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**Moderator: Barbara Petersen
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Operator: Conference record has joined the conference.

Barbara Petersen: Hello?

Woman: Hello.

((Crosstalk))

Barbara Petersen: Hi.

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Woman: Hello.

Barbara Petersen: Hi. Who's this?

Carolyn Williams: This is Carolyn Williams. I'm from South Florida Water Management District.

Julie Garisto: Hi. This is Julie Garisto from the St. Petersburg Times and Florida Newspaper - Florida Society of Newspaper Editors.

Barbara Petersen: Okay. How are you?

Julie Garisto: Good. How are you?

John Rittwage: John Rittwage with the Agency for Enterprise IT.

Barbara Petersen: Hi.

John Rittwage: Hey.

Man: (Bob Brooks), Line 1.

Jason Dimitris: Hello. This is Jason Dimitris from DCF.

Barbara Petersen: Hi, Jason.

Woman: Hello?

(Helen Rudwig): Hello?

Woman: Hi, (Julie Ann)?

(Helen Rudwig): It's (Helen Rudwig).

John Carassas: This is Judge Carassas joining the conference call, please.

Renee Lee: Renee Lee is on the conference call as well.

(Helen Rudwig): (Helen Rudwig) is on the conference call.

Carolyn Williams: Carolyn Williams with the South Florida Water Management District is on the conference...

Julie Garisto: Julie Garisto with St. Petersburg Times is on the conference call.

George Sheldon: George Sheldon.

Barbara Petersen: Can you hear me?

Mr. D'Alemberte joined us?

Woman: Try Jeanne.

Barbara Petersen: Jeanne Grinstead?

Jeanne Grinstead: Here.

Barbara Petersen: Senator Daugherty?

Commissioner Lee?

Renee Lee: Here.

Barbara Petersen: Representative Weatherford?

Okay. We still have three members, so we'll wait just a few more minutes.

Sandy D'Alemberte: Sandy D'Alemberte is here.

Barbara Petersen: Great. Okay.

John Carassas: And John Carassas.

Barbara Petersen: Judge Carassas.

Commissioner Bailey.

Gerald Bailey: Here.

Barbara Petersen: I have Jeanne Grinstead, Renee Lee, (Albert Pierre), and Commissioner Sheldon.

Man: Yes.

Barbara Petersen: So we're waiting on Senator Daugherty and Representative Weatherford.

(Rachel Rogers): This is (Rachel Rogers) in Senator Daugherty's office. She'll be joining us in a minute.

Barbara Petersen: Right. Thank you, (Rachel).

This is Barbara Petersen. Why don't we just give it a couple of more minutes and - to allow Senator Daugherty and Representative Weatherford to join us.

Can everybody hear us?

Woman: Yes.

Barbara Petersen: We'll give you a few more minutes to finish reading the report.

Man: We promise (unintelligible), Barbara.

Barbara Petersen: That's a big promise. We're going to - while we're waiting, when you are not speaking I ask that you mute your phone. This is being recorded and will be transcribed, and this is going to help everybody. You press star-6 to mute and pound-6 to unmute.

Also, if you would identify yourself prior to speaking, that will help in the transcription.

So we'll give it just a couple of more minutes and then we'll get started. I don't anticipate that will - this will take too long.

And as I understand from Joann, Judge Carassas is going to have to leave us. And I don't anticipate that this will take more than five or ten minutes.

Has Senator Daugherty joined us yet? Representative Weatherford? I believe we have a forum, so we can go ahead and start.

Man: Weatherford will be with you shortly.

Barbara Petersen: Okay, great. We will wait then a few more minutes for the Representative and Senator.

Man: ...the fire alarms, disregard the fire alarms, and just having technical problem.

Barbara Petersen: Today is one of those days.

Woman: I don't know. We're having a fire alarm in the capital, but apparently we're supposed to disregard it.

Barbara Petersen: Okay. I think we're going to go ahead and get started, because we do know that Representative Weatherford and Senator Daugherty will be joining us and we also know that Judge Carassas is going to have to leave us.

Again, this is Barbara Petersen, Chair of Commission on Open Government Reform, and I'd like to welcome the members of the commission and as well as everyone who's taken the time to call in to this conference call.

The purpose of the call today is to just provide you with a brief overview of the final report and to get final approval of the report, its conclusions and recommendation.

Do we want to do one final attendance call just to make sure everybody can hear us?

Commissioner Bailey?

Will you please respond, Commissioner Bailey?

Gerald Bailey: Yeah.

Barbara Petersen: Judge Carassas.

John Carassas: Yeah.

Barbara Petersen: Sandy D'Alemberte.

Sandy D'Alemberte: Here.

Barbara Petersen: Senator Daugherty.

Jeanne Grinstead.

Jeanne Grinstead: Here.

Barbara Petersen: Renee Lee.

Renee Lee: Here.

((Crosstalk))

Barbara Petersen: Commissioner Sheldon.

George Sheldon: Here.

Barbara Petersen: And Representative Weatherford.

We will check again, right? When we get ready to do the final vote and the report who's here at that time.

First, I'd like to start. This is Barbara Petersen. I would like to start by thanking Jeanne Grinstead for taking much of her vacation time over the

holidays to do a final edit on the report, and its recommendation was a heroic effort on her part to get this done.

I have made some editorial changes to the report because I have the opportunity in the last few weeks to read it from beginning to end. So there have been some editorial changes. There have been no substantive changes to the report. So the copy you have, while we corrected some typos and grammatical errors, there are no substantive changes.

We have gotten written response from Commissioner Bailey and Lee expressing objections - their objections to - in case of Commissioner Bailey to the recommendation regarding fees, and in the case of Commissioner Lee, the recommendations involving fees and the use - well, it wasn't really - I don't think - and Commissioner Lee, you can correct me if I'm wrong, it wasn't really an objection to the recommendation concerning hand - use of handheld devices but perhaps asking for clarification.

And those two letters, as well as the appendix to the letter that Commissioner Lee sent us, will be included in the report, the final report, so that your concerns and objections will be part of the final record.

Does anybody have any questions about the report or the recommendations or conclusions?

Renee Lee: Well, I guess - this is Commissioner Lee. And I wondered whether the vote to adopt this is going to be by topic or by the entire report with the process.

Barbara Petersen: The vote will be to adopt the entire report with your objections to certain recommendations that you've already provided us noted.

Renee Lee: Okay. Thank you.

Barbara Petersen: Any other questions?

Woman: Do we have a motion?

Barbara Petersen: The motion would be to approve the report and its conclusions and recommendations.

John Carassas: Judge Carassas will make the motion to approve.

Man: I second.

Barbara Petersen: Okay. Commissioner Bailey.

Gerald Bailey: Yes.

Barbara Petersen: Carassas.

John Carassas: Yeah.

Barbara Petersen: D'Alemberte.

Sandy D'Alemberte: Yes.

Barbara Petersen: Daugherty.

Grinstead.

Jeanne Grinstead: Yes.

Barbara Petersen: Lee.

Renee Lee: Yeah.

Barbara Petersen: Petersen. Yes.

Sheldon.

George Sheldon: Yes.

Barbara Petersen: Weatherford.

Will Weatherford: Yes.

Barbara Petersen: Very good. Thank you for joining us, Representative.

Will Weatherford: Thank you. Thank you.

Barbara Petersen: And we still have - this is Barbara Petersen. We will have the report, and its final version will be submitted no later than this Wednesday to the Governor, the Senate President, and the House Speaker.

The copy will be - the final copy will be available online. And then also Joann has some beautiful CDs, and I will ask her to send to each of the commissioner a copy of the report on CD.

And again, I would like to thank you all for your hard work and your commitment and attention to these issues. As we've noted many times, this

was a historic commission, and we had a huge job to do, and we have done a very, very good job.

Sandy D'Alemberte: Barbara, this is Sandy. I want to say on behalf of others that we greatly appreciate you carrying the line share of the editing role part of the staff, but you've complemented everybody else, but you've just done so damn much hard work. But of course I know you're being paid handsomely for this work.

Barbara Petersen: As always. Thank you, Sandy. I appreciate that very much.

Will Weatherford: Well, Madam, this is Will Weatherford. I'd like to echo Sandy's comments. And I apologize for the last few weeks I probably haven't been as responsible as - responsive as I need to be, but we've had a little budget issue in the State of Florida, which I'm sure everybody is aware of.

And - but I just want to thank you for the hard work you put in and I really enjoyed serving with everybody on the commission. And Barbara, you just specifically have done a terrific job and work so hard on this, and it's a product I think that we can all be proud of, and I'm honored to be a part of it. So thank you.

Barbara Petersen: Thank you, Representative Weatherford.

(Julie Ann): On behalf of the Governor, this is (Julie Ann), I'd like to thank each of you as you've done a great job (securely). I thought Barbara spent - and so I just - for the (unintelligible) folks in the future under different circumstances of the meeting.

Barbara Petersen: Do you have any other questions or comments?

Unless somebody wants to make a motion to adjourn this meeting...

Man: I move.

((Crosstalk))

Woman: Second. Second.

Barbara Petersen: Thank you all very, very much and we will be seeing you very soon.

Man: Thanks.

Woman: Thank you, Barbara.

Man: Thank you.

Barbara Petersen: Bye-bye.

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