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Submission: Open Meeting Law Complaint Form

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Open Meeting Law Complaint Form

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Public Entity Information

Business Name: Arizona Game & Fish Department - Habitat Partnership Committee

Details of Complaint

Please describe the conduct that you believe violated the Open Meeting Law:

The Arizona Game & Fish Commission annually awards Habitat Partnership Committee (HPC) grants every January. The grant proposals originate during the prior year in the Game & Fish Department's regional HPC committees. On November 3, 2021, the Payson Natural Resource Committee (PNRC), which is one of these local HPC committees, met to identify the annual HPC grant proposals from their region that they would forward to the state HPC for approval in January. However, the minutes of this meeting (attached) do not include the decisions they made to forward specific HPC grant proposals to the state office. Nor do the minutes (attached) from their August 11, 2021, meeting. The effect of this is that anybody who couldn't personally attend the meetings has no idea what they did - and lots of grant money is involved. Furthermore, Arizona Game & Fish Commissioner Bill Brake is a part owner of two ranches in PRNC's region, and any HPC grants that might be proposed for those ranches would be a conflict of interest - especially since he's served as chair of the state HPC committee.

Furthermore, while a meeting agenda (attached) was distributed for the August 11, 2021, meeting, an agenda wasn't sent out for the November 3, 2021, meeting - only a short blurb about it at the end of the August 11, 2021, meeting minutes.

List the date(s) on which you believe the violation(s) occurred:

2021/11/03, 2021/11/08

Please identify all members of the public body whom you believe violated the requirements of the Open Meeting Law:

Jake Jaeger, Andrew Calvacant

Declaration: I declare under penalty of perjury, that the facts and statements contained in this declaration, including any attached statements, are true, correct, and based upon my personal knowledge. I understand that the information contained in this declaration can only be altered by submitting a new declaration. By choosing to submit this form electronically, I certify and agree that by entering my name in the space below, I bind and legally obligate myself to the same extent as I would by signing my name on a printed paper version of this form.

Jeffrey D. Burgess

Attachments:

- [hpc-payson-nov3meeting-minutes-email-110821.pdf](#) 151.7 KB
- [hpc-payson-meeting-minutes-110321.pdf](#) 153.21 KB
- [hpc-payson-meeting-minutes-081121.pdf](#) 148.03 KB
- [hpc-payson-august11-meeting-agenda-email-080521.pdf](#) 143.72 KB
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