

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**NEW MEXICO STATE GAME COMMISSION**

New Mexico Department of Game and Fish Office  
3841 Midway Place NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87109  
Wednesday, March 28, 2018  
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Meeting called to order at 10:05 am. Can I get a roll call?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR JARAMILLO: Yes. Commissioner Salopek?

CHAIRMAN SALOPEK: Present.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR JARAMILLO: Yes. Commissioner Ricklefs?

COMMISSIONER RICKLEFS: Present. (via telephone)

DEPUTY DIRECTOR JARAMILLO: Yes. Commissioner Ryan?

COMMISSIONER RYAN: Present. (via telephone)

DEPUTY DIRECTOR JARAMILLO: Yes. Commissioner Ramos?

COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Present.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR JARAMILLO: Yes. Commissioner Peterson?

COMMISSIONER PETERSON: Present.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR JARAMILLO: Yes. Vice Chairman Montoya?

VICE CHAIRMAN MONTOYA: [Absent but showed up after roll call].

DEPUTY DIRECTOR JARAMILLO: Yes. Chairman Kienzle?

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Present.

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOB PAYNE: Chairman, if I might, just for the record, Commissioner Ryan and Commissioner Ricklefs would it be difficult for both of you to attend today and that's why you're on the phone?

COMMISSIONER RYAN: Yes, that's correct.

COMMISSIONER RICKLEFS: Yes, sir.

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOB PAYNE: Thank you.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR DONALD JARAMILLO: Chairman, I believe we have a quorum.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Can I get a motion to approve the agenda?

COMMISSIONER RAMOS: So moved.

COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Second.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: All in favor?

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: They ayes have it.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: We're going to vote on whether to go adjourn into Executive Session closed to the public pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978, to discuss limited personnel matters, in particular it will be with regard to search for a new Director. Can I get a motion to adjourn.

COMMISSIONER RAMOS: So moved.

COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Second.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Officially read the motion:

COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Oh.

COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Mr. Chairman, I move to adjourn into Executive Session, closed to the public, pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978, to discuss limited personnel matters, as listed in Agenda Item 4.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Second?

COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Second.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: All in favor? Via roll call vote?

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: We're going to do a roll call vote.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR DONALD JARAMILLO: Commissioner Salopek?

COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Yes

DEPUTY DIRECTOR DONALD JARAMILLO: Commissioner Ryan?

COMMISSIONER RYAN: Yes

DEPUTY DIRECTOR DONALD JARAMILLO: Commissioner Ricklefs?

COMMISSIONER RICKLEFS: Yes.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR DONALD JARAMILLO: Commissioner Peterson?

COMMISSIONER PETERSON: Yes.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR DONALD JARAMILLO: Commissioner Ramos?

COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Yes.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR DONALD JARAMILLO: Vice-Chairman Montoya?

VICE-CHAIRMAN MONTOYA: Yes.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR DONALD JARAMILLO: Chairman Kienzle?

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Yes.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Sounded unanimous.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR JARAMILLO: Yes.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: We'll go into Executive Session and then return. Mr. Payne if you'll stay here for a moment while the rest of you clear the room.

[Adjourned for Closed Executive Session]

[Returned from Closed Executive Session]

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: This Commission had adjourned into executive session, closed to the public. During the executive session, the Commission discussed only those matters specified in its Motion to Adjourn, and it took no action as to any matter. To put this in perspective, our special meeting today, the Director, Director Sandoval, has announced her retirement, effective December 31, 2018, could be earlier, it just depends on circumstances but that is the current date that we have. We are very sorry to see her retire. Alexa has done a wonderful job for both the Commission, the Department, the public and every other stakeholder and we wish she would stay

but understand that she has other things that she wants to do. So, her nominal date of retirement is December 31, 2018, but I do understand that that date may change, maybe sooner rather than later depending upon circumstances. So, that puts the Commission in the position of having to find a new Director. It is our hope to have a new Director in place probably by some time in November, to have, perhaps, some overlap and if there is no overlap, we'll take that as it comes as well but that's kind of our timeframe, we'll start a search process depending on action here from the Commission. We'll start a search process, we'll take in candidates like we did before, and basically move forward using the same model that we used with Director Sandoval. With that, I will entertain a motion with regard to a search for a new Director.

VICE CHAIRMAN MONTROYA: Mr. Chairman, I move to authorize the Chairman to announce a search for a new Director of the Department of Game and Fish, using his discretion to move the search process forward.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Can I get a second?

COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Second.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Any discussion? All in favor?

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: They ayes have it. So, using my discretion, we'll open the search on April 1. That search will close on June 1, at 5:00 pm mountain time. After that, we'll have one or more interviews of applicants, probably with a goal towards making a decision at a, probably another special meeting, in September, again with a start date somewhere around November 1, or sometime in November. That's kind of the timeline. The announcement will go out far-and-wide, you'll probably get a copy of it via email, but I would encourage members of the public, send this out to the organizations that you belong to. We want to get, cast as wide a net as possible to

get as many qualified applicants as possible and get a great pool of people to take us, keep maintaining what we've got and hopefully take us to the next level. Any other comments or questions from Commissioners? Any comment from Mr. Dax?

MICHAEL DAX: Sounds good.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Ok. Hearing nothing further, I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

VICE CHAIRMAN MONTROYA: So moved, Mr. Chairman.

COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Second

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: All in favor?

ALL COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

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ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87109

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

  
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