

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Legislative Committee of the Nevada Board of Wildlife
Commissioners

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019 AT 8:00 AM
WASHOE COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
1001 E 9TH STREET, BUILDING A
RENO, NV 89512

Call to Order, Introduction of Committee Members and Roll Call:

Committee Chairman East called the meeting to order at 8:03am. Committee Staff Kailey Taylor, Management Analyst for the Department of Wildlife, called role.

Committee Members present: Committee Chairman Tiffany East, Commissioner Brad Johnston, Commissioner Paul Valentine and Member Greg Smith.

NDOW staff present: Deputy Director Jack Robb, Management Analyst III Kailey Taylor, Data and Technology Services Administrator Chet Van Dellen, Conservation Education Division Administrator Chris Vasey, and Administrative Assistant III Brandy Arroyo.

Members of the public present: Karen Boeger, Joel Blakeslee, Rex Flowers, Paul Dixon, Cory Lytle, Steve Marquez, and Tina Nappe.

Approval of Agenda:

There were no questions from the Committee.

Public Comment – None.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER VALENTINE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 3-0 WITH MEMBER SMITH ABSENT.

Approval of Minutes:

There were no questions from the Committee.

Public Comment – None.

COMMISSIONER VALENTINE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 12, 2017. COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 3-0, WITH MEMBER SMITH ABSENT.

Legislative Process and Schedule Review:

Kailey Taylor, Management Analyst III, explained the legislative process to the Committee.

Committee Chairman East discussed key dates to be cautious of including the first house committee passage date of April 12, 2019. She also mentioned the members of the Senate Natural Resource Committee and Assembly Natural Resources, Agriculture and Mining Committee.

Designation of Spokesperson(s):

Committee Chairman East asked if there was any public comment.

Public Comment – None.

Commissioner Valentine expressed his interest in Committee Chairman East representing the Commission as the legislative spokesperson.

Commissioner Johnston offered to be the alternate. He said he is excited to have a woman in the position of spokesperson for the Commission's first time.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON MOVED THAT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN EAST BE THE DESIGNATED SPOKESPERSON FOR THE 80TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION WITH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON AS THE ALTERNATE. COMMISSIONER VALENTINE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 3-0, MEMBER SMITH WAS ABSENT.

Review of Bill/Bill Draft Request (BDR) Tracking List:

Committee Chairman East mentioned that there are many bills related to water and public lands. She would like the Committee to focus on the Department's bills and bills related to firearms, water bills and any others relating to wildlife, mountain lions, or similar topics.

Public Comment –

Karen Boeger, Nevada Conservation Network provided an informational document. It is a loose group of conservation organizations including the Nevada Wildlife Coalition and Nevada Backcountry Hunters and Anglers. Nevada Conservation Network brainstorms about BDRs they could propose and which ones they will need to respond to. She said they put forward a slate of potential BDRs and voted on the top five of those. She wanted the Committee to put those into consideration. Ms. Boeger also explained the topics as Nevada's status as clean energy leaders, enhanced outdoor recreation on public lands, solar gardens, investing in trails, parks and open space, and protecting Nevada water law.

Member Greg Smith arrived at 8:22am.

Commissioner Johnston asked what issues are expected this coming session. He also suggested creating platforms during the next committee meeting in preparation for some issues.

Future Committee Meetings:

Committee Chairman East noted Commissioner Johnston's suggestions and asked for public comment.

Public Comment –

Joel Blakeslee, Nevada Trappers Association, said that the legislature is a two-half game and suggested that if the Commission wanted to beat a bill, it will need to be done in the first half. If it makes it to the second half, it might get amended a bit.

Commissioner Johnston suggested the week of February 18th for the next Committee meeting.

Commissioner Valentine asked if it could be on February 20th.

Commissioner Johnston asked for a 6:00pm meeting.

Commissioner Valentine asked if part of it could be held at the Las Vegas Office for public comment.

Committee Chairman East asked how she should address bills that they have not created a platform for if needed.

Commissioner Johnston mentioned that there may be past policies from the Commission she could refer to.

Public Comment Period

No Public Comment.

Committee Chairman East adjourned the meeting at 8:25am.