

**Sunset Advisory Commission**  
**Board and Commission Review of The Green Mountain Conservation Camp Endowment Fund**

The Commission reviews every State board and commission and takes testimony regarding whether each board or commission should continue to operate or be eliminated and whether the powers and duties of any board or commission should be revised. Each board and commission has the burden of justifying its continued operation.

The Commission also reviews whether members of a board or commission should be entitled to a per diem and, if so, the amount of that per diem.

In testifying before the Commission, you should be able to provide the following information:

1. In general, how often does the board and commission meet? Provide specific information on how often the board or commission has met in the past two fiscal years. Provide information on where agendas and minutes of meetings can be found.

**The GMCC Foundation board of directors at the Fish & Wildlife Department staff liaison to the board meet in-person or via conference call at least three times a year – typically summer or fall, winter, and spring. The agendas and meeting minutes to these meetings are available on a shared network drive managed by the Fish & Wildlife Department Outreach Division staff as well as copies saved by board members.**

2. Provide the names of members of the board or commission, their term length and expiration, their appointing authority, and the amount of any per diem they receive.

- Dave Calvi (President) 2012 – no expiration – Board appointed - \$0
- Shawn Bartlett (Treasurer) 2012 – no expiration – Board appointed - \$0
- Ann Lavery (Secretary) 2012 – no expiration – Board appointed - \$0
- Ali Thomas (Fish & Wildlife Department liaison – NOT a board member)

3. Provide an overview of the board or commission's purpose.

**The Green Mountain Conservation Camp Endowment Fund provides a perpetual source of income for the Green Mountain Conservation Camp (GMCC) facilities and the department environmental education programs.**

4. Is that purpose still needed? What would happen if the board or commission no longer fulfilled that purpose?

**Yes, the GMCC Endowment Fund helps support annual purchases using the interest from the principle of the fund. These purchases are for essential materials at camp such as life jackets, canoes, AEDs, etc.**

5. How well is the board or commission performing in executing that purpose? What evidence can you provide to substantiate that performance?

The GMCC Endowment Fund board is active and responsive. They engage in the meetings whether the meetings are in-person or over a conference call, review the budget, and make fiscally responsible decisions that preserve the fund's principle while supporting programs and materials true to the mission.

6. If the purpose is still needed, can State government be more effective and efficient if the purpose was executed in a different manner?

**Not that I am aware of. Little staff time is dedicated to making this fund operate and run efficiently and effectively.**

7. If the purpose is still needed, do any of your board or commission's functions overlap or duplicate those of another State board or commission or federal or State agency? If so, is your board or commission still the best entity to fulfill the purpose?

**No overlap.**

8. Does the board or commission's enabling law continue to correctly reflect the purpose and activities of the board or commission?

**Yes.**

9. Provide a list of the board and commission's last fiscal year expenditures including staffing costs. How are these funded?

**Expenditures have been \$0 for state fiscal year 2019 and 2020. At the end of fiscal year 2020 the fund balance was \$56,224. Revenues for this fund are generated through donations and interest, usually \$6,000-\$10,000 combined.**

10. Is the board or commission required by law to prepare any reports or studies for the Legislature, the Governor, or any State agency or officer? If so, have those reports or studies been produced? Does the board or commission have ongoing reporting obligations?

**No. The GMCC Endowment Fund submits a form 990 to the IRS annually.**

11. How would you measure the performance of the board or commission?

**Showing the programs and materials that the GMCC Endowment Fund has fiscally supported. Some examples include life jackets, canoes, and part of the acquisition of a 281-acre parcel that has become a Wildlife Management Area connected to the GMCC: Edward F. Kehoe camp.**