

48 The Board reviewed the agenda. Because there were a few members of the public on the phone line,
49 Larry Van Daele suggested that the proposed legislation be reviewed first as to not waste the public's
50 time while the Board is in executive session reviewing consent agreements.

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**52 In a motion duly made by Larry Van Daele and seconded by Kelly Vrem with unanimous
53 consent, it was resolved to amend the agenda as follows: move the review of consent
54 agreements until after the Board has reviewed the proposed legislation.**

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57 Agenda Item 3 Ethics Disclosure

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59 Hearing no further changes to the agenda, Mr. Tiffany moved the Board's discussion to ethics disclosure.
60 Checking in with each Board member, none had any ethical concerns to disclose.

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63 Agenda Item 5 Review Purposed Legislation

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65 House Bill 39: "An Act relating to game management and to regulations of the Board of Game."

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67 Larry Van Daele stated that he would prefer to have more information about the intent behind HB 39.
68 Kelly Vrem stated that he believes that this is Legislative intrusion into a Board function. The Board as a
69 whole agreed with Mr. Vrem's statement and felt that this legislation was attempting to circumvent the
70 Big Game Commercial Services Board and the Board of Game.

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72 However, the Board did not feel that they had enough information to come out for or against this
73 legislation. Mr. Van Daele will gather more information and present it to the Board at the March 20th &
74 21st, 2018 meeting in Anchorage.

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76 House Bill 90: "An Act relating to occupational licensing fee; relating to an occupational investigation
77 surcharge; and providing for an effective date."

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79 Division Director McCullough explained the intent behind HB 90. Board member Thomas Sullivan stated
80 that he would prefer that investigative costs be covered by the individuals that are being investigated,
81 but understands that option is not on the table at this time. Board Chair, Henry Tiffany, asked Ms.
82 McCullough if licenses will see a fee increase. Ms. McCullough assured the Board that a thorough fee
83 analysis would be conducted before any decision were made.

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**85 In a motion duly made by Larry Van Daele and seconded by Kelly Vrem, with unanimous
86 consent it was resolved that Board Chair Henry Tiffany will write a letter in support of HB 90
87 to bill sponsor's Representatives Keto, Westlake & Guttenburg.**

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89 House Bill 101: "An Act creating an affirmative defense and an exemption from payment of fines and
90 restitution for a person who reports the person's own first-time unlawful taking of certain big game
91 animals."

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**93 In a motion duly made by Thomas Sullivan and seconded by Kelly Vrem, with unanimous
94 consent it was resolved that Board member Thomas Sullivan will write a letter in support of**

95 **HB 101 with a requested amendment added stating “harvest ticket shall be punched for the**
96 **year” to bill sponsor’s Representatives Wilson & Eastman.**

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98 House Bill 211: “An Act requiring a nonresident to be accompanied by a guide or resident spouse or
99 relative when hunting certain caribou.”

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101 Mr. Van Daele stated that it is his understanding the intent behind this bill issue is because many
102 northern herds are “not doing well”. Board member Adam Trombley stated that this should not be a
103 legislative issue, but a Board of Game issue. Once this is entered into law, it will take a new law to “get
104 rid of it” once the herds rebound.

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106 **In a motion duly made by Adam Trombley and seconded by Kelly Vrem, with unanimous**
107 **consent it was resolved that Board member Adam Trombley will write a letter in opposition of**
108 **HB 211 to bill sponsor’s Representatives Westlake.**

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110 Board member and Board of Game member Larry Van Daele recused himself from voting on the Boards
111 position for HB 211.

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113 House Bill 262: “An Act relating to temporary courtesy licenses for certain nonresident professional; and
114 relating to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development.”

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116 Because the Big Game Commercial Services Board does not issue temporary or courtesy permits, the
117 Board decided to take no action regarding HB 262.

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119 House Bill 263: “An Act exempting certain water taxi operators from regulation as transportation
120 services by the Big Game Commercial Services Board; and providing for an effective date.”

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122 Board Member Kelly Vrem explained his understanding of the intent for HB 263; an Owner of a water
123 taxi service received a violation because they were in essence transporting big game hunters and were
124 unaware of the need of a Transporter license. This law would coincide with the same type of law for air
125 taxi’s that meet certain criteria. Board Chair Henry Tiffany stated that the Big Game Commercial Services
126 Board should have been consulted by Representative Knopp. Legislation is not the correct avenue to
127 deal with this issue, it will only compound the current problem.

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129 **In a motion duly made by Adam Trombley and seconded by Larry Van Daele, with unanimous**
130 **consent it was resolved that Board member Kelly Vrem will write a letter in opposition of HB**
131 **263 to bill sponsor’s Representatives Knopp, Wilson, Seaton & Grenn.**

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133 House Bill 267: “An Act requiring the release of certain records relating to big game hunters, guided
134 hunts, and guided sport fishing activities to municipalities for verification of taxes payable; and providing
135 an effect date.”

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137 Board member Kelly Vrem opened the discussion stating that the idea of municipal staff seeing these
138 confidential records is a bad idea. Thomas Sullivan stated that CBPL would give municipal staff access
139 electronically, much like the Wildlife Troopers, and there would be little cost to the Division. Board
140 member Cash Joyce agreed with Mr. Vrem, that allowing confidential contact and location information
141 to be viewed by those that are not Board staff or law enforcement would compromise the information
142 contained in the reports. Mr. Vrem also stated that the location, outcome of the hunt and those

143 associated (other licenses) with the hunt are confidential as well. Mr. Van Daele agreed with both Mr.
144 Vrem and Mr. Joyce.

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146 In a motion duly made by Adam Trombley and seconded by Kelly Vrem, with unanimous
147 consent it was resolved that Board Chair Henry Tiffany will write a letter in opposition of HB
148 267 to bill sponsor's Representative Edgmon.

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151 House Bill 272: "An Act establishing the Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge; and providing for an effective
152 date."

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154 The Big Game Commercial Services Board decided to take no action on HB 272

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156 Board member Larry Van Daele stated that he is very uncomfortable making decisions and offering
157 opinions when the Board doesn't have the entire picture of each bill. Mr. Van Daele stated that the
158 Board should have been provided more information in the board packets such as the intent behind each
159 bill, opinions from other agencies or even have those agencies represented at the meeting. Board Chair
160 Henry Tiffany agreed that more information should have been provided in the board packet.

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162 Board Chair Henry Tiffany requested that all letters be submitted to Occupational Licensing Examiner
163 Dawn Hannasch no later than Wednesday, February 7th, 2018, at which time Ms. Hannasch will forward
164 the letters to all board members, the departments Legislative Liaison Micaela Fowler, Director
165 McCullough and Deputy Director Chambers.

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167 In a motion duly made by Adam Trombley and seconded by Nicholas Jackson with unanimous
168 consent, it was resolved that Board Chair Henry Tiffany is the Board's designee and will be the
169 representative to testify and offer comments on behalf of the Board before Legislators.

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171 Board member Kelly Vrem left the meeting at 11:35 am

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173 **Agenda item 4** **Consent Agreement Review**

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175 Hearing nothing further, Board Chair Henry Tiffany redirected the Board's attention to the 2 consent
176 agreements in their board packets.

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178 In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310 (c), I Nicholas Jackson move
179 and Adam Trombley seconded the motion, to move into executive session for the purpose of
180 discussing (2) subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person,
181 provided the person may request a public discussion, with Board staff to stay.

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183 The Board entered into executive session at 11:44 am

184 The Board went back on the record at 12:30 pm

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186 In a motion duly made by Adam Trombley and seconded by Nicholas Jackson with a roll call
187 vote, it was resolved to accept the consent agreement with Samuel T Fejes Jr case #2017-
188 000055.

189 **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

190 **Thomas Sullivan – Yes**

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191 **Adam Trombley – Yes**
192 **Nicholas Jackson – Yes**
193 **Henry Tiffany – Yes**

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196 **In a motion duly made by Adam Trombley and seconded by Henry Tiffany with a roll call vote,**
197 **it was resolved to accept the consent agreement for case #2017-001016**

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199 **Larry Van Daele – No**
200 **Thomas Sullivan – No**
201 **Adam Trombley – No**
202 **Nicholas Jackson – No**
203 **Henry Tiffany – No**

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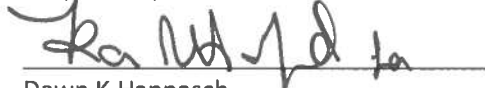
206 Once finished with reviewing consent agreements, the Board discussed Investigator Lee Strout’s ability
207 to determine when and if a case of delinquent hunt records should go to a Board member for review.
208 Mr. Strout could look at a reasonably related case and act accordingly. Mr. Trombley requested that the
209 Board table this discussion until the March 20th & 21st, 2018 meeting in Anchorage. OLE Dawn Hannasch
210 will add the topic to the drafted agenda.

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The Board adjourned at 12:48 pm

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219 Dawn K Hannasch
220 Occupational Licensing Examiner

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224 Henry Tiffany
225 BGCS Board Chair

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