



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING**  
**GEOLOGIST LICENSING BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**DATE:** March 3, 2015  
**TIME:** 9:00 AM  
**LOCATION:** University of Puget Sound  
Thompson Hall Room 109  
1500 N Warner St  
Tacoma, WA 98416

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Brian Beaman, EG, HG; Chair  
Robert Mitchell, HG; Vice-Chair  
Bill Laprade, EG; Secretary  
Dave Norman, EG, HG; Member  
William Ernst, LG; Member  
Gene St. Godard, HG; Member  
Sandy Letzing, Public Member

**STAFF PRESENT:** Lorin Doyle, Administrator  
Rick Storvick, Assistant Administrator  
Autumn Dryden, Administrative Assistant  
Julia Gambrel, Licensing Manager  
Jill Short, Investigations & Compliance Manager  
Eric Sonju, Assistant Attorney General  
Rania Rampersad, Assistant Attorney General

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Members of the public

**1. Call to Order 9:00 AM**

1.1. Introduction of visitors

Board members, staff, and guests were introduced. Mr. Mitchell participated in the meeting telephonically.

## 1.2. Order of agenda

Mr. Ernst made a MOTION to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. St. Godard seconded the MOTION and it passed.

## 1.3. Approval of minutes: December 2, 2014

Mr. St. Godard made a MOTION to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Ernst seconded the MOTION and it passed.

## 1.4. Review communications

### 1.4.1. Inactive/Retired status

The board reviewed two emails requesting the board consider implementing an inactive and/or retired status. This type of change would require a rule change and will be discussed during the rule writing process.

### 1.4.2. Correspondence from Steve Neugebauer

The board discussed correspondence received from Mr. Neugebauer and asked Ms. Doyle to draft a letter of response to Mr. Neugebauer clarifying a number of points.

**Action Item: Ms. Doyle will respond to Mr. Neugebauer's emails for Mr. Beaman's signature.**

## 2. Public Comment Opportunity

### 2.1. Meet with geology students

Students were unavailable to meet with the board.

## 3. New Business

### 3.1. Officer elections

Mr. Beaman proposed the following slate of officers:

- Chair – Robert Mitchell
- Vice Chair – Dave Norman
- Secretary – Will Ernst

Mr. St. Godard made a MOTION to approve the slate of officers as presented. Mr. Laprade seconded the MOTION and it passed.

## 4. Old Business

### 4.1. Master action items list

Action items from this meeting were reviewed and added to the master action items list.

### 4.2. Outreach schedule

The board reviewed the outreach schedule.

Mr. Ernst and Mr. Norman updated the board on their meeting with Mr. Jeffrey Wilson, Senior Managing Director of Growth Management Services with the

Department of Commerce. Mr. Wilson provided several suggestions for communicating the board's wetlands policy to local jurisdictions including attending planner forums around the state, submitting articles to monthly newsletters, using Department of Commerce guidance documents, and contacting a voluntary stewardship program. Additionally, he suggested a number of organizations to partner with on communicating geologist licensing requirements – American Public Works Association (AWPA), Association of Washington Cities (AWC), Washington State Conservation Commission (WSSC), and the Interagency Coordinating Council (IACC).

The board also discussed how to be the most effective in reaching students. Suggestions included reaching out to geology department heads at Washington colleges and universities to find a champion, meeting with faculty if holding a board meeting on campus, contacting geology clubs to provide information, and creating posters with licensing information that could be posted year round.

Action Item: Mr. Ernst will compile his and Mr. Norman's notes from their meeting with Mr. Wilson and forward the notes to Ms. Dryden.

Action Item: Ms. Dryden will contact the American Public Works Association about hosting an informational booth at the next conference.

Action Item: Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Beaman will compile a list of talking points/items to share with college and university professors about the benefits of geologist licensing.

Action Item: Ms. Dryden will compile a list of colleges and universities in the state of Washington with geology programs and their department chairs. Board members will use the list to find "champions" of licensing at each school to work with on outreach to students.

Action Item: Ms. Dryden will add outreach to allied professions (building officials, cities, counties, etc.) to the outreach schedule so the board will continue to discuss ways to convey the requirement of hiring licensed professionals.

## **5. Complaint Cases for Review\***

No business.

## **6. Legal Issues for Deliberation\***

No business.

## **7. Disciplinary and Investigation Reports**

7.1. Closed session deliberation report (only necessary if closed session is held)

No business.

7.2. Disciplinary cases report  
Packet item; no action.

7.3. Administrative closure report  
No business.

**8. Assistant Attorney General's report**

No business.

**9. Committee/Task Force Reports**

9.1. Specialty exam committees

The committee recently reviewed the hydrogeology exam and adjusted some questions.

9.2. California reciprocity

Ms. Doyle shared a draft letter from California's Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists stating their acceptance of the Washington State Specific Engineering Geology and Hydrogeology examinations as equivalent to the California Certified Engineering Geologist or Certified Hydrogeologist examinations for the purposes of certification by comity.

**10. Board Administrator's Report**

10.1. Program Operations

10.1.1. Legislative update

Standard report; no action.

10.1.2. Financial report

Standard report; no action.

10.1.3. Licensing and application statistics

Standard report; no action.

10.2. Department of Licensing

No business.

10.3. Other items

No business.

**11. Other Business**

11.1. Action Items from this meeting

Action items were reviewed and will be added to the master action items list.

11.2. Agenda Items for next meeting

- Well logs

11.3. Any other business

Mr. Beaman recognized Mr. Laprade for his service on the board. Mr. Laprade's second and final term on the board ends May 1, 2015. He was presented with a plaque of appreciation.

Mr. St. Godard raised the question – Is the construction of well logs and interpretation of aquifer characteristics the practice of geology? This topic will be added to the June 2015 meeting agenda.

**12. Adjourn Business Meeting 10:51 AM**

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lorin Doyle, Administrator



Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brian Beaman, Board Chair

6/30/2015

Date \_\_\_\_\_