

Minutes
State Parks and Historic Sites Committee
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

Tuesday, March 28, 2023
9:00 a.m.

Committee Members

Randy Dellinger, Chair
Duncan Johnson, Vice Chair
Nancy Addison
Nick Ayers
Patrick Denney
Charles DePriest
Dan Garcia
Joe Hatfield
Kevin Jackson
Ray Lambert
Tim Lowe
Miki Thomaston
Gary Vowell
Dwight Davis, Board Chair, Ex-officio

Board Members

Penn Hodge
Paul Shailendra
Bodine Sinyard
Dee Yancey

Guests

Jud Turner, Counsel to Elberton Granite Association
Brant Lane, Hodges, Harbin, Newberry and Tribble
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Urban Ag Council
Dominic LaRiccia, Department of Agriculture
Mike Worley, Georgia Wildlife Federation
Mark Woodall, Sierra Club

Staff Members

Mark Williams, Commissioner
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson
Kate Iannuzzi
Cathy Barnette
Artica Gaston
Donald Kirkland
Thomas Barnard
Jeff Cown
Doug Haymans
Scott Robinson
Tina Johannsen
Angie Johnson
Charlie Killmaster

Richard Dunn, Director
Erin Ruoff
Karen Hays
Jim Boylan
Chuck Mueller
Anna Truszczynski
Laura Williams

The March 28, 2023 meeting of the State Parks and Historic Sites Committee was called to order by Dwight Davis, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Davis called on Mr. Randy Dellinger, Chairman of the State Parks and Historic Sites Committee. Mr. Dellinger called on Jeff Cown, Director of the State Parks and Historic Sites Division, to present Proposed Amendments to Rule 391-5-1-.05 (4).

Director Cown stated Senate Bill 319, “Georgia Constitutional Carry Act of 2021” which was approved in the 2022 Georgia legislative session and signed by the Governor, revised certain laws concerning the carrying of firearms contained in O.C.G.A. § 16-11-125.1. He further stated the proposed amendments to Rule 391-5-1-.05 (4), would update the rule to be in concert with the revised state law.

Director Cown stated the change strikes the requirement for a valid weapons carry license, which makes it consistent with the law, in all parks, historic sites, and recreational areas, except for those that are under federal jurisdiction.

A motion was made by Mr. Denney, seconded by Ms. Thomaston, and approved unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board approve the Proposed Amendments to Rule 391-5-1-.05 (4).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.