MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING
Arizona Game and Fish Commission
Appointment Recommendation Board
5000 West Carefree Highway
Phoenix, AZ 85086

Tuesday, Jan 6, 2026

PRESENT: (Board Members)
Richard Williams, Chair
Johnny Basha
Michael Cravens
Jared Lyman
Nathan Rees

(Directors Staff)
Patrick Boyle, Assistant Attorney General
Madeline Gaffney, Board Secretary

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. This meeting followed an agenda dated December 29, 2025.

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1. **Welcome and Introductions from the Arizona Game and Fish Commission Appointment Recommendation Board**

The Chair welcomed the general public, Board members and staff present.

The Chair introduced members and staff; Johnny Basha from Tempe, representing Mission to Increase, Sustain, and Conserve Wild Turkey, Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, Bighorn Sheep, Ducks, Quail, and Fish, Jared Lyman from Tonto Basin, representing Cattlemen and Ranchers, Nathan Rees from Tempe, representing Sportsmen's Organization confined to a specific area or region, Michael Cravens from Parks, representing the general public, and Richard Williams from Scottsdale, representing Wildlife Conservation and Sportsmen Organizations; Patrick Boyle, Assistant Attorney General; and Madeline Gaffney, Board Secretary.

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2. **Discussion of Attorney General's Notice of Representation letter**

Assistant Attorney General Patrick Boyle reviewed the Notice of Representation letter which outlines changes in Arizona Supreme Court Rule 42, the Arizona Rules of Professional Conduct, which became effective January 1, 2025.

The two principal requirements that the Supreme Court has of government lawyers are as follows:

1. The government lawyer provides written confirmation of the scope of the government lawyers representation of that agency Board of commission.
2. The letter describes to the client the nature of the relationship between the lawyer and the client representatives and the impact of the government lawyer's other legal duties on the representation.

No questions or further discussion regarding the Notice of Representation letter or the Open Meeting Law.

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3. **<u>Telephonically Review and Approve the Minutes of Board Meetings held October 23 and November 6, 2025</u>**

The Chair asked for any comments on the minutes of the October 23 and November 6, 2025 Board meetings.

MOTION: Johnny Basha moved and Nathan Rees seconded to APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 23 AND NOVEMBER 6, 2025 BOARD MEETINGS.

VOTE: Unanimous

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4. **<u>Discussion and Recommendations for any Amendments to Board Operating Procedures</u>**

The Chair asked for discussion on Recommendations for Amendments to Board Operating Procedures.

Johnny Basha inquired whether there would be an opportunity for discussion regarding candidates after interviews have concluded and votes have been tallied. Chairman Rich Williams stated that there would be such an opportunity and that, going forward, the Chair will call for discussion following the voting period without requiring a formal amendment to the operating procedures. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Boyle confirmed this approach.

Chairman Williams stated there is another opportunity to amend the operating procedures at the 2026 October meeting if necessary.

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5. **<u>Discussion and Selection of 2026 Chairperson</u>**

Johnny Basha moved and Michael Cravens seconded that Rich Williams continue to serve as Board Chair. Chairman Williams stated that the Chair position normally rotates and that the Board Member next scheduled to end their term would typically serve as Chair. He noted that the current Board is made up mostly of new members. Chairman Williams stated that he is willing to serve as Chair for the 2026 CARB session, after which a rotation of the Chair position will begin.

MOTION: Johnny Basha moved and Michael Cravens seconded to NOMINATE RICH WILLIAMS AS THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON FOR 2026.

VOTE: Unanimous

6. **<u>2026 Meeting Schedule</u>**

Chairman Williams stated that the Board Secretary would reach out in the Fall to set dates for the next meetings.

MOTION: Johnny Basha moved and Nathan Rees seconded to ADJOURN THE MEETING.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

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