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ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN
for
TWO-YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 2022

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

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

2 CHAIRMAN CLARK: I will officially call our
3 meeting to order this morning.

4 Our first item of business is the election of
5 our next Chairman, and I am going to ask pass the
6 gavel to Commissioner Graham and ask, if he would,
7 to conduct the proceeding, please.

8 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Gavel, what's that?

9 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Symbolically.

10 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Okay. So the first
11 thing on the agenda this morning is the election of
12 the new Chairman. Hum, who's going to be Chairman
13 this time? Hum, okay, I don't see any lights on in
14 front of me.

15 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Commissioner Graham --
16 Chairman Graham.

17 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Okay, Chairman Clark, I
18 believe that the floor is yours.

19 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Thank you very much, Chairman
20 Graham.

21 I would like to put into nomination the name
22 of Commissioner Andrew Giles Fay for the office of
23 the Florida Public -- Chairman of the Florida
24 Public Service Commission this morning.

25 Commissioner Fay has developed a reputation

1 for wisdom beyond his years, always staying
2 informed on best utility practices and utility
3 regulation. He represents Florida as a member of
4 the NARUC Critical Infrastructure Committee. He
5 has distinguished himself here at the Commission as
6 well, demonstrating a keen legal mind during our
7 proceedings. He takes pride in advocating for the
8 policies in the best interest of the state of
9 Florida, and ensuring that Floridians are able to
10 receive safe, reliable utility services at fair
11 prices.

12 I think it's only fitting to justify the
13 nomination of Commissioner Fay by the text of the
14 Florida Statutes in Chapter 350.01 paragraph five
15 says that the primary duty of the Chair is to serve
16 as Chief Administrative Officer of the Commission.
17 I think he is supremely qualified do just that.

18 I am grateful to have him as a friend and a
19 colleague, and proud to nominate Commissioner Fay
20 to be elected as Chair for a two-year term
21 beginning January 2nd, 2022.

22 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

23 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Okay. Well, we have a
24 nomination on the floor, and I think we need a
25 second or he is probably not going to be Chairman.

1 Actually, I am going to second the nomination.
2 I would be very proud to second the nomination. I
3 told Andrew when he got here, because he was
4 replacing the seat of Ron Brisé, and Ron and I
5 started at the same time, and I told him he has
6 some real big shoes to fill. And I said the bow
7 tie wasn't going to get it done, but we are going
8 to go ahead and -- we're going to ignore the bow
9 tie, but Andrew has done a phenomenal job since he
10 has been here. I have been very surprised. He is
11 doing a lot of telecom stuff, a lot like Ron Brisé
12 was doing before he left.

13 And I can tell you, because I am on the NARUC
14 exec committee and the NARUC board, and about a
15 year ago I heard somebody mention, you know,
16 Commissioner Fay, and then they said Commissioner
17 Fay, I was like, who the hell are they talking
18 about? I wonder if there is another Commissioner
19 Fay somewhere else. I did not know it was my own
20 Commissioner Fay that was deeply involved in doing
21 a lot of educational stuff for NARUC, and he was
22 just down at the rate school down a couple of weeks
23 ago. And so it's amazing how much he has actually
24 got his fingers on in such a short period of time
25 that he has been here. So I think he is going to

1 be a great, great Chairman for us up here, and so I
2 will second that nomination.

3 Okay, we've got a motion and a second.

4 Any further discussion on the nomination?

5 Commissioner Passidomo.

6 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: I just want to say,
7 as I am the newest Commissioner here, and
8 Commissioner Fay really demonstrated just
9 extraordinary leadership and support helping guide
10 me in the first couple of weeks. There as was a
11 lot going on in those last six months since I have
12 been here, and everything that he -- his hard work
13 and his diligent thought process has really -- has
14 really been great to watch, and I really admire his
15 leadership. And now I think you have guys will be
16 happy that as the two attorneys will be separated
17 here, so I think everybody will appreciate some of
18 that, so I am happy to support him as our next
19 Chair.

20 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Fantastic.

21 Commissioner La Rosa.

22 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Thank you.

23 And certainly, I am not the newest member, but
24 still a new member of the Commission, and I
25 remember day one here on the job I went into

1 Andrew's office and I saw very quickly how serious
2 he takes his role and his job of what we do here at
3 the PSC, and certainly been a great leader for me
4 as I have gotten here, gotten my feet wet and
5 trying to understand some of the issues, and
6 really, you know, the large purview in which that's
7 before us.

8 In my previous life, I had the opportunity to
9 support Commissioner Fay, then just Andrew Fay, to
10 join the Commission. And I am happy to support him
11 then, and now I am even more ecstatic to support
12 him here as Chairman. So congratulations, and I
13 look forward to your leadership here on the PSC.

14 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Okay. So we have a
15 motion on the floor, duly seconded. If there is no
16 further discussion, all in favor, say aye.

17 (Chorus of ayes.)

18 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Any opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: By your action, you have
21 elected Commissioner Fay as the -- what's the
22 Chairman Pro Tem, Chairman Elect. Congratulations.

23 (Applause from the audience.)

24 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: As I pass the gavel back
25 to Chairman Clark, Mr. Fay, do you have now words

1 you would like to say?

2 COMMISSIONER FAY: Thank you, Chairman and
3 Chairman.

4 If there was any question if there would be a
5 different Chair, it would probably be you, because
6 you have been Chair, like, six times, so I think
7 that would be not so bad for the Commission either.

8 But, no, I appreciate the nomination. I just
9 appreciate the respect and the comments by my
10 colleagues. I hear Chair Clark citing a statute, I
11 almost got emotional there. That hit home for me,
12 so.

13 No, I just really do appreciate the trust, and
14 I think the Commission has a lot of work to do
15 these next few years, and we've had some challenges
16 with the pandemic and other things that we did not
17 anticipate, and I think I fully expect that we will
18 have new challenges in the upcoming years, so I
19 look forward to facing those and doing what I can
20 to make sure the Commission can get the work done,
21 so thank you for that, Mr. Chairman.

22 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Thank you, Commissioner Fay.

23 (Agenda item concluded.)

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