



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING
GEOLOGIST LICENSING BOARD
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

DATE: April 21, 2009

TIME: 9 AM

LOCATION: Department of Licensing
405 Black Lake Blvd
2nd Floor, Conference Room 2209
Olympia, WA 98502

Present: Richard Galster (Chair)
William Laprade (Vice Chair) via telephone
Dave Norman (Secretary)
William Ernst (Member) via telephone
Eugene St.Godard (Member) via telephone

Absent: Jeffery Randall (Member)
Dawne Gardiska- Shepard (Public Member)

Also Present: Joe Vincent, Jr. (Administrator)
Lorin Doyle (Program Manager)
Martha Lantz (Assistant Attorney General)
Erica Hansen (Administrative Assistant)

CALL TO ORDER- April 21, 2009 9:05 AM

This was a special meeting of the Washington State Geologist Licensing Board, called for the purpose of board discussion of a complaint filed with the Executive Ethics Board against a member of the Geologist Licensing Board.

It was held on April 21, 2009, at the Dept of Licensing office at 405 Black Lake Blvd. in Olympia, WA, Conference Room 2209. The meeting began at 9:05 am.

The board members were provided with a copy of the complaint filed with the Ethics Board (Ethics Board No. 2008-120) .

Ms. Lantz summarized the role of the Executive Ethics Board and their jurisdiction.

Ms. Lantz summarized the allegations contained in the complaint: Jeff Randall (acting in his official capacity as chair of Geologist Licensing Board) violated provisions of state Ethics Act, Chapter 42.52 RCW when he served as reviewing Board Member over complaints of unlicensed practice of three Department of Ecology employees, contained in Board Case No. 2007-11-1100-00GEO.

Ms. Lantz gave a brief description of the underlying issues in ethics complaint and advised the board that their role today was to determine if the Geologist board has an interest in the matter of the ethics complaint, what that interest is, if any, and assuming any board interest, whether the board wishes the Office of the Attorney General to assist the board in presenting the board's interest in the matter to the Executive Ethics Board.

The board unanimously agreed to go into closed session under RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the board matters relating to litigation or potential litigation to which the board or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party.

Mr. Galster stated for the record no final action or board decision will be taken in this closed session and any board action will be taken when open session resumes. The closed session was estimated to take approximately one hour.

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OPEN SESSION 10:24 AM

No action was taken and no board decisions were reached during the closed session.

Upon resumption of the open session, the board discussed whether the board itself wished to take a position in respect to the matter before the ethics board and, if so, what that position will be.

Mr. Ernst moved the board find that the conduct that gave rise to the ethics complaint is consistent with and in furtherance of board policy and procedure, was undertaken as part of Jeff Randall's official duties, and was carried out in good faith. Mr. St.Godard seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Ernst made another motion to request the Attorney General's Office assist the board in responding to the ethics board complaint, with the goal of providing the ethics board with information to aid the ethics board's understanding of the Geologist board's process so that the ethics board can make a fully informed decision. The motion was seconded by Mr. Laprade and was passed by unanimous vote.

ADJOURN 10:35 AM