



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

DATE: March 2, 2022
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
LOCATION: Virtual – Microsoft Teams
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CONFERENCE ID: 764 962 640#

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Eileen Webb, LG, Chair
James Struthers, LG/EG, Vice Chair
Dr. Kathy Troost, LG, Secretary
Carla Brock, LG/HG, Member
Casey Hanell, LG/EG, State Geologist
Tom Tebb, LG/EG/HG, Member

STAFF PRESENT: Debra Allen-Ba, Assistant Administrator
Rick Storvick, Administrator
Shari Honeywell, Administrative Assistant
Kim Hall, Administrative Assistant
Mike George, Administrator
Julia Manley, Assistant Administrator
Darla Gehrke, Management Analyst
Star Boone, Program Specialist
Elizabeth Lagerberg, AAG

GUESTS PRESENT:

1. Call to Order 9:00 A.M.

1.1. Introductions

Ms. Honeywell conducted roll call for board members and staff.

1.2. Order of agenda

Ms. Webb requested to amend the agenda under 2.3 spelling correction for Hydrology to Hydrogeology.

MOTION: Dr. Troost made a **MOTION** to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Brock seconded the **MOTION**, and it passed.

1.3. Approval of minutes: December 2, 2021.

MOTION: Mr. Hanell made a **MOTION** to approve the amended minutes as presented. Dr. Troost seconded the **MOTION**, and it passed.

1.4. Review Communications

1.4.a Question about Retired Status

The board discussed an email received from a licensee regarding retired status and voluntary service on a public Advisory board. Ms. Allen-Ba referred to WAC 308.15.083 section 2 which addresses the question of how I retain a retire status and what your privileges are permitted as a retired licensee. As a retired status you are not allowed to perform any professional geological work.

2. New Business

2.1. Election of Officers

Mr. Tebb nominated James Struthers as Chair. Ms. Brock seconded the MOTION, and it passed.

Ms. Brock nominated Casey Hanell as Vice Chair. Mr. Tebb seconded the MOTION, and it passed.

Mr. Tebb nominated Carla Brock as Secretary. Dr. Troost seconded the MOTION, and it passed.

Action Item: Ms. Honeywell update website with new officers.

2.2. ASBOG Committee Member Request

Ms. Allen-Ba reported there are two open positions on the ASBOG Nominations Committee. If there are any interested board members, let us know by the end of the month.

Action Item: Email ASBOG Mr. Tebb's willingness to participate.

2.3. Washington State Hydrogeology Symposium May 2022

Ms. Allen-Ba shared information on a booth rental for the Symposium. Ms. Brock and Dr. Troost have agreed to staff the booth, Ms. Webb and Mr. Tebb have volunteered to help as well.

Action Item: Register for booth, back drop, materials, solar post cards, and handouts for booth.

3. Old Business

3.1. Master Action Items List

Ms. Honeywell reviewed the master action item list with the Board.

4. Complaint Cases for Review*

No business

5. Legal Issues for Deliberation*

No business

6. Disciplinary & Investigation Items**6.1. Disciplinary Cases Report**

Ms. Allen-Ba reported we have two cases all closed. No active cases.

7. Assistant Attorney General's Reports

Ms. Lagerberg provided update on the AGO Opinion on the use of the term engineering. She has heard nothing yet.

8. Committee/Task Force Reports**8.1 Charter**

Ms. Webb requested that the board table the approval of the board charter until the next meeting.

Action Item: Email the word version charter to the board for edits.

8.2 Student Outreach

Ms. Webb reported the email communication sent to colleges and universities identifying champions had good feedback.

Dr. Troost shared she anticipates having the outreach poster at the June board meeting.

9. Board Executive's Report**9.1 Program Operations**

Ms. Allen-Ba shared licensing statistics with the board.

Ms. Allen-Ba shared spring exam is March 18, 2022 at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center.

We are currently expecting:

- 79- Fundamentals of Geology
- 32- Practice of Geology
- 11- Hydrogeology
- 9- Engineering Geology.

Ms. Allen-Ba reported we have met with the Oregon State Board of geology examiners to start discussion about the examination.

9.2 Department of Licensing

Mr. Storvick reported that Business and Profession division has reorganized. We now have a compliance section, licensing and customer support section, field section and boards and commission section.

Mike George is the new administrator for licensing, he provided an update to the board.

- January 24, 2022 Department of Licensing shut down our professional and occupational license system, due to suspicious activity.
- 650,000 individuals may have been affected.
- Notification assistance to everyone who's sensitive data who may have been exposed offering credit monitoring and identity theft protection.
- February 25, 2022 letters were sent notifying licensees impacted the steps to take for free credit monitoring. If you were not impacted, you won't receive notification.
- March 1, 2022 the licensee portion of the Department of Licensing professional licensing system is back online.
- License look up functionality not available.
- Waived all late filing penalties through April 1, 2022.

Mr. Storvick shared he will be retiring, his last day will be August 12, 2022.

9.3 Other Items

Ms. Boone shared a contract was signed with Prometric's for Computer Based Testing (CBT) will start the spring of 2023. After October 2022 examinees will no longer be able to defer exam fees and will have to repay the exam fees.

10. Other Business

10.1 Any Other Business

Ms. Honeywell presented Dr. Troost with a plaque and letter for her time serving on the board.

10.2 Action items from this meeting

- Update website: Chair- James Struthers, Vice Chair- Casey Hanell and Secretary- Carla Brock.
- Email board for participants for the Symposium in May 2022. Carla will take the lead.
- Gather pamphlets and background drop.
- Email "draft" charter to board for edits.
- Send out on listserv recruiting for board members and email organizations.
- Research questions regarding verification for applicants, differentiating the out-of-state reciprocity versus in state questions.

10.3 Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- ASBOG Spring Exam Results
- Experience Verifier for applicants, in-state and out-of-state.

11. Public Comment Opportunity

Mark Molinaro shared about going through demographics to also look at the AGI data that shows the number of geology students over time.

Glen Wyatt as a retired geologist hypothetically under RCW 18.220.190(4) if you join an Advisory Council, it doesn't say specifically agencies of local governments. It says agencies of federal or state governments. That might be something to clarify

12. Adjournment 11:20 A.M.

*The Board may enter closed session to discuss disciplinary proceedings.

Submitted by: Debra Allen-Ba
Debra Allen-Ba, Assistant Administrator

06/01/2022
Date

Approved by: 
James Struthers, Chair

06/01/2022
Date

Next Board Meeting:

TEAMS-Virtual
June 1, 2022 at 9:00 AM