Minutes
Board of Natural Resources Special Meeting
January 17, 2017
Natural Resources Building, Olympia, Washington

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
The Honorable Hilary Franz, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands
JT Austin, Designee for the Honorable Jay Inslee, Washington State Governor
The Honorable Bill Peach, Commissioner, Clallam County – via conference call
The Honorable Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Elizabeth Van Volkenburgh, Interim Director, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, University of Washington
Ron C. Mittelhammer, Dean, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences, Washington State University – via conference call

CALL TO ORDER
Commissioner Franz called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

All Board members introduced themselves. Commissioner Franz noted there was a quorum for
the meeting with Dean Mittelhammer and Commissioner Peach participating via phone.

SAFETY REVIEW
Ms. Vansot gave a safety overview and instruction on evacuating the building in case of an
emergency.

ELECTION OF CHAIR
Commissioner Franz asked for nominations.

MOTION:  Ms. Austin moved that Commissioner Franz be elected Chair of the Board of
Natural Resources.

ACTION:  The motion was approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR
Commissioner Franz asked for nominations.

MOTION:  Dean Mittelhammer moved that Commissioner Peach be elected Vice-Chair of the
Board of Natural Resources.
ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

ADVISE AND CONSENT AND AMOUNT OF BOND FOR NEW SUPERVISOR
Chair Franz recommended that Eric Schroff be appointed as the Supervisor of the Department of Natural Resources and recommended Lenny Young as the Interim Supervisor until Eric can assume the office.

Chair Franz asked Eric Schroff to provide a brief summary of his history with the Department.

Eric Schroff greeted the Board via phone and described his background. He received his Bachelor’s in Forest Management in 1995 from Oregon State University and a Master’s Degree in Forest Planning and Administration in 2002, when he first stated with DNR as an Assistant Division Manager for Forest Practices. In 2004, he promoted into the South Puget Sound Region Manager role and from 2005-2009 served as the Pacific Cascade Region Manager. He said he is excited to come back to DNR and honored to take on the role as Department Supervisor and he looks forward to working actively and diligently to support the Board.

Chair Franz remarked on the amount of the bond and noted that Christa Thompson, Assistant Attorney General, can specify any language in the statue or answer any questions on posting of the Bond.

Chair Franz then asked the Board for approval of Resolution 1497.

MOTION: Interim Dean Van Volkenburgh moved to approve Resolution 1497.

SECOND: Ms. Austin seconded the motion.

ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST
David Galle, citizen, welcomed Commissioner Franz to Olympia.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 AM.
Approved this ___ day of February, 2017

Hilary Franz, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands

Present

JT Austin, Designee for Governor Jay Inslee

Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Bill Peach, Commissioner, Clallam County

Via conference call

Ron Mittelhammer, Dean, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences, Washington State University

Elizabeth Van Volkenburgh, Interim Director, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, University of Washington

Attest:

Sarah Vansot, Board Coordinator