

Draft Meeting Minutes
Law Enforcement Committee
Board of Wildlife Resources
7870 Villa Park Drive, Board Room
Richmond, Virginia 23228

January 17, 2024
2:00 pm

Present: Mr. John Daniel, **Chair**, Mr. Jon Cooper, and Mr. Tom Sadler; **Board Members in attendance:** Mr. Woody Woodall, and Mr. Brian Vincent, Mr. Will Wampler, and Mr. James Edmunds, and Mr. Leon Boyd (virtual); **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan J. Brown; **Deputy Directors:** Ms. Becky Gwynn and Mr. Darin Moore; **Director's Working Group:** Mr. Bob Smet, Mr. George Braxton, Mr. Paul Kugelman, Colonel John Cobb, Mr. Rob Lewis, Ms. Stacey Brown

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair noted for the record that there was a quorum present for the meeting.

Meeting Minutes: The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2023, committee meeting. Mr. Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2023, meeting minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Sadler. Ayes: Daniel, Cooper, and Sadler

Public Comment – Non-Agenda Item: The Chair called for Public Comment – Non-Agenda Item.

- Lynda and Sean Scanlon spoke regarding the Hunting Preserve on Dundee Estates

The Chair thanked Mr. and Mrs. Scanlon for their comments.

CPO Recruitment Update: The Chair called on Colonel John Cobb for an update.

Colonel Cobb gave an overview of the current CPO Recruitment Process.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Colonel Cobb for the update.

Board Resolution Update: The Illicit Reptile Trade in Virginia: The Chair called on Major Ryan Shuler for an Update.

Major Shuler gave an Update on the Board Resolution on Illegal Trade of Reptiles and Amphibians.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Major Shuler for his update.

CPO Retention Challenges and Proactive Viable Solutions: The Chair called on Colonel Cobb for a presentation.

Colonel Cobb presented the Challenges and Proactive Solutions to being able to retain CPO's and explained how Retention is different from years ago to hiring and retaining officers in present times.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Colonel Cobb for his presentation.

Director's Report: The Chair called on Executive Director Ryan Brown for his Director's Report.

The Director gave Colonel Cobb credit for his work and efforts on Retention in the Law Enforcement Division at a time that is difficult throughout all Law Enforcement agencies.

Chair's Report:

The Chair thanked Law Enforcement for their presentations and updates on recruitment and the updated information on Solutions for Illicit Reptile Trade in Virginia.

The Chair announced the next Law Enforcement committee meeting will be Wednesday, March 20, 2024, and asked if there were any additional comments, hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Frances Boswell