$5 billion.
25	GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to

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ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

CFO PATRONIS: Second.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Any

objections?

Hearing none, the motion carries.

Okay. Ash, thanks a lot for all of your hard work, particularly during the turbulent time. I really appreciate what you're doing.

Anything else for the good of the order? COMMISSIONER FRIED: Yes, Governor.

Commissioner Fried.

First of all, I wanted to also thank Director Williams. He has made himself available and accessible to myself and to my team. So really thank you for your leadership during these times.

And Governor, I'd also like to talk on a couple of other relevant items. I'm glad that we had the opportunity to meet here today. This is certainly a constitutional obligation that we all have. We're the only state in the nation with a cabinet that consist — that constitutionally governs together over numerous state agencies and responsibility.

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But let me be clear, there is no reason to miss the global pandemic that we have seen over 23 hundred Floridians perish, over 51,000 Floridians sickened, and over one million Floridians unemployed, that this Cabinet should not have met in February to consider state business and to receive updates on our State's response to COVID-19.

Each of us was independently elected by the people of this great state. Each of us received four million votes and were put here to do a job. And for the most critical nearly four months of this pandemic, this Cabinet has been left in the dark.

Governor, you recall that I formally requested that the Surgeon General and other officials from the Department of Health appear here today to discuss decisions around the COVID-19 data in which our State in its reopening relies on, but I didn't see any of that on the agenda. You also recall that I formally requested the Department of Revenue and the Office of Financial Regulation commissioners to update the Cabinet on the State's financial standing given that 773 million in revenue lost in March; 878 million lost in April;

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and the projected 800 million lost in May, not to mention what our State has spent responding to COVID-19. But again, I didn't see any of those on the agenda.

You also recall that I asked to have our division directors update the Cabinet on urgent issues, including the feeding of millions of our Floridians and our children and families during COVID-19, and the wildfires that have burned thousands of our acres and prompted evacuations as we've dealt with severe drought. But again, I didn't see any of those on the agenda.

These agenda requests were made in good faith and were not acknowledged let alone fulfilled.

It's a real shame for everyone who deserves the truth.

Floridians expect our government to be united, especially during this time of unprecedented challenges to the State that we all love, but we didn't do that without information and without transparency, so I hope going forward we will stand and start doing this, what our constitution requires, and that is governing together.

And one final note, Governor, I'd also like to remind this body that your selection of the Chief

Judge of the Division of Administration Hearings,
John MacIver, was not confirmed by the Florida
Senate. This critical post oversees 29 state
judges who rule on very important state government
issues. As Senator Hooper said during Session, it
is up to you how we go forward.

So I just had the final question is that while we are reopening, are we going to plan a reopening decision and considering additional applicants at our next Cabinet Meeting?

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Anybody else who -CFO PATRONIS: Governor, this is Jimmy. Yes,
sir. Governor, this is Jimmy.

Look, hey, I want to thank you. I'm more proud to be a Floridian than watching you and your administration deal with something that has never been seen before in any of our lifetimes. The COVID-19 threat and the economic hardships we've seen and the shutdown have been enormous.

But, look, thank God -- hey, I said this to my team. I said, thank God we had Governor DeSantis and not Governor Cuomo. Jared and Jeanette did an amazing job holding everybody's hand through all of the different meetings. Look, the task force worked out really well, and it was really an honor

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working beside all of these fine public servants in dealing with these uncertain times.

While some states seemed okay, their economy run into the ground, you kept your hand and pulse on our State's economy. I couldn't believe the response I got from northwest Florida when you opened it up. I never heard the sigh of relief of people feeling to get back to normal. And then what we saw, we saw people come back to work wearing masks, taking extra precautions to be able to get back to work because of the environment that we're in.

But look, you and Casey -- you know, I haven't got a chance to congratulate her, but I can't imagine bringing a new baby into this world in the times and what you were dealing with. And, you know, when you made those comments about parents not being able to hold the girl, you know, hell, you couldn't help but get choked up.

But what you've done is nothing short of amazing. I appreciate your leadership. It's been uncertain times that we've been in. But look, my office -- we knew we needed to keep on running this state. We met with OIR, OFR, SBA, Bond Finance, you name it. We met with Revenue; we met them all.

We had 30 calls. We dragged everybody in, get them on phone calls, and then dealing with the technology in a way we never had to.

But look, I appreciate what you do getting us through this pandemic. We will persevere, we will be stronger, and at the same time making sure that we're looking out for the State finances and our taxpayer dollars.

So look, you have my support, and I appreciate everything you've done to see us through these turbulent waters and, you know, tax free season for holidays -- for hurricanes are coming up, so we'll just get prepared for that too.

Thank you for your service, sir.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Thank you.

Attorney General, do you have any final comments?

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: No, Governor. I just would assure you throughout this we have been in constant communication with the relevant agencies. They've been amazingly responsive. The task force was on very particular and minute details of it related to health concerns; and we just thank, again, those heads of the agencies that were responsive and reported how they were dealing

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1	throughout this crisis, and we appreciate that.
2	GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Great.
3	Okay. Well, that concludes this agenda. You
4	guys have a good one. Take care.
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