AGENDA FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

March 9, 2004

ITEM 1. Respectfully submit the **Minutes of the October 28**, **2003 Cabinet Meeting**.

(See Attachment 1)

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ITEM 2. Respectfully submit the following **rules for final adoption in Title 11 of the Florida Administrative Code.** Upon approval by the Governor and Cabinet, the adopted rules will take effect on or after March 30, 2004.

(See Attachment 2)

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

The revisions to 11B-27.0011, Moral Character, expand and clarify the definition of moral character violations, add "retraction of a false statement" as a defense of moral character violations in certain circumstances, and clarify the method used to initiate the presentation of a case for determination of probable cause.

The revisions to Rule 11B-27.0004, Probable Cause Determination, clarify that the Probable Cause Panel has the authority to recommend penalties for violations and to offer a settlement agreement in cases and establish criteria for the issuance of a Letter of Acknowledgement in the Commission discipline process.

The revisions to Rule 11B-27.0005, Revocation or Disciplinary Actions; Disciplinary Guidelines; Range of Penalties; Aggravating and Mitigating Circumstances, clarify certain disciplinary violations and the criteria for determining the penalties of suspension and revocation including when the subject is employed pursuant to temporary employment authorization (TEA).

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