

Nebraska Board of Geologists
Board Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2021

215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln NE

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln NE. Chairperson Joyce called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and noted the location of the Open Meetings Act. Notice of the meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on June 30, 2021 and on the Board's website in accordance to the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call: Douglas Hallum, Marty Link, Harmon Maher, David Svingen, Andrew Grimm, Charles Joyce
Ralph Martin joined the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Staff Present: Gail Parris, Administrative Programs Officer I (APO); Jon Wilbeck, Executive Director – Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects (ED - NBEA); Jean Lais, Administrative Programs Officer II (APO)

PUBLIC COMMENT/APPOINTMENTS

Public Members Present: Deana Sneyd, Executive Director and Randy Kath, National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG)

Theodore Huscher, and Colby Knight.

A CONSENT AGENDA

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Action

Motion by Hallum, second by Maher to approve the Consent Agenda as provided. Voting Yes: Grimm, Link, Svingen, Maher, Hallum, Joyce Voting No: None Absent: Martin

B REPORTS

Nebraska Geological Society

Hallum as president of the Nebraska Geological Society, informed the board of the ongoing activities. A new website is being developed, and the content management system is in the beta testing mode. Changes to the bylaws are being considered, new committees are being added, philanthropic efforts may be expanded to include fellowships, scholarships, PG exam costs. The annual meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2021.

C OLD BUSINESS

Ad Hoc Committee Report

Joyce and Svingen updated the attendees on the preliminary Unified/Allied board discussion.

Geologist Regulation Act Revisions Update

No updated provided.

Unified/Allied Board Discussion

ED Wilbeck discussed unified/allied board structures.

ED Wilbeck exited the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

ASBOG Update

Deana Sneyd and Randy Kath attended the meeting at the invitation of the board. She apprised the board Computer Based Testing (CBT) will begin in spring 2023. There will be no hybrid or paper and pencil exams when CBT exams start. A series of informational webinars are scheduled to keep member boards updated. ASBOG has had discussions with testing agencies. Applicants will be able

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to select location, date, and time by utilizing the exam portal after they have been approved by their respective member board. Concern related to paying a seat fee, and ASBOG is keeping it as low as possible to avoid creating a barrier to licensure. The Task Analysis Survey has been rescheduled to 2022 due to COVID-19. ASBOG is increasing its professional outreach by maintaining booths at national meetings.

D NEW BUSINESS

Legislative

Copies of LR83 and LR191 were provided for review for informational purposes. Both pertain to studies examining the Gubernatorial Board Member Application process, and the Effect of Universal Occupational Licensing respectively. Joyce stated that, regarding the former, this may affect board members who have expired terms. It was also noted that quarterly board meetings may complicate granting approval within specific days after applications are received.

ASBOG Meetings – October 25-30, 2021 – Little Rock, AK

Approval of Delegates to the Administrator's Workshop, Annual Meeting, and COE Workshop

The meetings will be held in-person this year. Hallum and Martin were approved to attend the ASBOG Annual Meeting and the COE Workshop. Joyce was approved as the alternate. The Board approved Parris to attend the Administrator's Workshop and the Annual Meeting.

Action

Motion by Link, second by Maher to approve Hallum and Martin to attend the Annual Meeting and the COE Workshop; and Joyce as the alternate to both. Voting Yes: Link, Grimm, Svingen, Maher, Martin, Hallum, Joyce Voting No: None

Motion by Link, second by Svingen to approve Parris attend the ASBOG Administrator's Workshop and the Annual Meeting Voting Yes: Link, Grimm, Svingen, Maher, Martin, Hallum, Joyce Voting No: None

Parris' travel dates are October 25 and October 28, 2021.

Selection of Voting Delegate to the Annual Meeting – October 27, 2021

Hallum was selected to be the voting delegate at the Annual Meeting with Martin as the alternate delegate.

Action

Motion by Svingen, second by Link to approve Hallum as the Voting Delegate with Martin as the alternate at the ASBOG Annual Meeting. Voting Yes: Martin, Link, Svingen, Grimm, Maher, Hallum, Joyce Voting No: None

Electronic Signatures

The board discussed adding electronic signatures to licenses and Certificates of Authorization. This will reduce the time applicants wait to receive their certificates. It was noted the approved applicants receive documents which included their license numbers and other pertinent information when they have been approved by the board.

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Motion by Svingen to authorize electronic signatures on wall certificates. Voting Yes: Martin, Link, Svingen, Maher Voting No: Hallum, Grimm, Joyce

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E COMPLIANCE - None

F APPLICATIONS

Core Course Equivalency Chart and Rationale

Copies of the Core Course Equivalency Chart and Rationale were provided for review.

Administratively Approved

Certificates of Authorization

Approved: GSI Environmental Inc, TX; Ho'olaulima Government Solutions LLC, SC; Broadbent & Associates Inc, TX; Atlas Technical Consultants, LA

Licensure/Examinations

Licensure by Experience Applications

Approved: Michael Fiori, NC

FG Exam Applications

Approved: Collin Metz, NE; Jason Pearl, CO; Jordan Lebsack, NE

FG/PG Exam Applications

Approved: Brad Woodard, CO

Action

Motion by Martin, second by Hallum to approve the applications as presented and reviewed. Voting Yes: Link, Svingen, Martin, Grimm, Maher, Hallum, Joyce Voting No: None

APO Lais entered the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

G FINANCIAL MATTERS

Financial Reports

Budget Status Report – April, May, June 2021

MTD General Ledger Detail Report – April, May, June 2021

Fund Summary Report – April, May, June 2021

FY 2019-20 Financial Profile – April, May, June 2021

APO Lais reported that as of June 30, 2021 with the 100% fiscal year elapsed, 95% of the operational budget was used 29% of the travel budget, and 77% of the appropriated expenditures were utilized. There was an increase in eCommerce fees due to the growth in use of the online renewal system. The Cash Fund was staying steady at \$69,000. The FY 20-21 Financial Summary provided a snapshot of the revenue and expenses for the year.

Other Financial Matters

2021-23 Biennium Budget Approval

A copy of the Biennium Budget Approval was provided for review. \$36,609 was approved for FY21-22 and \$37, 210 was approved for FY22-23. This is the full amount requested by the board.

2021-22 Initial Budget Status

A copy of the Initial FY21-22 Budget Status was provided for review.

Action

Motion by Link, second by Maher to accept the business reports. Voting Yes: Hallum, Grimm, Martin, Maher, Svingen, Link, Joyce Voting No: None

APO Lais left the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

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H GENERAL INFORMATION

A schedule of upcoming meetings and events was provided for review. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2021 at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, beginning at 1:00pm.

A roster of the Board members was provided.

Licensing and Certification Trends

Individuals and organizations authorized to practice in Nebraska as of July 1, 2021

Professional Geologists: 309

Certificates of Authorization: 70

Temporary Permits: None

Other information

The website dashboard reports showed the following number of total visits:

April: 171

May: 150

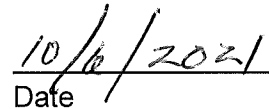
June: 177

A copy of the approved Board Policies as of October 9, 2019 was provided for review.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:47 p.m. by Martin.



Board Member


Date