

**Minutes  
Board of Natural Resources  
Special Conference Call Meeting  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.  
Suite 1252 East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334**

**June 30, 2023  
11:00 a.m.**

**Board Members**

Dwight Davis, Chair  
Joe Hatfield, Vice Chair  
Gary Vowell, Secretary  
Nancy Addison  
Randy Dellinger  
Patrick Denney  
Charles DePriest  
Dan Garcia  
Mark Hennessy  
Penn Hodge  
Duncan Johnson  
Bill Jones  
Ray Lambert  
Tim Lowe  
Paul Shailendra  
Bodine Sinyard  
Harley Yancey

**Staff Members**

Walter Rabon  
Kyle Pearson  
Kate Iannuzzi  
Cathy Barnette  
Larry Blankenship  
Taylor Brown

**Guests**

Lyndy Saparow, Executive Director, GNR

The special called meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was called to order by Chairman Dwight Davis.

Chairman Davis called on Cathy Barnette for a declaration of quorum.

Chairman Davis stated the first item to consider is an amendment to the agenda, under Other Business, adding the appointment of the Interim Director of the Environmental Protection Division. He further stated that Rick Dunn, Director of the Environmental Protection Division, has been appointed by Governor Brian Kemp as the Director of the Office of Planning and Budget (OPB). He added that Rick Dunn was the Deputy Director of OPB before coming to the Environmental Protection Division (EPD), so it is understandable he would be chosen to return to as the Director of OPB.

Chairman Davis requested a motion to amend the agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Hatfield, and carried unanimously to amend the agenda under other business to add the appointment of the Director of the Environmental Protection Division.

Chairman Davis stated the next item for consideration is the appointment of the Commissioner, or Interim Commissioner, of Natural Resources. He further stated that the Governor has recommended Walter Rabon be appointed as the Interim Commissioner to succeed Mark Williams. Chairman Davis stated that Walter Rabon would assume the role with all of the responsibilities, powers, duties, and authority of the office of Commissioner of Natural Resources and with a temporary pay increase of 5% of his current salary for such time as he serves as the Interim Commissioner, and said salary to be reduced to his former rate of pay upon completion of service as the Interim Commissioner.

Chairman Davis stated if there are no questions or comments, he requests a motion to approve.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Addison, and carried unanimously to appoint Walter Rabon as the Interim Commissioner of Natural Resources to be effective July 1, 2023, with all of the responsibilities, powers, duties and authority of the office of Commissioner of Natural Resources and with a temporary pay increase of 5% of his current salary for such time as he serves as the Interim Commissioner, and said salary to be reduced to his former rate of pay upon completion of service as the Interim Commissioner.

Chairman Davis stated the next item for consideration, under Other Business, is the appointment David Dove as the Interim Director of the Environmental Protection Division. He further stated that this position would be in addition to his current position as Executive Counsel to Governor Kemp and with no increase in salary.

Chairman Davis stated if there are no questions or comments, he requests a motion to approve.

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried unanimously to appoint David Dove as the Interim Director of the Environmental Protection Division to be effective July 1, 2023, with all of the responsibilities, powers, duties and authority of the office of Director of the Environmental Protection Division, as an additional duty to his current position with no increase in salary.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Dwight J. Davis, Chairman

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Gary Vowell, Secretary