

Nebraska Board of Geologists
Board Meeting Agenda – October 4, 2023, 1:00 p.m.
215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln NE

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at 215 Centennial Mall S, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chairperson Martin 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 and the Board's website in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call: Douglas Hallum, Charles Joyce, Harmon Maher, Ralph Martin, Nancy Mann, Michael O'Hara, Jeffrey Seymour

Staff Present: Jean Lais, Administrative Programs Officer (APO); Diana Stahlnecker, Administrative Programs Officer (APO); Josh Frerking, Public Information Officer (PIO)

PUBLIC COMMENT/APPOINTMENTS

A. CONSENT AGENDA

[July 12, 2023, Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion revise

Motion by Hallum, second by Maher, to approve the consent agenda. Voting Yes: Maher, Mann, Seymour, O'Hara, Hallum, Joyce, Martin; Voting No: None

B. MEETING REPORTS

[Nebraska Geological Society \(NGS\)](#)

Hallum reported the NGS annual meeting was held in mid-September, and planning of next year's field trip is already under way. NGS is looking at hosting a student cookout in the fall of 2024.

[Office/Staff](#)

PIO Frerking entered the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

APO Lais introduced APO Stahlnecker to the members. Stahlnecker started at the end of April and replaced Gail Parris, who resigned in March.

She updated the members on the progress of the database conversion. Renewals for the landscape architects are scheduled to go live by October 16, 2023. Work continues on the license applications. Once all applications are live for the landscape architects, development for the geologists will begin. The projected go-live is late spring or early summer 2024.

C. OLD BUSINESS

Legislative

[LB16 Universal Licensing Update](#)

Seymour provided a recap of the committee had with Senator Briese's staff and the Platte Institute regarding an exemption from LB16. A copy of the amendment to AM748 was by his office.

On September 14, 2023, the governor announced Senator Briese had been appointed State Treasurer to replace John Murante, who is moving to the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System. As Briese is the sponsor of LB16, a new sponsor will be named for the 2024 legislative session. As of the meeting, the new sponsor had not been identified.

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Statute Revisions – Staff Recommendations

During the review of the Strategic Plan at the July meeting, the members requested staff to bring the recommended revisions to the October meeting for further discussion. APO Lais updated the revisions to incorporate those approved by the Board in July 2020 and the comments and revisions from the bill writers at the time.

The last revision to the Act was in 2013, which was the first revision since the Act was enacted in 1997. The recommended revisions reorganize some of the sections without changing the requirements or language. The most significant changes are to § 81-3539, the requirements for qualifying for the exams and licensure. Each application has been separated out for easier reading and to clarify some of the requirements. The temporary permit requirements were moved to this section from the exemption section § 81-3541.

The following revisions were made:

- 81-3519 – Revised to “...that constitute all or part of a project.”
- 81-3529(3)(e) – added *permit holder* after the *licensee* and changed the remaining references to *licensee* to *permit holder*.
- 81-3539 – Revised education requirements to include “...that includes coursework in the content domains and hours as established in the rules and regulations of the board.

Discussion was held on possibly adding a licensure pathway based on meeting the education and experience requirements (i.e., military experience). The members requested staff to research and canvas other jurisdictions if they have an alternate experience-only pathway and bring the results to the January meeting for further discussion.

Other Old Business

Strategic Plan Review

The revised Strategic Plan per the discussion held at the July meeting was provided. PIO Frerking provided draft copies of the *Becoming a Professional Geologists* brochure.

Discussion was held as to other methods of communication that can be used to reach the public, licensees, and students. PIO Frerking is to work with APO Stahlnecker to bring ideas to the January meeting for discussion. He will also bring a list of suggested tasks to be requested to be added to the administrative service contract with the Engineers and Architects board as covered tasks.

PIO Frerking left the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

D. NEW BUSINESS

ASBOG

ASBOG Annual Meetings Materials

2024 Slate of Officers

The Board authorized the voting delegate to vote in favor of the 2024 Slate of Officers.

- President – Rachel Kirkman (NC)
- President-Elect – Keith Rapp (MN)
- Treasurer – Elyn Potter (MO)
- Secretary – Craig Smith (FL)
- Past President – Douglas Rambo (DE)

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Motion by Joyce, second by Mann, to vote in favor of the 2024 ASBOG Slate of Officers. Voting Yes: Maher, Mann, Seymour, O’Hara, Hallum, Joyce, Martin; Voting No: None

[Amended/Proposed Budgets](#)

The Board authorized the voting delegate to vote in favor of the amended 2024 budget and the proposed 2025 budget

Motion by Seymour, second by Maher, to vote in favor of the amended ASBOG 2024 and proposed 2025 proposed budgets. Voting Yes: Maher, Mann, Seymour, O’Hara, Hallum, Joyce, Martin; Voting No: None

[2022 Annual Meeting Minutes](#)

The Board authorized the voting delegate to vote to approve the ASBOG 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Mann, second by Seymour, to vote to approve the ASBOG 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes. Voting Yes: Maher, Mann, Seymour, O’Hara, Hallum, Joyce, Martin; Voting No: None

[NEBOG 2023 Report to ASBOG](#)

APO Lais and Stahlnecker provided a copy of the annual NEBOG report submitted to ASBOG.

E. COMPLIANCE – None

F. APPLICATIONS

The Core Course Equivalence Chart and Rationale were provided.

Administratively Approved

[Certificates of Authorization - None](#)

[Temporary Permits - None](#)

Licensure/Examinations

[Licensure from Other Jurisdictions](#)

Approved: Michael Oliver Aberle-Grasse

[Licensure by Experience - None](#)

[Licensure by Reinstatement - None](#)

[FG Exam Approvals - None](#)

[FG/PG Exam Approvals - None](#)

[PG Exam Approvals - None](#)

Motion by Hallum, second by Mann, to approve the applications as reviewed and discussed. Voting Yes: Maher, Mann, Seymour, O’Hara, Hallum, Joyce, Martin; Voting No: None

G. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Financial Reports – July, August, September (through Sept 27th)

[Budget Status Report](#)

[MTD General Ledger Detail Reports](#)

[Fund Summary Reports](#)

[FY23-24 Financial Profile](#)

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Motion by Hallum, second by Seymour, to approve the financial reports as presented. Voting Yes: Maher, Mann, Seymour, O’Hara, Hallum, Joyce, Martin; Voting No: None

Other Financial Matters – None

H. GENERAL INFORMATION

A schedule of upcoming meetings and events was provided. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska, in the fifth-floor conference room.

Trends in Licensure

Numbers as of September 28, 2023

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| Professional Geologists | 303 |
| Certificates of Authorization | 67 |
| Temporary Permits..... | 1 |

Other Information

Website Dashboard Report

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| July Total Visits | 362 |
| August Total Visits | 993 |

The top landing page for July was the *Home* page, and the *Contact Us* page for August.

The approved Board policies as of January 20, 2021, were provided.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hallum to adjourn the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

Board Member 

Date 1-10-24