

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF: February 10, 2022

Teleconference Call

Attendance:

Members on the call were: Chairman Ron Howse, Vice-Chairman Jay Trumbull, Commissioners John Browning, Richard Burke, Julius Davis, Alex Lastra, and Rusty Roberts.

Call to Order and Chairman's Opening Remarks:

Chairman Howse called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Commission Business Discussed:

- Chairman Howse provided the Florida Transportation Commission (FTC) with an overview of the search for the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).
 - The FTC is responsible for nominating three candidates for Secretary of the FDOT to the Governor.
 - The Governor appoints the secretary from the three persons nominated.
 - The Secretary serves at the pleasure of the Governor.
- Chairman Howse asked for a motion to begin advertising, contingent on the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority approving Secretary Thibault's employment contract.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Vice-Chairman Trumbull. The motion passed unanimously.
- Chairman Howse asked Executive Director Yoder to prepare the advertisement.
- Executive Director Yoder provided an update.
 - A survey was sent to commissioners asking for their preference on upcoming meetings.
 - Based on the survey, the preference is as follows:
 - A maximum of six meeting in-person meetings a year; the four statutorily required, plus two additional meetings when necessary.
 - Three to five virtual meetings a year, held monthly.
 - To combine some meetings with industry organizations and to hold others separately.
 - To not hold meetings during the months of June, July, and/or August, as well as December.
 - For industry tours, commissioners were most interested in touring the State Materials Lab, and Cape Canaveral Brightline, and SunTrax.
 - Industry meetings not held in conjunction with the FTC should be optional for commissioners to attend.
 - Tours could be set up in conjunction with meetings as well.
 - The next industry meeting is the International Bridge, Tunnel & Turnpike Association (IBTTA) Technology Summit, which is being held March 18-22, 2022, in Orlando.

- Chairman Howse reminded the Commission that meetings to interview candidates for FDOT Secretary are open to the public.
- Chairman Howse asked Executive Director Yoder to begin preparing a candidate summary sheet.
 - Commissioner Roberts mentioned that initial vetting will help expedite the process.

Public Comment:

- Chairman Howse asked for any public comments. No public comments were made.

Adjourn:

Chairman Howse adjourned the conference call at 10:30 a.m.