



# NORTH CAROLINA **YOUTH OUTDOOR** ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION

## **AGENDA**

**May 22, 2024, 9:30 AM**

**NC State Park Alumni Center**

**Meeting Room 120 (PENC)**

**2450 Alumni Drive**

**Raleigh, NC 27606**

- 1) Call To Order** – Chairman Dell Murphy
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance** – Vice Chairman Jim Harrell
- 3) Roll Call** – Megan Law, Communications Manager
- 4) Mandatory Ethics Inquiry** - North Carolina General Statute 138A-15(e)  
mandates that the Commission Chair shall remind all Commissioners of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict under this Chapter, and that the chair also inquire as to whether there is any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Commission at this time. It is the duty of each Commissioner who is aware of such personal conflict of interest or of an appearance of a conflict, to notify the Chair of the same. – Chairman Dell Murphy
- 5) Approval Of Minutes** – Take action on the February 8, 2024 NC Youth Outdoor Engagement Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit and distributed to members (**EXHIBIT A**)
- 6) Trailblazers Club Report** – Alan Pomeroy and Noel Griffin

**7) GO Grants Program Report** – Alan Pomeroy and Megan Wendt, Grants Coordinator

**8) Youth Sports Grants** – Alan Pomeroy

**9) Trust Fund Report** – Layne Randolph, Fundraising and Finance Manager

**10) Communications Report** – Megan Law

**11) Legislative and Budget Requests for Short Session** – Justin Burr

**12) Outreach Report** – Noel Griffin

**13) Commission Discussion/Other New Business** – Chairman Dell Murphy

**14) Next Meeting: August 1, 2024** – Chairman Dell Murphy

**15) Closing Remarks** – Chairman Dell Murphy

**16) Adjourn**



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## EXHIBIT A

1) Call To Order – NC Youth Outdoor Engagement Commission Chairman Dell Murphy called the meeting in Wallace, NC to order at 9:01 am.

2) Pledge of Allegiance – Vice Chairman Jim Harrell

3) Roll Call –

### COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

Dell Murphy  
Jim Harrell  
Owen Andrews  
Austin Barnhill  
Brick Brown  
Mikey Fulk  
Kevin Howell  
Channing Jones  
Gordon Myers  
Harry Shaw

### STAFF ATTENDANCE

Justin Burr, Executive Director  
Alan Pomeroy, Program Director  
Megan Law, Communications Manager  
Layne Randolph, Fundraising and Finance Manager  
Noel Griffin, Outreach and Engagement Manager  
Megan Wendt, Grants Coordinator

4) Mandatory Ethics Inquiry – At the request of Chairman Dell Murphy, Megan Law, Communications Manager, read the mandatory ethics inquiry as stated in GS 138A-15(e).

5) Approval of Minutes – Commissioner Owen Andrews moved that the minutes from October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be approved as written and Commissioner Brick Brown seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes.

6) Election of a Chair and Vice Chair – Commissioner Harry Shaw moved to re-elect by acclamation Dell Murphy, Chairman and Jim Harrell, Vice Chairman for another two-year term. Commissioner Austin Barnhill seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

7) Youth Archery – Alan Pomeroy, Program Director, and Noel Griffin, Outreach and Engagement Manager announced they had recently met with team members at USA Archery, an organization that connects youth with the training and equipment required to hone skills and participate in archery competitions. Commission Commissioner Mikey Fulk moved that YOEC staff move forward with their relationship with USA Archery and form a partnership. Commissioner Austin Barnhill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8) Field Trip Policies – Alan Pomeroy and Noel Griffin presented to the Commissioners some areas of concern in regards to field trip policies throughout counties in North Carolina. They provided examples of previous applicants from New Hanover County and Cherokee County schools and made the Commission aware of the standing guidelines in those counties that are preventing applicants from taking part in certain activities.

9) Trailblazers Club Report – Program Director, Alan Pomeroy, presented updates on the 32 inaugural Trailblazers Outdoor Clubs throughout 28 counties in the state. Highlights included photos from club outings and details of trips taken so far this year.

10) GO Grants Program Report – Alan Pomeroy and Grants Coordinator, Megan Wendt announced GO Grants data, including the number of grants awarded and the amount of funding awarded, so far in the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Along with the updates, they provided highlights of past and upcoming trips and structures for the 2023-2024 school year. Commissioner Gordon Meyers moved that staff be authorized to amend the budget as needed. Commissioner Kevin Howell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11) Youth Sports Grants – Alan Pomeroy provided the Commission with a summary of the requirements that the Youth Sports Grants must fulfill according to statute.

12) Trust Fund Report – Fundraising and Finance Manager Layne Randolph presented donation reports and updates, providing the Commission with graphs showing the data for past and present years.

13) 2023 Legislative & Update – Executive Director Justin Burr introduced the proposed legislative and budget requests for the short session. Commissioner Channing Jones moved that the legislative requests and budget be endorsed as presented. Commissioner Owen Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

14) Patch Program Report – Alan Pomeroy stated that there has been steady interest in and requests for patches, requiring YOEC to reorder more 2023 patches for upcoming events in order to keep up with demand online and in person. Pomeroy announced the Leaderboard winners, showing photos and

detailing the number of patches and distinctions each recipient had earned. Images of soon-to-be-introduced 2024 patches were highlighted, including a Successful Salt Water Angler patch and a My First Hunt patch.

15) Communications Report – Megan Law provided highlights from recent social media posts and advertising. Law highlighted email blasts and outreach to teachers and schools throughout the state in an effort to reach counties that have yet to apply for a GO Grant.

16) Outreach Report – Noel Griffin provided an overview of the N.C. State Fair and Bass and Saltwater Expo events that have taken place since the last meeting. Griffin announced that staff would be attending the upcoming Dixie Deer Classic in Raleigh, NC.

17) Commission Discussion/Other New Business – No new business discussed.

18) Next Meeting – Chairman Murphy announced the date and location of the next in-person meeting; May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 at the Wildlife Resources Commission Headquarters in Raleigh, NC.

19) Closing Remarks – Chairman Murphy gave closing remarks.

20) Adjourn – Chairman Dell Murphy adjourned the Commission meeting at 10:56 am.