

Agenda Item: VII.

DATE: November 17, 2005

SUBJECT: *Geier* Status Report

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Information

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Staff will brief the Commission on activities concerning the *Geier* Consent Decree. The decree, executed in January 2001, provides for a number of initiatives to be undertaken over a five-year period.

Since the last Commission meeting, the fiscal staff submitted a recommended FY 2005-06 budget for *Geier* expenditures to the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, who approved the budget on October 18. Subsequently, the Commission staff has dispersed 1st and 2nd quarter payments pursuant to the approved budget. The payments totaled \$5.3 million, with \$2 million distributed to UT and \$3.3 million to TBR.