

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
 DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD

CONDENSED MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 6, 2024

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provision of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled meeting (teleconference) of the Big Game Commercial Services Board was held on February 6, 2024, at 333 Willoughby Avenue, 9th Floor, Juneau, AK.

Date:	February 6, 2024
Time:	10:02am
Location:	Online teleconference ran from 333 Willoughby Avenue, 9 th Floor, Juneau, AK
Board Members Present:	Jason Bunch, Aaron Bloomquist, Martin Boniek, Larry Kunder, Pete Buist, Dave Lorring
Board Members Absent:	Mike Flores, Clay Nordlum
Division/SOA Staff Present:	Thomas Bay (Executive Administrator), Janet Brown (Occupational Licensing Examiner)
Present from the Public:	None

1. Review Agenda		
Brief Discussion:	There was no discussion to amend the agenda.	
Motion:	Move to accept the agenda as written (First: Bloomquist; Second: Kunder).	
Recorded Votes:	Boniek - Yes	Kunder - Yes
	Burnett - Yes	Nordlum - Absent
	Bunch - Yes	Lorring - Yes
	Flores - Absent	Bloomquist - Yes
2. Ethics Review		
Brief Discussion:	There were no ethical disclosures by any board members or staff.	

3. Emergency Regulations

GUA Registrations (12 AAC 75.230) & RGO Contract Requirements (12 AAC 75.260)

Brief Discussion: Chairman Jason Bunch reminded the board that they were meeting to discuss whether or not to have their current emergency regulations project be sent to the Lt. Governor’s office for signing and to become permanent. He also reminded them that the emergency regulations were only in effect for 120 days and that if they did not move forward with them to go to the Lt. Governor’s office, they would expire after the 120 days was over, causing their old regulations to go back into effect. Chairman Bunch reminded the board that the emergency regulations updated the requirements for guides awarded special federal use permits to conduct guided hunting in specific locations in Alaska by removing timing conflicts by allowing guides to obtain a Unique Verification Code in the first year of their concession and changing the deadline by which a guide use area can be changed or withdrawn. After a brief discussion, the board unanimously approved the emergency regulations be sent to the Lt. Governor’s office for signing and to become permanent.

Motion: After considering public comments received and having no additional costs to private persons, move to adopt the language in the board's emergency regulations project, pertaining to 12 AAC 75.230(a)(6), 12 AAC 75.230(b), 12 AAC 75.230(c), and 12 AAC 75.260(d), to go to the Lt. Governor's office for signing and to become permanent. (First: Bloomquist; Second: Lorrington).

Recorded Votes:	Boniek - Yes	Kunder - Yes
	Burnett - Yes	Nordlum - Absent
	Bunch - Yes	Lorrington - Yes
	Flores - Absent	Bloomquist - Yes

Brief Discussion: The board decided to discuss updating their registered guide-outfitter written exam.

4. Registered Guide-Outfitter Exam

Brief Discussion: The board discussed updating their registered guide-outfitter written exam before their upcoming exams in March 2024. Chairman Bunch reminded the board that the exam was created in 2018. He said that the ADF&G and BGCSB statute/regulation questions needed updated, so they conform to current statutes/regulations. After discussion, the board decided to have Pete Buist, Larry Kunder, Aaron Bloomquist, and Jason Bunch update the exam, each taking on a portion of the exam questions. Each of them will contact Mr. Bay, as not to violate the Open Meetings Act.

Motion: Move to have Pete Buist, Larry Kunder, Aaron Bloomquist, and Jason Bunch update the registered guide-outfitter written examination (First: Bloomquist; Second: Kunder).

Recorded Votes:	Boniek - Yes	Kunder - Yes
	Burnett - Yes	Nordlum - Absent
	Bunch - Yes	Lorrington - Yes
	Flores - Absent	Bloomquist - Yes

Brief Discussion:	With nothing left to discuss, the board adjourned.
Adjourn:	11:08 a.m.

Date Final Minutes Approved by the Board: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> OnBoard	03/26/2024
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