

I. Meeting Packet



State of Florida
Public Service Commission
INTERNAL AFFAIRS AGENDA

Tuesday – May 5, 2026

Immediately Following Agenda Conference

Room 148 – Betty Easley Conference Center

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PROCEEDINGS: INTERNAL AFFAIRS

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN GARY F. CLARK
COMMISSIONER MIKE LA ROSA
COMMISSIONER BOBBY PAYNE
COMMISSIONER ANA ORTEGA

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

2 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. We will call the
3 Internal Affairs meeting to order.

4 Just before we begin, a couple of notes. You
5 may have heard the song playing in the background.
6 You can hear it a little bit better in this room.
7 The acoustics are a little better in here. The
8 Song of the Month this month was the theme song
9 from Mission impossible. It was submitted by Mr.
10 Tom Ballinger. The song was selected because there
11 are days where it feels like we are just venturing
12 through missions impossible, but due to outstanding
13 professional staff here at the Commission, they are
14 always able to make the impossible possible. So
15 thank you for all that you do for us.

16 Employee of the Month this month, join me in
17 congratulating Ms. Penny Buys as our May Employee
18 of the Month. Is Penny here? She's in the back.

19 (Applause.)

20 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Congratulations, Penny.

21 Penny came to the Commission in 1999. She was
22 one of the first original employees of the Division
23 of Engineering when it was established in 2012.
24 Penny served in multiple capacities from being the
25 resident expert on hurricane cost recovery and

1 storm protection plans to be part of the EOC outage
2 reporting team for the Psc. She has also been
3 known to use her car as a hotspot during a power
4 outage to ensure the EOC received its information
5 in a timely manner. Thank you for that dedication.

6 Her dedication and resourcefulness makes her
7 an invaluable asset to the Commission. We are glad
8 to have Penny as a part of the Commission and
9 appreciate her hard work.

10 Congratulations again, Penny.

11 (Applause.)

12 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. Let's move on to
13 the Legislative Update. David.

14 MR. FRANK: Good morning, Commissioners.
15 Thank you.

16 Just a quick update on the budget. The House
17 and Senate have reached an agreement on joint
18 allocation, and special session on the budget will
19 convene next week, Tuesday May 12th through Friday,
20 May 29th. The budget conference committee meeting
21 will begin on Tuesday, and will extend through
22 Friday next week, at which point any unresolved
23 matters will get bumped up to appropriations
24 chairs, and then from there.

25 And then just a quick update, still monitoring

1 two bills that have been enrolled, waiting for them
2 to be presented to the Governor. It's Senate Bill
3 84, the Data Center Bill, has not yet been
4 presented to the Governor, and then House Bill
5 1451, Utility Services. Again, once he receives
6 those bills, he will have 15 days to take action.

7 And I am happy to answer any questions.

8 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. Any of questions
9 for Mr. Frank?

10 Commissioner La Rosa.

11 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Thank you, David, for
12 everything you are doing. Is there anything
13 sitting that's already been sent to the Governor
14 yet, or I guess we are waiting to be sent to the
15 Governor on bills that we were following this past
16 session?

17 MR. FRANK: Not been sent yet?

18 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Yes. Correct.

19 MR. FRANK: Yes, Senate Bill 44, the Data
20 Center Bill has not yet been printed to him. And
21 then House Bill 1451, Utility Services, that's just
22 a reporting requirement for the Commission, so we
23 are monitoring that one as well. So those two have
24 not yet been sent.

25 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Have members reached

1 out to you? I don't need -- we obviously don't
2 need to know specific conversations, but have you
3 heard any more from members this past session with
4 so much discussion kind of in the uniqueness of
5 kind of what we regulate and kind of where you are
6 seeing our industry going? I think we have just
7 been a little bit more of a hot topic of discussion
8 than maybe we had in previous years, and I am not
9 talking about the agency, but some of the areas in
10 which we regulate or potentially could regulate.

11 MR. FRANK: Yeah. Definitely. This is an
12 exciting time in the energy space, so just been a
13 lot of discussions this past session on data
14 centers, you know, under the AI umbrella, I would
15 say data centers and then other emerging
16 technologies, we had a lot of discussions on
17 nuclear. So it's been a lot of discussions
18 revolved around those issues in both chambers, so
19 yes, definitely.

20 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: All right. I was
21 setting you up with that question, right. And I
22 appreciate you answering. You had no idea I was
23 going to ask you that.

24 Thank you for everything that you are doing
25 and that you have done. It seems sometimes that

1 the legislative process is just a couple of weeks
2 leading into session and then, boom, there is
3 session. But as we are seeing, and as you see
4 firsthand, it's not, right. It's truly a year-long
5 process. And one of the things that I always
6 wanted to make sure that we did here at the
7 Commission was that we communicated, right, and we
8 were a resource to downtown and to the folks making
9 decisions.

10 The feedback that I have gotten has been
11 phenomenal in the sense that people say, man, you
12 know, I have spoken to your agency. It's you,
13 right? They are talking to you. And I don't know
14 that you realize the impact that you have been to
15 them, because they are making real decisions before
16 they even consider writing a policy.

17 So I am just super appreciative, because I
18 wanted to make sure that we had a bridge between
19 here and downtown so that we can truly help and
20 educate, and we've -- we are doing that, and you
21 are continuing to do that. So I just wanted to say
22 thank you, because it's not just a couple of weeks
23 in session. It is a year-long job, right, and it's
24 a year-long process to make sure that we are
25 continuously emphasizing that. You have done an

1 awesome -- you are doing an awesome job.

2 And staff, in general, has done an awesome job
3 educating me. Even -- I am thinking reflecting
4 back on yesterday's briefing, and I was asking
5 questions way outside of what we were talking about
6 and I was being educated, so that goes to staff.

7 Thank you.

8 And Mary Anne knows what I am talking about,
9 because I was a little bit off beat from what we
10 were being briefed on, but you are certainly
11 helping me be a better Commissioner, so thank you
12 for that.

13 And I thought Mission Impossible was a unique
14 thing because my connection was, when I heard that,
15 was immediately thinking of some of the challenges
16 that you have in that realm of making sure that we
17 are always out in front of something and not
18 necessarily behind it.

19 And just for the record, I do believe since
20 the Song of the Month has been instilled here at
21 the Commission for, you know, two-and-a-half-ish
22 years, that is the first instrumental that has made
23 the list. Yes, you like that, right. That's a fun
24 fact.

25 So, David, I am sorry to put you on the spot,

1 but I just wanted to say thank you. You are doing
2 an awesome job, and I am very appreciative of --

3 MR. FRANK: Thank you very much, Commissioner.
4 I appreciate that. Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Great. And that's --
6 Commissioner La Rosa has expressed, I believe, the
7 feelings of the entire Commission. Thank you,
8 David for the job you are doing.

9 Any other questions for David?

10 All right. Thank you, sir, we will move on to
11 the General Counsel's Report.

12 MS. HARPER: Good morning, Commissioners.
13 Just a brief report today.

14 In addition to our docket activities, we are
15 continuing our educational pursuits as well. We
16 have two attorneys in Scottsdale, Arizona, today --
17 I am very jealous -- that are attending the NARUC
18 attorneys conference there, and we are excited to
19 look for other opportunities inside and outside of
20 the Commission to keep everybody engaged and
21 educated. So we will be looking at offering some
22 other trainings ourselves here at the Commission.

23 So other than that, we just keep working, and
24 I just wanted to share that with you. I am
25 available for questions if you do -- if you have

1 any.

2 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Any questions for Ms.

3 Harper?

4 All right. Mr. Baez.

5 MR. BAEZ: Thank you, Commissioner, and good
6 morning.

7 No official report today. However, AIT, as I
8 want to remind everybody, AIT's facilities managers
9 are making the rounds, their annual rounds of
10 taking note of any physical plant needs in the
11 Gunter Building, which they then transmit to DMS as
12 good tenants that we are.

13 They are also looking -- they are also trying
14 to keep an eye on whatever needs, you know, that
15 the staff or the occupants of the offices are. So
16 I would tell everyone, you know, if you see them
17 coming down the hall, fear not, and take advantage
18 of catching them and let them know whatever issues
19 y'all may have specifically so that they know, and
20 they can, you know, see how best to address them.

21 Looking a little bit forward on the calendar,
22 SEARUC is convening the week of May 18th through
23 the 20th. The next Agenda is June 2nd, on a
24 Tuesday. And the week after that, the week of
25 June 8th, we will all be back here for CSWR rate

1 case. So that's looking forward a little bit.

2 Other advice, if anybody -- you know, if you
3 are in a hurricane nearby and you got no internet,
4 see Penny Buys.

5 And as to the song, I mean, shout out to the
6 instrumentals. I don't think they get enough
7 credit. I agree with Commissioner La Rosa. And I
8 always called it mission improbable, because
9 nothing is impossible it seems here.

10 That's it. If y'all got any questions or
11 comments.

12 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Any questions for Mr. Baez?
13 All right. Thank you very much.

14 All right. Moving into other matters,
15 Commissioners any other business?

16 COMMISSIONER ORTEGA: I have got one if you
17 don't mind.

18 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Yes, ma'am.

19 COMMISSIONER ORTEGA: So I was just really
20 encouraged by one of the items that we just
21 approved earlier today with the territorial
22 agreement that had updated GIS mapping. And the
23 mapping of our systems is critical, and it's of
24 super importance to I know particularly
25 Commissioner La Rosa, who has since day one that I

1 have met him has asked me about mapping of our
2 systems. And so I was just, while I have the
3 audience, encouraged that we look for more of those
4 type agreements with that level of detail, and
5 that's something that I would be looking for in the
6 future. I just wanted to bring that up for you
7 guys to talk about.

8 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Commissioner La Rosa.

9 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Sure. I am happy to
10 kind of weigh in, and thank you for kind of opening
11 the door a little bit.

12 You know, I have always felt that our state is
13 unique, right. A lot of people come to our state
14 for a lot of different reasons. You know, there is
15 certainly a major economic development at play in
16 our state, and there is lots of opportunities from
17 Key West to Jacksonville to Pensacola, and
18 understanding the layout is incredibly important,
19 and where services may be, you know, available and
20 maybe where they don't goes into that
21 decision-making process. And obviously every
22 company and every decision-maker has different
23 reasonings.

24 So I was excited to see that. I would love to
25 see one day where we had a better understanding of

1 our entire state, where maybe lidar mapping could
2 be integrated where we could see things at a more
3 detailed level and maybe with the right information
4 that it doesn't become sensitive. Because
5 obviously, we are talking about a very sensitive
6 area, but I do believe that there is an economic
7 development angle that could be super beneficial to
8 our state.

9 You know, part of when I was Chair, I wanted
10 to make sure that residents in our state had the
11 ability to understand who their utility provider
12 was. And I am just going to share kind of the
13 stories and the reasoning behind that.

14 I got calls all the time -- we all probably
15 get calls all the time from people we know, from,
16 you know, folks, elected officials, whomever,
17 anybody, all walks of life, asking, hey, who is my
18 utility provider? And I never felt that I had a
19 simple resource to say, okay, hold on let me go
20 find it for you.

21 On our current -- on our PSC home page,
22 customers do have the ability to click on their
23 county, and when they click on their county, they
24 can see the utility providers within that county.
25 That is a great step, and that is certainly an

1 awesome step moving forward. So at least it
2 narrows things down.

3 We know of the larger utility providers in our
4 state, but there is lots of smaller ones. I mean,
5 we talk about water companies. In fact, we just
6 approved a transfer earlier today, and we have no
7 idea, right. We don't know who they are.

8 And again, it's an important factor. I want
9 to be resourceful. I want to make sure that we
10 play an important role in all things utilities, and
11 I think that's certainly one of them. So I would
12 love to see that continue and that be advanced,
13 but --

14 And I thank you, Commissioner Ortega. Thank
15 you for bringing that up. You know that that's
16 been important to me, and I was happy to see at
17 least what we saw today and hopefully we continue
18 to see improvements.

19 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Commissioner Payne.

20 COMMISSIONER PAYNE: Yeah, I appreciate those
21 comments, the remarks, certainly Chair, or
22 Commissioner La Rosa. You know, we probably all
23 get -- I think you started down this road. We get
24 calls from people. We get advertisements in the
25 mail. We get calls for whichever provider of your

1 internet service comes through, and then people who
2 have utility service, electric utility service, may
3 not know when they get a call. They may get
4 something in the mail. So I was curious to know
5 how they provided that information, whether it was
6 in the mail, and if it was just a few customers,
7 they probably spoke to them individually, but I get
8 those, and 90 percent of the time, I toss them. So
9 it's important that they understand that there is a
10 transition to the provider.

11 For us, and it may not be a bad workshop at
12 some time, David, and it may not be a bad workshop
13 to have a lunch and learn for the legislators, as
14 we were talking earlier, on what we actually do, so
15 we are more, as you had mentioned, in step with
16 what the PSC does and the legislative action is.

17 But it's -- I worked in the utility service 37
18 years. I can't tell you how jurisdictional
19 boundaries are set up. I can't tell you our how
20 territorial boundaries are set up, so -- and it's
21 great to know you can go to the PSC website and
22 find out who your provider. But how did they
23 originate? And somebody knows the answer. I am
24 sure somebody in this room knows the answer. I see
25 people smiling in the back. But it's a mystery to

1 me how it ever got established.

2 And I know we had territorial disputes at one
3 time between the co-op and FPL and others as far as
4 who were the service providers, and what were the
5 charges, and what were the all the other things
6 that went in place, but it's -- it would be
7 interesting to know more about it.

8 I did want to ask you one question. I missed
9 it earlier. What was the number that the
10 Legislature came up with as far as budget? Do you
11 know? 100 -- let me guess, 103.6 billion.

12 MR. FRANK: So the general fund allocations,
13 this does not include the trust fund amount, so
14 that would be 51.98 billion.

15 COMMISSIONER PAYNE: Okay. Then add in the
16 trust fund?

17 MR. FRANK: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER PAYNE: Yeah.

19 MR. FRANK: But I will follow up when I get
20 that formula for you.

21 COMMISSIONER PAYNE: We will read about it
22 probably in a few days.

23 MR. FRANK: Right.

24 COMMISSIONER PAYNE: And then the last thing I
25 will say is I know we are getting quizzed on data

1 centers all the time. It will be interesting to
2 see where we go with the data centers. I know that
3 energy resource bill that came out a few years ago,
4 it had small modular reactors. It had advanced
5 nuclear. It had issues in there. But I don't
6 think we are able to bridge that gap at this point
7 in time to be -- for those to be an energy provider
8 for a large-scale data center. I just don't think
9 it's ready for prime time. It will be maybe 10
10 years down the road, maybe five years down the
11 road, as we have seen in TVA and some other areas
12 they are working on those now, but it will be
13 interesting how that works out, so thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you, Commissioner
15 Payne.

16 Well, and thank you to fellow Commissioners
17 for bringing the territorial issue up. I certainly
18 agree and support the idea and need for
19 establishing the clear lines and certainly the
20 territorial agreements that are in place now. GIS
21 mapping is a lot easier. It is a lot more -- a lot
22 more workable and doable now than it was 10, 15
23 years ago, getting the common formats together and
24 being able to blend the data from different
25 utilities together to produce those maps. And

1 while it works in the regions that territorial
2 agreements are in place, I think the biggest
3 problems are where there are no territorial
4 agreements, and we have numbers of utilities that
5 are -- that do not have territorial agreements in
6 place.

7 And as someone who appeared before this
8 commission many years ago and lost a territorial
9 dispute, I can certainly give you all the reason
10 and logic and understanding behind some of that.

11 There is going to be a natural hesitancy on
12 some parts of utilities who don't have territorial
13 agreements in place to draw those boundaries. They
14 are going to feel like they are giving up some
15 territory, but I do see it as an important part of
16 what we do as the Commission, and clearly outlining
17 and stabilizing those issues for customers. That's
18 what our number one concern should be here, how
19 this affects and how it impacts the customers.

20 So I would encourage our staff, as we forward,
21 to take a harder look at requiring some GIS
22 mapping. I think there is some real things and
23 real improvements that we can make in this area.
24 And, again, Commissioner Payne said maybe this is a
25 workshop issue that we need to address at some

1 particular point in time.

2 All right. Any other questions or comments?

3 Staff, Mr. Futrell, any comments, your
4 expertise in this matter?

5 MR. FUTRELL: No, sir, other than just I think
6 your comments kind of provide some context to the
7 considerations of what goes into the extension of
8 services and, you know, bringing clarity. I think
9 the encouragement of the utilities to, when there
10 are some issues, to get them resolved and bring
11 them to the Commission, alert the Commission in a
12 timely manner is good practice.

13 Certainly, things happen on the ground that
14 might not quite follow a precise protocol, but just
15 keeping everything clean and orderly is, I think,
16 the policy preference of the Legislature in this
17 area.

18 And certainly with regard to GIS, we will
19 certainly talk about that and see how to bring that
20 conversation forward. I certainly want to consider
21 all of the issues that you all brought up as well
22 as the ultimate regulatory cost.

23 Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Any other comments?

25 All right. Any other matters?

1 All right. Seeing none, we will stand
2 adjourned. Thank you for your attendance.

3 (Proceedings concluded.)

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