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**Minutes
Delegation Meeting
Monday, April 1, 2019
11:00 a.m.
Room 216 Capitol Building
Tallahassee, FL**

Chair Fischer called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

Members Present- Chair Fischer, Vice Chair Daniels, Senator Bean, Senator Gibson, Representative Byrd, Representative Duggan, and Representative Yarborough; Absent- Representative Davis

The Chair began by saying that this meeting was for the Delegates to speak on the work being done in Tallahassee and to talk about issues that could be worked on as a team effort. The meeting then moved into the portion where each Delegate was able to speak on their legislative priorities and filed appropriations.

Senator Gibson began and spoke on her filed appropriations for this Session. These include funding for an Alzheimer care bus; Common Threads nutrition programs; Vystar Veteran's Center; NE FL Veteran's Center; Wolfson's Children's Hospital medically complex children; senior nutrition programs; United Way; Edward Water's College online enrollment; UNF Small Bridges Competition; and children's initiatives.

Next, Senator Bean spoke about local priorities which include the St. John's Riverfront, UNF, and strengthening the local hospitals.

Vice Chair Daniels then spoke on her priorities which include projects to benefit the youth. Specific projects include the Duval Leaders of Tomorrow; NW Jacksonville STEM center for teens; Training Trauma Now; Be Safe Be Successful; youth crime prevention program; and the Chandra Cheeseborough Resolution.

Representative Byrd next spoke about his requests, such as, the Real Time Crime Center; Five Star Veteran's Program; K-9s for Warriors; See the Girl Program; and Re-threaded.

Then Representative Duggan elaborated on his appropriations projects which are decontamination units for the fire departments; Meals on Wheels; and Project Saving Lives. His policy priorities are the impact of trains in the town of Baldwin and expanding technical education in schools.

Representative Yarborough spoke next on his projects and priorities which include Native Fresh Aquaponics Farming; North Florida School of Education; Common Threads; Family Support Services of North Florida; pedestrian crossing program; and telehealth.

Lastly, Chair Fischer expounded upon some of his priorities, such as, Jacksonville Freedom Park; Jacksonville School for Autism; KIPP; Mandarin STEM Project; and the Mandarin Museum and Historical Society. He then mentioned the firefighter cancer presumption bill and how he is a co-sponsor and hopes that the bill can move forward. Chair Fischer also mentioned Representative Davis's appropriations project, La Salle Street Pump Station.

Public Speakers:

1. Eric Smith, Exchange Club of Jacksonville- Thanked the Delegation for their support of the prevention of child abuse. Mentioned that the foster care system needs work.
2. Dan Renaud, Florida Recovery Schools- Spoke about the work of Florida Recovery Schools and asked for support of their local funding request.
3. Mone Holder, The New Florida Majority- Requested that the census is inclusive of all persons to better represent all of Florida. Asked for support of SB 912 and HB 731.
4. Justin Damiano and Kristen DeMarco, Jaxport- Wanted to introduce the new Chief Commercial Officer, Kristen. Thanked the Delegation for their support of infrastructure development.
5. Jim Jandreau, FLiCRA- Asked for support of SB 1070 and HB 1033 which deal with continuing care and protection for residents. Also asked for support of veterans.

The meeting then moved into the announcements portion and Senator Gibson noted that it was Delta Day at the Capitol. Additionally, the date and time of the First Coast Delegation meeting was mentioned.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

This is not a verbatim transcript but a summary of the proceedings. A recording is on file in the Delegation office and posted online on the Delegation website.