

Washington State Geologist Licensing Board Meeting Transcript December 1, 2022

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Nieves, Susan (DOL)

Thank you Deb.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

OK. It's all you, Jim.

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Struthers, James

OK. So, it's 9:01 AM and I'm calling this a special board meeting of the geologist together.

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Struthers, James

So as usual, the portal provides an opportunity for public comment kind of towards the end of the meeting and as a courtesy to the others on the meeting at ask people who are not speaking to mute their mics in the background or or their phone. If if they'd called in.

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Struthers, James

Just kind of keep things clear.

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Struthers, James

And that's for board members.

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Struthers, James

So the staff can capture the information correctly about the meeting when you are stating when you're speaking, could you please state your name and?

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Struthers, James

Prior to making your comments.

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Struthers, James

So with that, Susan, could you call the roll of the board meeting, of the board members and you'll you guys will have to forgive me. I've got a little bit of a cold thing going on. So, I devolve into hacking. That's why I fell prey to mute myself.

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Struthers, James

But Susan, if you could take it away.

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Nieves, Susan (DOL)
Sure. Good morning, Chair Struthers.

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Struthers, James
Uh. Present.

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Nieves, Susan (DOL)
Vice chair Hanell.

0:1:17.420 --> 0:1:18.70
HANELL, CASEY (DNR)
Present.

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Nieves, Susan (DOL)
Secretary Brock.

0:1:20.740 --> 0:1:21.170
Carla Brock
Present.

0:1:22.80 --> 0:1:22.950
Nieves, Susan (DOL)
Board member Tebb.

0:1:23.940 --> 0:1:24.430
Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)
Present.

0:1:25.330 --> 0:1:26.270
Nieves, Susan (DOL)
Board member Webb.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)
Here.

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Nieves, Susan (DOL)
And for staff members, Sydney Muhle.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)
Present.

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Nieves, Susan (DOL)
Deborah Allen-Ba.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)
Present.

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Nieves, Susan (DOL)
Elizabeth Lagerberg.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)
Present.

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Nieves, Susan (DOL)
And Kathy McDaniel?

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)
And believe Kathy had another meeting, but she'll be joining us here shortly.

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Nieves, Susan (DOL)
Thank you.

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Struthers, James

OK. So uh, the first item on the agenda is to approve the agenda. So have. Has everybody had a chance to review that? And are there any comments prior to?

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Struthers, James

A motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting.

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Struthers, James

And can I have a motion to approve the agenda?

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Provide a motion to approve the agenda for December 1st for the.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Department of Licensing Technology Licensing Board meeting.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

This is Casey. I second the motion.

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Struthers, James

OK, the motion has been now.

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Struthers, James

But forward and uh seconded all those in favor of approving the agenda. Please signify by saying aye.

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Carla Brock

Aye.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Aye.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Aye.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Aye.

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Struthers, James

Aye.

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Struthers, James

Uh, any uh dissenters out there or further comment?

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Struthers, James

Uh, hearing none, the agenda for today's meeting is approved.

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Struthers, James

So the second item on the agenda is approval of the Minutes from last.

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Struthers, James

Umm, last from the last board meeting.

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Struthers, James

Umm is there a?

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Struthers, James

Motion to approve those minutes.

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Carla Brock

This is Carla Brock. I make a motion to approve the Minutes as provided in the packet.

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Struthers, James

This is Jim Struthers? I'll second that motion.

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Struthers, James

So on the matter of approval of the meetings from last uh from the last meeting, all those in favor of that please signify by saying aye.

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Carla Brock

Aye.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Aye.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Aye.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Aye.

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Struthers, James

Alright.

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Struthers, James

I believe the ayes have it.

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Struthers, James

Umm, the minutes from last from the last meeting are entered in the record as approved. So Carla, I believe on on that matter.

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Struthers, James

It seems like the process that we put in place of you.

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Struthers, James

Kind of reviewing those was successful. I mean, did that go fairly smoothly?

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Carla Brock

Yeah, I got the draft, the draft minutes and reviewed them fairly quickly and send them back and yeah, seemed to go great.

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Struthers, James

Good.

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Carla Brock

I think it's something we should continue.

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Struthers, James

OK.

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Struthers, James

Like, yeah, let's just kind of keep that as the order of business. I think it's probably a good, a good improvement on on prior ways of doing things.

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Struthers, James

So moving on to old business.

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Struthers, James

Umm, we have first up the UH-22 ASBOG meeting report.

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Struthers, James

And that is Miss Webb.

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Struthers, James

You wanna take it away on that?

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Sure. It's kind of a long and so I don't know how much you wanna hear, but I can offer you topics and.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Uh.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

You want to hear about it, so I will say that there's a.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

A consultant that's been retained to redesign their ASBOG website, which is long overdue. You want to try to make it a phone friendly, which I think is a good idea.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Umm. As far as outreach, ASBOG has packets available about examinations.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

And the importance of examinations that that they can offer if we have people that are doing outreach in our area.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

There was a discussion panel, and it was about outreach as well.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Uh, it was called changing topography of the undergraduate curriculum, and we have talked in our past meetings about how it's, it's difficult sometimes to decipher whether the names of course courses for app from applicants.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

And qualifies for what our coursework titles are, and that's been an ongoing problem with other states as well. So, there was quite a discussion about what different.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Schools out there are doing and the outreach, and those states from their boards to try to get those coursework titles in alignment. There's been a problem in a lot of universities with changing department names.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Diverging and merging of departments. You know Earth, Space, Sky Department, things like that. And so, it just makes it more difficult and I'm sure admins can attest to that, to identify whether applicants are qualified for licensure or to take tests.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

In 2019, a California Laurie Rocca contacted 35.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Universities in California? Excuse me, cat.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

And she used the task analysis that was available at the time from 2015 ASBOG task analysis to have dialogue with the universities and the result of that was a couple of.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Uh documents that their board put out.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Umm.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Which is kind of a rehash at a recap of those numbers and that sort of thing. If anybody who's interested, I could share those with you, but just let me know. So, I have copies of those documents.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Umm.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Another thing that someone mentioned and maybe you know those of us that have been through the, the degree programs realized that a lot of students start school with one major and then discover.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Geology at some point and if the towards the end of their four-year career and then change.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Change majors, so sometimes there are courses that maybe that that person has taken that don't quite fit the titles of our coursework requirements, but the.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

The content.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Could. So those are some things to consider as well.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

University of Minnesota calls these folks late bloomers I thought was kind of funny.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Yeah.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

No, it was.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

There was room.

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Struthers, James

So Eileen did, did ASBOG or did the kind of collected people there identify any kind of best practices in kind of reconciling these issues, starting with the requirements or is it just general discussion?

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

There was a discussion panel with.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Four people that were representing kind of their corner of it, one was a.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Uh, what's his last name? So, so, Bessie Matheson from California. She's been around a while. She's very, very active in ASBOG. Josh Feinberg. He's a professor in Minnesota. Jenna Miller is on the North Carolina board. Who was our host state and Kevin Stewart's a professor at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. So, they brought some perspectives. So, Jenna, because it took her.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Umm. She she's one of those late bloomers and it took her ten years to, to get through a master's degree in geology. And she's probably the youngest person in the room. She just got her degree like in June. So, it was really good to get her perspective on.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

What she had to focus on knowing for from, from her part, knowing that licensure existed in her state.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Which is an advantage for her to have known that so. But there was no like. Well, that's all you know around the wagons and have some kind of a policy. No, it was just a like sharing and and a lot of head nodding in the room. Similar experiences in their states and.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

There were a lot of people that were there virtually as well, so we couldn't see their heads nodding, but, but there were some comments came in through chat.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Umm.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

So that's about all on that. Any questions about that topic, we, we we've kind of talked about it and there's really nothing new there, but it was interesting to hear it from other states.

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Struthers, James

Yeah, it'd be, be kind of interested in hearing from the staff are, are in the review of applicants for examination. Are you guys currently seeing or currently having difficulty identifying the elements of the curriculum that would qualify people?

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

That's a great question, Jim. You know what we don't have anyone from licensing in the meeting today.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

But it is something that we could definitely.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Take back. I know that in the past we've really utilized board members when we've had difficulty.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

And so I will bring that question to our licensing unit and report back to you next meeting.

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Struthers, James

That sounds great if if we could add that as an action item, that would be, that would be a good thing.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Yep, that'll keep us accountable. You got it.

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Struthers, James

It's.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

So likely you know Carla and Tom and perhaps Casey were around when we've had these discussions in past meetings. So you know, maybe some past meeting minutes or something like that.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

A quick search could run across when we discussed it before and there was there was quite a bit of if you all recall input from admin on that as well, so but maybe those people aren't around anymore to resurrect that conversation, I don't know.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Anything else on that topic?

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

OK. Yeah. Next is a ASBOG budget. It's very, very strong because there wasn't a lot of money spending during the pandemic.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Umm, the unused money was reinvested in new projects that had been waiting for support. I, I didn't.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Get a list of what those projects were, but it sounds like they were just projects that had been on the back burner for a long time that they could finally attack and move forward, you know.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Newer projects that aren't already budgeted for now and occurring.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Any questions about that? That's all I have on, on the budget.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

OK. So, we had some affiliate member reports and these are organizations. They're not board states, but their organizations that are affiliated with ASBOG and are very supportive in ASBOG's mission. And so, we had a report from the Association of Environmental and Engineering geologists. They always attend the meetings. They've been very strong supporter since day one.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

One issue was raised was why? Why we don't have a central database for records such as test scores and experience references, et cetera. So, applicants you know when they apply, they don't have to do everything all over again when they go from state to state to state, it's super expensive concept and that's.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Definitely acknowledged across the board.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

But AIPG has offered to serve this function because ASBOG has no budget for it and.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

You know and and NCS apparently does so.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

That was something that was there was no resolution because it was just a presentation and a question thrown out there from AEG if anybody has any opinions on that, you know, I'm sure that there's room for getting a voice or supporting a discussion on that.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Umm.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Beginning in January 8, AEG will start holding FG and PG webinars to prepare for tests, so that's kind of nice if people want to get involved with that to prepare for the test.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Umm.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

And just so you know, in September coming up there having AAG's annual meeting is in Portland. So, if anybody wants to go, it's not like going across the country, so.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Probably pretty drivable.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

So that's any questions on the EEG central database concept.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Sounds sexy and nice, but it's it would be very expensive and, and we would have to definitely have a good contract with an organization that we would trust with that kind of information. One of the hindrances there was that many states require.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Your Social Security number and there's reasons for that. And that's something that.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Isn't really understood on how that could be controlled across state lines, etcetera. So, things to think about.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

So next was AIPG association.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

I get that right.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

American Institute of Professional Geologists, AIPG.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

And this is the organization that was kind of a precursor to ASBOG.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

So Aaron Johnson presented, and he he, he, talked about the, the degree programs, how they changed over time and how the AIP PG has some responsibility for safeguarding record privacy of their certified professional geologist. So, he had some ideas to weigh in on the previous subject.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

And let's see, that's, that's about the gist of what he talked about was supporting that and record keeping.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Next was the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. Now we don't regulate petroleum geology practice in our state.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

But they are also a supporter. So, Craig Smith.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

He said that he's been working with uh petroleum engineers for some collaborative ideas. I don't know exactly. I remember what they were, but that they stopped in March. I couldn't come to an agreement, I think, to try to get them on board with.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Sort of. You know, like future projects.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

It just, I don't remember too much about it. And then my notes weren't all that great about it. So.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

I can't really answer any questions on that one.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

The next presenter was American Association of State Geologists, and I assume Casey went to that Casey. If you have anything to chime in on that, I'd really appreciate it. Bill Keach, who was the Utah State geologist, gave a presentation. He said that the meeting was represented by all 50 States and Puerto Rico.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

I'll be sure that 45% of the state geologist just are women. That's interesting.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

And this this group apparently works closely with various organizations and agencies to improve mapping techniques and data sharing, and I've been involved with that actually in other states through the state geologists and.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Their state geology programs or departments.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

So I was intrigued about the their state geologist from across the nation meeting and having their meetings and you know.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Again, Casey you have anything to add to that, I assume you were there.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Yeah, I attended this meeting and it was great. It's probably, you know, it's, it's a broad meeting with lots of different breakout sessions happening concurrently and things like that. So, I'd be happy to like grab a coffee and connect sometime. There are particular things that I took away that are really directly related to board business from this meeting. But as the meetings go forward in the future, I definitely will bring those tidbits back if then as they come up.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

All right.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Great. Thanks. So, there you go. There's an invitation for coffee with Casey coming up soon.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

So the next and last presenter was from USACE. the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Marty Goth was the representative there and he says that you say simply is about 400 geologists in 44 districts worldwide. Yes, we're involved in the Panama Canal and the various projects around the globe.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

The employee, about 900 geotechnical engineers, and he's working on helping their job just get licensed. They have an issue, kind of like in the department. If you ecology where they're, people are conducting geologic work but not requiring in there because it's a federal organization. They're not requiring licensure for their geologists. But he's kind of a hero and proponent for getting their geologist licensed. So, he was asking if maybe state boards would give a discount to these federal workers. And they, I don't think we would so.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

There wasn't a lot of head nodding around. It was like grumbling like, yeah, no, it's not gonna happen.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

So it was. It was his.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Message and question ask of the group, but it was interesting.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Any questions on that?

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

No. OK, so computer-based testing, it's a common. It's a common and it's, it's about time.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

I shared an article that had been sent out in December.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

In the NCS National newsletter, I hope you all received it. I didn't hear any comment back, but I just thought it was interesting that, you know, we're not the only organized license organization that's dealing with going from pencil to a computer based.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Testing, so I'm sure that their hiccups are similar to ours.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

There was a discussion about testing centers and it's great if you live in a state that has, you know, fairly widely spread population centers and Wyoming said like, yeah, we got one in the state.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Have the nearest one is 4 1/2 hours away from the university. So, if a bunch of students went to Van Pool, you know it's 4 1/2 hours drive I it just you know there's some logistics of that.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Individual areas are gonna have to overcome, apparently so.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

That was, that was one of the, the comments there.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

It's kind of interesting that.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

And in California, if an applicant fails a test one or more times, that Canada is still in their system as being able to take the test over and over and over again, whereas other states have time limits. Like if you don't pass it, you know twice or three times or something. I don't know what ours is. I'd like to pose that question to admin if it would be possible to get back to us on that. So, I don't know who's taking the action items down today, but I'd like to find out if we have that kind of a policy for if, if someone has applied and, and.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Not past the test multiple times. How? How many times do we allow them to take it without reapplying altogether?

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Is that OK?

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Admins, somebody who's.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Well, good. Thank you.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Yeah, we'll add that to the list. Sorry. I think we're all taking notes simultaneously. Yes, we will make sure we get information back on that.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

OK, great. Thanks.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Umm.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Any questions on computer-based training other than it's coming?

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

I will say that the the plans in the future are that there will not be twice a year, Council of Examiners. It will turn into an annual event in the month of July is the proposed time so.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Uh, that's just another bit of information.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Next uh psychometrician Jack Warner with Test Inc, who has been our psychometrician for years and years. Decades. He's retiring in 2025, and so ASBOG has already budgeted to have a transition phase to whoever the new service provider will be. And it's sad to see him go. Love him. He's great.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

He should be given an honorary degree. He comes to all our field trips and, and everything so.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Hopefully he's learned enough geology now to do that.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Uh Examinations committee starting in January, the item bank will be overhauled to meet the requirements of the examination, item writing and review manual. So that's one thing that.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Yeah. During Council examiners that, you know, we still struggle with is.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Ohh, questions that hadn't haven't been compared with the requirements of our new manual, so that's that's a big, heavy lift there and.

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Struthers, James

So. So, when is that upcoming Eileen?

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

It'll be in January.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Umm.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

So the, the, the.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

ASBOG examination, item writing and Review Manual was published on the ASBOG website in April of 21, so it's there if you wanna go look at it.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

But now it's, it's time to, yeah, rubber hit the road to, to make sure that all our questions that come in follow that manual and that any new questions that are being written in the future will have advantage of accessing that manual too. Hopefully align with it.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Umm, so the the Council of Examiners Council of Examiners is, is always open to any, any registered geologist and any of the ASBOG States, not just board members. So sometimes we get professors and local practitioners from the community on those which is really good because you get that different perspective than just.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Sometimes the same people coming every time.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Umm.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

So let's see. 22 counts of examiners. So, Carla was there. So, I served the practical and Carla served the fundamentals. So, I vowed never to enter that room with fundamentals group. Just not gonna be ever happening.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

How those professors in there? No.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

So I know that in our in our group for the, the practical exam we reviewed the examination that had just been given.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

And we reviewed the examination to be given in six months.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Uh, we double keyed a couple of items from the test because we felt that there were two answers that could have been potentially correct.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Umm.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

And we threw out at least one item as just unrepairable it. It was just, it just didn't work well, it just didn't make sense. So, we threw that one out. We repaired 10 items for future reuse.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Which is another thing that that comes out of these exams. So about 45% of all geologists or environmental and their background and practice slightly less, they're in hydrogeology.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Specifically, although environmental pretty much is hydro.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

But it's important to have at least one SME in in a in a rare practice of the Council examiners, for example, we had, you know, one person in the room that was from a mining background. We had one person from seismology. And so, they're like gold to have in the room because the rest of us don't know that much about those very narrowly practiced.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Here is a geology.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Umm.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Yeah. So that that really helps a lot. Carla, did you have anything to add about your experience with the fundamental group?

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Carla Brock

No, I think it was pretty similar to yours. I didn't keep track, but we did, you know, modify some questions whether that was throwing them out or double keying them. And it was a, it was a really productive exam review I thought.

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Carla Brock

Which it always is but.

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Carla Brock

I enjoy it.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Yeah, it's very. It's educational for me too. I I learn a lot from these, these experts in their narrow corners. You know, things that I've never heard of or.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Had forgotten, I think one of the questions one of the answers to select was Nuee Ardente raise your hand if you even remember from freshman what a Nuee Ardente. I did it's a fiery pyroclastic cloud so we updated some language in terminology like that and throughout you know.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Have. In fact, it was one of the comments from one of the testers. What on Earth is a new way? Aren't not so. They're. They're fun. They're really good groups to be in.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Any questions on the Council?

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

The COE

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

OK, so next was, UM.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

ASBOG 2023. Spokane planning.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Umm.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

So that that came up as you know, very, very briefly that that it's coming up. And so, there are there's about a handful of us that in the background are trying to support.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

All the the, the, the parts that need to be brought together to make that successful for us.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Excuse me.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

And when wherever we can get support from, from staff would be great if we need it, then we can ask.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Tom, who's on a group right now. So, it's you.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Isn't it you, Carla? Me.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

And.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Will Ernst

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Carla Brock

Mm-hmm.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Carla. Who's the?

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Here's the DNR fellow.

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Carla Brock

Uh.

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Carla Brock

So.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Yes.

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Carla Brock

Yeah.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

It's Lee Florea. He's the yeah, our Earth resources program manager. But he's also been involved in ASBOG for quite a long time.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

He has.

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Carla Brock

Yeah. And he's the field trip coordinator, so he's planning the field trip.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Yes, yes.

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Carla Brock

And then there's one gentleman from the Idaho Board that lives in Coeur d'Alene that's also helping. So, it's, it's basically the five of us at this point that are kind of generating ideas and.

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Carla Brock

Yeah.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Yeah, Tom Mullin, Tom Muller is, is from Coeur d'Alene. So that's his practice area is the whole spec Spokane, Idaho area. So, yeah, so we're pulling some ideas together.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Just as an example, you know we need to bring in lunch time speakers. That's that's something that we're we're getting ideas for and swag. There's always some kind of swag to give away. If anybody has ideas for that, you know, Mount Saint Helens, pumice. I don't know. Whatever.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Yeah, there's an annual state report that needs to be done that brags about our state.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

That's usually very, very, very thorough.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Yeah, let's see. The state geologist is is traditional that they come in and host, you know, like opening up the ASBOG meeting welcome and all that. Just saying Casey, so.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

And also this is kind of interesting too is we didn't have it this year, but typically there's a proclamation from the governor of the host state making, you know, whatever the meeting date is that this date is the state of, you know, Washington Geology day or geologist day or something like that. It's just kind of a fun little thing, but.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

We didn't do it this year. Don't know why.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

And there's a lot of committees.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

That are looking for a participation.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

So I had trouble finding the committee.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Names and what they do on the website and so, Deena said. Well, it's in the annual reports and I go, but it's not on the website and something OK, whatever. So, if you want to know what the committee names are, you have to look in like last year's.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Umm. And a report. So, if you're interested in joining a committee, getting more involved, that's where I'm gonna have to send you. Sorry.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Umm.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

So this topic is the the 2023 Task Analysis Survey. It's typically would have been done in 22, but pandemic posted postpone the thing. It's a little bit, but we got a bit of a history on that about correlations of numbers and and why we have the task analysis. If you want details on that, I'm more than happy to have my Casey coffee session with you on on that. But I don't wanna waste a lot of time here on that. Just just know that the Task Analysis survey is.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Conducted every five years to survey across the country and Canada, and in some outreach around the globe or what are as a geologist, what is your area of practice? What are your tasks that you do in your practice and that is used to make sure that our ASBOG examinations align with what's going on now in the geology practice industry. So, any questions about that?

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Struthers, James

And and that.

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Struthers, James

That survey is actually already out isn't nicely.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

It will be out in 2023, which is why they.

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Struthers, James

It'll be out in 2023, OK.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Yeah, that's why they called it the 2023 is because they wanted to.

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Struthers, James

Actually do it in that year.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

And put it out next year. Yeah, I don't have, like, a month that was mentioned, but it was just mentioned that it it'll be out and then coming year.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

So I do wanna share one really funny story so.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Umm.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

You can. So Jack Warner. Who's our psychometrician?

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

He shared this when he said years ago he was invited to work with the National Association of Certified Chiropractors. They had a fill in the blank test with a 5% passing rate.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

5% passing rate of their test, so there must have been something wrong with their test, right? Well, so fix it but.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Who knows? It could have been something else. Could have been the people taking the tests weren't prepared. So Jack put it together. Tests and had their board sit down in the room and take their own test as a group.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

He put up a slide because that's how they show X-rays. You know, this is chiropractor, so they would show an X-ray on the screen and then they had two minutes to fill in the blank answer.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

And and then when they were done, they used it to discuss what the right answer was. Kind of like what we do in Council of examiners.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

By the 6th slide, one board member jumped up, reached across the table and started strangling one of the others with his tie.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

They were, I thought, Oh my God, really. They got very passionate. The results were honestly, that they could all see that their test, they needed to be fixed and some SMEs were needed to change it into a multiple choice question. So, I'm glad we don't strangle each other in our counts of examiners, but.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

There's been times. No, no, we we don't. We don't do that.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

So he also worked with some outdoor Outfitters. Apparently, you have to get a license to do that in some areas.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

I think he said it was Montana or something, but.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Says they don't like statistics, which is what he is. He's Mr. statistics. They don't like statistics and big city talk much. But he said one outfitter after hit Jack had been talking awhile, pulled out a long knife from his boot and told Jack if one more word came out of his mouth, he was gonna use it and know how to draw and quarter him so.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Alright, so we don't do that in our Council examiners either. We we don't bring weapons that I know of. I don't anyway.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

That's my report.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

I'd be more than happy to forward this because it's in writing to our admins. If you would like it, but it's just kind of a recap of.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

My take away from the the the big topics from.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Wilmington, NC.

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Struthers, James

So thanks that was pretty informative. So, send you, did you have anything to add on the 2023 annual meeting? I I saw that it was on the on the agenda as the next item as well.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

It is so really nothing to add other than I mean we are hosting in Spokane the week of October 23rd, 2023.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Yes, it's already been mentioned there is a planning committee that has already.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Uh developed with members from Washington and Idaho. So, excuse me, Idaho.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

And it will be at the Davenport Grand and ASBOG is working on getting all of that set up. Other than that, they've indicated as far as staff that and the board that they'll be reaching out as needed for any further assistance. But they're they're just starting to plan. So, they'll let us know as they move along.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Jim.

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Struthers, James

Yeah.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

I just. I just have one thing to add, and this is request and sorry, Carla, but you're our secretary. You may not be next year, but you are now, you know, we've talked in the past about giving our secretary something to do, which I'm glad that you're looking at our meeting notes as this that's really important.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

The states put together every year in annual state report and it's put together in the ASBOG packet for annual meetings, and ours is typically been just a regurgitation of what's on page 45, which is our stats, how many took the test, how many past and how many failed and different things I'd like to see us move toward a more informative this is just my request. Personally, I'd like to see us move toward a more informative, interesting state report. You know, just a little bit more about our state. Some of our accomplishments.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

You know, maybe a couple of years ago we could have said, hey, we we.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Reviewed our rules and updated many of them and that was a big hull and you know, just things that we've done this here, what have we accomplished? What have we done? What's our outreach been like? I know it's been really rough during pandemic, right? You know the outreach part, but that's just my request, if that's something you'd be willing to take on or maybe that we could consider as one of the tasks or duties of of our board secretary.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Ah.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Did you good. Thank you.

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Carla Brock

I I did do that. This year's Eileen just we talked about it during the last board meeting and Sydney and I worked on that together so.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Good, good.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

OK.

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Carla Brock

You know, we didn't have a ton of accomplishments this past year, but what what we did accomplish was in that was in that right up. So, I think that's a good idea. We should continue to do that, yeah.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

And we haven't seen the write up yet, right? I mean that comes out with the meeting notes.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

For next year.

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Carla Brock

They should have been in that. It should have been in the packet in the annual meeting packet.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Hmm, OK.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Yeah.

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Carla Brock

I haven't seen it. I mean, I haven't seen the packet, but I assume it was in there.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

OK, great.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Thank you.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

That's it for me. I'm done.

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Struthers, James

Hey, so, uh, the next uh?

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Struthers, James

Next item on the agenda is a.

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Struthers, James

Action item list. So over to you, Sydney, if you could kind of run through that for us.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

And Susan, can you go to the next page?

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

There we go.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

So we do have the committee set up to go over the exam results and question banks. So, we were working on getting through the testing.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

And but fall examination for the specialty exams, that committee will meet next week and unfortunately, with the fee increases and some of the questions that we needed to answer.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Related to that committee's work that just caused a lot of delays and so we we have coordinated with Oregon and we'll be picking that back up next week.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

And.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

We have not heard anything new on travel to campuses, but with the COVID restrictions just ending about a month ago, a lot of that is just still up in the air. We're still awaiting policies, even just within the state on travel, so that that's kind of fluid. So that's why that's on hold and.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

We have put the request out on to the Budget Office to come and explain the revenues and expenditures and have not heard much back on that yet. Hopefully once we have an administrator on board, they can.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Help us lift that request and maybe get that back. So and we'll pause there and see. Mr Tebb has his hand up.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Yeah. Thank you. Just in regards to some of the travel and outreach now that the governor has lifted, you know, sort of the emergency.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Uh COVID proclamation I believe in October. It seems to me that.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

You know, we should be able to turn return back to somewhat normal in terms of travel and outreach to can't student campuses and so on. So, I just.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Would request staff to get clarification from DOL licensing management that you know these committees and this work can continue maybe in a more normal fashion.

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Struthers, James

Yeah.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Yeah. And we have been waiting for policies to come out. We've heard that they are forthcoming. We just haven't seen them as of yet. So, we'll, we'll reach out to HR and check in with them and see if they've made any progress or have a timeline for that.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Umm, but I know that they're they're kinda also waiting for.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Additional information from the other HR units across the state to make sure we're acting uniformly so, but we'll follow up with them before the next meeting and see if we can get at least a timeline for the policies coming out.

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Struthers, James

Yeah, that would. That would be great because you know that does fit into the kind of our strategic plan for outreach.

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Struthers, James

Umm, but we'll be going discussing a little bit more detail later on.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Absolutely. I'll make sure we.

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Struthers, James

Pretty, pretty integral to that.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Yeah, I'll make sure we can get at least some information back to the board before the next meeting.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

And.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

The.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Yes.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Maybe Sydney, we can move that up in terms of priority from on hold to in progress and that way we we're moving forward on it.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Absolutely.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

The specialty exam frequency in administering the exam, the cost the budget we will be working with licensing on that now that we'll be transitioning into computer-based testing for the ASBOG examination. We'll see how that.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Can possibly look and get some information back to the board at the next meeting on that one.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

We are working on the draft Charter, we're talking into more detail later in the meeting, but that is in progress.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

The year in review, as Carla mentioned, was completed and forwarded to ASBOG.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

We have an item later in the agenda on the computer based testing, but that review was complete.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

We forwarded the information on the computer based testing from September 15th.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

And also sent the board of the information on ASBOG 23 that we had at that moment will continue to share any as it comes out. The strategic plan for outreach is later on this agenda. So we will update the status on that based on that discussion and then the draft Minutes being forwarded to the Secretary for review that will be ongoing. So we will actually be removing that from the list. That's just gonna be our continual practice from here on out. So that is it.

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Struthers, James

Fantastic. So I'm.

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Struthers, James

Moving on to new business, there's a a discussion of for in Deb's corner of the specialty exam and ASBOG administration results.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Yep, I'm happy to say that we completed scoring of the specialty examinations.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

We try and correspond so that those results come out to our our specialty candidates at the same time that ASBOG is sending out their results. So, we try and time it.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Because the tests are being administered at the same time, but as you know, we locally Proctor the the specialty examinations, so.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Uhm, we had for the fall and the fundamentals, this is the ASBOG results. So for the fundamentals we had 79.7% of our candidates that passed here in Washington. That's compared to the national average of 65.7.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

So we're a little higher than the national average for the practices we scored at 90.9%, where the rest of the nation was at 76.3. So overall for our fundamentals and our practices, we're doing very well, which is pretty typical. So we've, we've graphed it out. So we've got from 2019 until this fall and that kind of shows you where we're at.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

So for our specialty examinations, the the news isn't quite as good. It definitely brings home the fact that we need to to be working on these because out of for our engineering geology, we had eight candidates and only 50% of those passed.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

For the hydrogeology similarly well, we had only 7 candidates and 28.6% of those candidates passed.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

So that definitely brings home the the need to look at these examinations and and put this up on the higher percentage for the.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Priorities for the board working with Oregon, the next slide, I think just puts the two side by side. It does. So here we go with.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Both of the tests together on the same graph.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Umm.

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Struthers, James

So I know that, uh, you know, revisiting the engineering geology exam with Oregon jointly has been a subject of discussion. What's the status of of revisiting the hydrogeology exam?

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

I think.

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Struthers, James

Or is that something that we brought up historically as a board or is on a schedule or something like that?

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

I think that needs to be brought up and put on a schedule that won't be working in conjunction with Oregon, but that is something that this board can take on.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

And I think that the the need for that is is illustrated here.

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Struthers, James

I think the.

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Carla Brock

Yeah, we've been talking about.

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Struthers, James

Go ahead, Carla. Sorry.

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Carla Brock

I was just gonna say we've been talking about this for a couple of years, you know, and one thing that we need to do, and I think you're right, Deborah, that this.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Umm.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Umm.

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Carla Brock

This pass rate for this latest exam is a little bit concerning and and what we need to do is be reviewing, be reviewing the test and the comments on the tests after every administration, especially when we have an anomalous passing rate like this, I mean it may be that there's an explanation for that, but if you just look at all of the pass rates, it certainly looks anomalous. So it seems like we need to get this information pulled together. And I think Tom and I are the hydro exam committee people.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

OK.

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Carla Brock

And so I think we need to.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

I and and.

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Carla Brock

Yeah, take a take a look at this before March for sure.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Yeah, Carla, I did pull the comments from the examination. I've compiled it into an Excel document so I can share that with you. And Tom as a good starting point, we'll probably wanna look at both of the A and the B examinations. And then after we've tackled those, probably start looking at our bank of of questions because we're not utilizing a lot of the questions that we have in our bank. So it may be that we just want to look at.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

You know, moving things around a bit.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

That that is something that staff can definitely help with. I think Julia Manley maybe on this call, I'm hoping and see if she has.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

But I may enlist her expertise opinion as or because she does have so much historic knowledge working with these examinations, so we'll see if we can get a committee here on the DOL side as well.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

She says what? She wasn't listening. It's OK. I've already volunteered you for something, Julie. It'll be good.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Excellent.

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Manley, Julia (DOL)

Sorry, I was distracted by something else. No, I'm happy to help in any way I can.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Wonderful. Thank you.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Absolute.

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Struthers, James

How can I get CC D on those comments to the exam as well when you send them out to the to the committee?

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

We can do that.

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Struthers, James

Thanks.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Mm-hmm.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

So if we're ready.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Is there a plan? Sorry, is there a plan to do the same thing for the comments on the engineering Geology specialty exam?

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Yeah, I think Oregon had asked for those. So I also compiled those. It was pretty much it was doing it at the same time.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Should be great. Yeah. For that. For the combined group that's working with Oregon and Washington. If we all got those comments, that would be very helpful.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Uh-huh.

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Struthers, James

Yeah. And since that, I mean, we have a meeting on that next week. So if it's, if it's possible to get those comments for review and advance of that meeting, that would be.

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Struthers, James

Uh, like it? Thanks.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Do we want it to put it on the action item so that I'm held accountable or you want me to just trust it? I'll put it on my To Do List and get it done.

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Struthers, James

That depends on how accountable you're feeling.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Well, let's see. No, I've got it on my list. I'll get it done.

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Struthers, James

Yeah. OK.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Yeah.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

So.

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Mary Green

How does our past rate compared to Oregon for the LG and LHG other than ours is lower?

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

I'm sorry, did.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Who is asking the question?

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Mary Green

Hi, my name is Mary Green. I was wondering how our Washington States pass rate compares to Oregon for the LG and LHG other than ours is lower.

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Mary Green

OK.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Yeah, I don't we don't compare. I don't have Oregon's rates, Mary and unfortunately the public comment section is at the end of the meeting. So if you can, yeah.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Thank you.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Deborah.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Yeah, Eileen.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

If that does, yeah. And if that does come up.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

During the public comment I I can. I can lead someone to that information if.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Did like.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Is it? Is it on the Oregon board? Is it on their?

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Website.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

No, it's it's in the.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

They would have it, but let let me let me we'll talk about it later, yeah.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

OK.

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Struthers, James

Was that it, Deb or?

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

I think that that's it. So I'm gonna turn it back over to Sydney. It looks like on here for.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

We're back to you, Jim.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

That works.

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Struthers, James

Uh, I'm just gonna hand it over to Sydney for a discussion of the meeting dates on 2023, so.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

So I as the board can see from the packet not a big change. We did have to rework our calendar for the coming year. We found that keeping the boards on all nine boards on the same schedule that they had individually been on was actually going to cause a lot of issues and we were going to end up with.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

3/2 to three meetings a week, as well as we had a couple of months where we had several in one day. At the same time. So that was not going to work. So we did have to revisit it.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Umm for the geo-board, we are not asking for a very big shift. We are asking to shift you guys back.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Uh, one week for March, June and September to the second Thursday of the month, and then stay with the first Thursday of the month for December to make sure that we allow plenty of accommodation around the holidays.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

The other request that we are asking is to shift the start time for the meetings from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. If that is agreeable with the board.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

So with that, I'm happy to answer any questions.

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Struthers, James

Does anybody have any issues with kinda of the adjustments to the calendar?

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

And if not, we will need a motion to approve the calendar as presented.

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Struthers, James

Gotcha.

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Struthers, James

So not hearing any objections to the calendar, I'd like to ask for a motion to approve it.

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Struthers, James

For the next calendar year.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

This is Casey. I moved to approve the calendar for the next year.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Yeah, this is.

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Carla Brock

This is Carla. I second the motion.

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Struthers, James

So all those in favor of approving the calendar for the next year signify by saying aye.

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Carla Brock

Aye.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Aye.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Aye.

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Struthers, James

Aye.

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Struthers, James

Uh, hearing no dissent.

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Struthers, James

Like to.

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Struthers, James

I assume the calendar is approved.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Yeah. Thank you.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

So item 3.3 is also for me. This is on the board authorizations formerly known as delegations. That verbiage change came from Elizabeth.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

And from a legal perspective, she felt that authorizations was more appropriate than delegations.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

And.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

There are some shifts in the delegations that are pretty significant. Previously the delegations had been made to the regulatory board section at the time they were made.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Administrator who was Rick Storvick. Those carried over with the strategic alignment. And when we when our unit became the Board of Commission support Services, Mr. Storvick maintained those.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

But with Mr. Storvick's retirement.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

We had to look at completing new authorizations in order to continue supporting the boards as we have been and in doing so and looking at them, we realized that the way that the.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Authorizations had been written previously. All of the the functions that the authorizations address at that point were under Mr. Storvik, and he could direct those as he saw fit, but with the.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

The realignment that we've done with in BPD to the functional alignment, all of those functions are now broken out across several different units within the business and Professions division.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

So anybody moving into that administrator position would not be over all of those functions and therefore can't really provide that direction across those different units.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

So we are therefore asking and consultation with Elizabeth.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

We did determine that it would probably be best to ask that those authorizations go one level up to the

divisions assistant director. That is the only position that is over all of those functions within the division now and that will allow that person to continue to delegate and to make sure that all of those functions are being served properly for the board.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

And the other requests that we are asking is that that the the authorization be made to the assistant director position rather than a specifically named individual, so that if and when we have personnel changes at that level.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Uh, we can continue to serve the board in those ways without any disruptions to that service. And so with that, I'm happy to answer any questions.

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Struthers, James

So.

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Struthers, James

And a pending discussion on this is there, what? What exactly do you need from the board on this issue? Is this just a matter of?

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Struthers, James

Delegating up that authorization from the chair.

0:54:48.260 --> 0:54:48.670

Struthers, James

Gotcha.

0:54:40.890 --> 0:54:56.140

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Yeah, this would be authorizing the the board, authorizing staff to do things like conducting investigations, preparing statements of charges, the functions that we have, the support staff to do in the background right now.

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Struthers, James

And does this require a a vote of the board?

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

It does.

0:55:4.470 --> 0:55:5.20

Struthers, James

OK.

0:55:5.980 --> 0:55:8.460

Struthers, James

Umm, so people have actually go ahead Tom.

0:55:9.570 --> 0:55:22.710

Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Yeah, I think you I read through this, it seems reasonable. I just was trying to figure out kind of where Rick's position was relative to the new org chart or maybe that's?

0:55:23.370 --> 0:55:42.360

Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

What kind of the new org charts are reflection of sort of the organizational changes that has happened at Department of the licensing that sort of would make it difficult to identify where Rick's positions was previously, but it looks like you're bumping this all the way up to the assistant director because of its covering multiple functions that may have been captured.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Maybe holistically in a single program, so I'm just trying to understand organizationally what's going on here. I don't have any problem with the concept or the the words on paper, just trying to understand.

0:55:58.220 --> 0:55:58.510

Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Yeah.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

So yeah, previously we were programmed centric, and those programs were housed within one unit and then that program oversaw the investigations, the regulatory compliance, licensing, all of that was housed within one unit under the administrator. But we had a lot of different programs broken out for that with the functional alignment. Now we have broken into the six units that you see.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

On our organizational chart.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

The only one not related to the boards is prorate and fuel tax, but each of those units now has a piece of those programs without having the entire program wrapped in one. So previously Rick's position was over the entire program and he could.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Oversee the investigations, the regulatory compliance, the licensing. Now each of those functions has their own administrator and Rick's piece was over the board and Commission support services. And so it just with the timing of Rick's retirement and the finalization of the functional alignment. It's just happened that these authorizations are just now coming up and so.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

As you can see from the org chart, Rick was the administrator over the Board and Commission support services, so he would have only been one of the five pieces that touched the board. And so this will allow rather than having a separate authorization and breaking them down really granular for each of those units, this will allow the assistant director to create that.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Space and continue to serve the board as we have previously.

0:57:49.520 --> 0:57:49.880

Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Thank you.

0:57:55.260 --> 0:58:4.910

Struthers, James

So well with that, I would like to well, first off, as everybody had everybody on the board had a chance to adequate chance to review.

0:58:6.160 --> 0:58:9.970

Struthers, James

The document in section 3.3.

0:58:14.430 --> 0:58:21.560

Struthers, James

Don't take that as a yes and and and with that, uh put request a motion to.

0:58:23.400 --> 0:58:28.90

Struthers, James

Approve the authorizations as listed in in the document and section 3.3.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Yeah, I'll make a motion to approve the the document for authorizations as listed in section 3.3 of our packet today.

0:58:43.550 --> 0:58:45.360

Carla Brock

I will second that motion. This is Carla.

0:58:47.610 --> 0:58:48.140

Struthers, James

Uh-huh.

0:58:48.220 --> 0:58:50.290

Struthers, James

In the motion seconded.

0:58:52.990 --> 0:59:0.870

Struthers, James

All those in favor of approving authorizations as listed in section 3.3 please signify by saying aye.

0:59:2.680 --> 0:59:3.10

Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Aye.

0:59:3.340 --> 0:59:3.730

Carla Brock

Aye.

0:59:2.860 --> 0:59:4.10

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Aye.

0:59:3.800 --> 0:59:4.430

HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Aye.

0:59:6.510 --> 0:59:9.180

Struthers, James

Uh, any uh names on this subject?

0:59:11.390 --> 0:59:14.230

Struthers, James

Uh, hearing none, the motion is approved.

0:59:17.130 --> 0:59:17.740

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Thank you.

0:59:21.50 --> 0:59:48.110

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

And item 3.4 is also me, so I will just keep rolling at the last meeting in the board, requested that we consult with our assistant Attorney General, Elizabeth Largerberg, regarding allowance for computer based testing within the current RCWS and WAC and make sure we do not need to make any changes to allow for that shift from ASBOG. We did reach out to Elizabeth and she did.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Concurrent with our assessment that based on the current RCW's and WAC, we do not need to make any changes to allow for computer based testing.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

WAC 308-15-050 says that somebody must licensee must sit for and pass the ASBOG examination and it does not specifically prescribe how that examination is to be administered, and Elizabeth is also on the call. If anyone has any questions, but the short answer is we do not need to make any changes.

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Struthers, James

Elizabeth, do you have any additional comment on that from your perspective?

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

No, I don't. I think she included my e-mail response and summarized what what I said in the response. So no, I don't have anything. I think most boards do computer-based testing now and don't have any necessarily statutory authorization or WAC that addresses that. So I think you're OK.

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Struthers, James

Ah great.

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Struthers, James

Umm.

1:1:5.30 --> 1:1:7.350

Struthers, James

Any any further discussion on that?

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Struthers, James

OK. Hearing none, I'd like to move on to section 3.5, which is a.

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Struthers, James

Between me and Mr.Tebb.

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Struthers, James

It's.

1:1:26.50 --> 1:1:39.890

Struthers, James

A subject which is a scope of practice of hydrology, which is really not in my wheelhouse most certainly, but is in Toms and this this topic is is intended to be a discussion.

1:1:42.150 --> 1:1:45.540

Struthers, James

Related to scope of practice as it intersects with.

1:1:46.800 --> 1:1:49.690

Struthers, James

State agencies and how.

1:1:50.540 --> 1:1:54.850

Struthers, James

How the title of Hydrogeologist is reflected in?

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Struthers, James

In job descriptions within within that, whether the items within within the within the work that's being performed there.

1:2:4.690 --> 1:2:5.210

Struthers, James

Umm.

1:2:6.40 --> 1:2:15.430

Struthers, James

Falls within the scope of of hydrogeology, and so I'd like to kind of turn things over to Tom as he presented as he has been fielding most of the discussion on this.

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Struthers, James

And.

1:2:18.390 --> 1:2:20.590

Struthers, James

At the end of the day, kind of have a.

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Struthers, James

A discussion about.

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Struthers, James

Where?

1:2:26.250 --> 1:2:27.360

Struthers, James

About the.

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Struthers, James

Basically, where the definition of practice intersects with this issue with the board members. So Tom.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Yeah. Thank you, James. And and good morning, everyone. I just provided a a informational memorandum that you can see on the screen there.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

And and really, the key takeaways I'm just gonna summarize quickly because I think it really reflects sort of the history here and maybe some of the issues at play. So it appears to me being a 30 year Department of Ecology employee that there's inconsistencies with licensing requirements across state agencies, let alone within the Department of Ecology. And so I think there's something there for us to think about as a board, but in particular.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

The Department of Ecology is using its managerial discretion.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

On the appointments of Hydrogeology 3 and hydrogeology, four job classifications.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

And in some cases, there's a pointing success successful job applicants to these classifications without requiring licensing.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Either as a geologist or hydrogeologist. So, and and you'll see in the materials that there is some discretion there on behalf of the hiring managers to to make those calls. And I think that's really kind of what what I hope that we can have of some discussion on this issue was arbitrated around 20 years ago with the Geology Licensing Board accepting that state agency had the flexibility and discretion whether to require these physicians.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

The H3 and H G4 to be licensed and that piece of information, the board's response to that inquiry, I have not been able to find and and maybe Elizabeth or the staff could could help us understand that.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

But as a geology licensing board member, and also as employed by the Department of Ecology, I have received several emails, phone calls from licensed ecology employees at the same job classifications as those that have been appointed at the H3 and H4 without a license, basically complaining that this practice is unfair and diminishes the value of the geology or hydrogeology license.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

So I'm requesting the board.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

That the current board kind of review this history and maybe make a clear statement to the Office of Financial Management and the Department of Personnel on the Board's opinion on this matter, I I strongly believe that it it's it's important to have sort of a journey level process where you come into this

profession and you may not be licensed but you're working your way towards licensure at the senior levels.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

A journeyman levels. And so I I I feel so strongly about that. But I also doing my research here and I'm including materials as well as that, that operation case. You know there is flexibility here. And so I I think it may require.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Changes in law actually for this to to occur, but I thought it would be important that for transparency and for those who may may not be aware of some of this history to kind of hear, you know, some of the issues at play here in particular.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

What we're finding is computer modeling, hydrologists and and and maybe in some cases even wetland specialists or or or have been maybe designated in the hydrogeology series, and I think it's just, is it kind of I think confuses really the notion of why we are getting licenses for the purposes of protecting, you know, life.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Safety and human health and the environment. So I I feel like, you know, maybe things have changed and maybe we should align ourselves more closely.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

With the Environmental Engineering Series and the state process, but.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Yeah, have a have a more consistent approach across state agencies. So I I don't wanna agreed through all the materials here. I hope you had a chance to review it. I really just wanted to have a board discussion.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

And then I'm sure during public comment we might hear from a view.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Practicing geologists hydrogeologists that may have an opinion as well, so I'll pause there and turn it back over to you Chair Struthers, to help the board have it dialogue on this subject.

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Struthers, James

Yeah. So it it seems to me that one of the.

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Struthers, James

So you know, it's not not entirely inconsistent or not entirely unusual to have a mismatch in.

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Struthers, James

Kind of licensure requirements and.

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Struthers, James

I guess Department of personnel, job classifications and so the question I've got is whether.

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Struthers, James

Whether the the positions in question require the individuals filling those positions to perform the duties of a of a hydrogeologist.

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Struthers, James

That would require licensure and and if this is, you know the current, the current practice kind of skirts around that issue.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

That that, that's my understanding.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

In some cases.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

You know, people are doing basically.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Hydrology or hydrogeology modeling of of?

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Groundwater movement. Let's say, for example, within a stream bed or or floodplain.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

You know, making computer models to kind of match that based on observed data. So those seem to fall within sort of the requirements of of professional practice.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

But there's also the caveat. As a board member, Webb pointed out that you know, federal and state agencies, in some cases have.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Have the ability to not be licensed and still provide this this work, so I just.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

I don't know if that's helpful or not, James.

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Struthers, James

Umm I I don't know that there's some.

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Struthers, James

And kind of looking my, my recollection of the RCW is provides exemptions for.

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Struthers, James

Federal employees.

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Struthers, James

But not necessarily for.

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Struthers, James

Do do those, do those exemptions apply to state?

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Yeah, yeah, yeah. And I think under RCW 18.220.190, subsection 4 says geological research conducted through academic institutions, agency of the federal or state governments.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Nonprofit Research Institute for for profit or for profit organizations, including submission of reports for research to public agencies. This is an area where certificate of licensing is not required.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

That's on page 44.

1:9:52.990 --> 1:9:58.860

Struthers, James

Right. And so at that point it at that point it would become a a matter of of actual agency policy.

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Struthers, James

Do you have any analogs?

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Elizabeth had her hand up.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

I'm sorry.

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Struthers, James

I didn't say it. Who was that?

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

I thought Elizabeth had her hand up.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Yeah.

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Struthers, James

Uh, Elizabeth. Yeah, you know, comment on this.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Yeah, just a couple of comments. As this as we run through these documents, first the the arbitration was between.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

A union and the Department of Ecology, so the board wasn't necessarily it wasn't an arbitration for the board, it was, you know, separate from the board. But I you know you can certainly draw conclusions from that arbitration.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

So I just wanted to point that out. If it's not directly, it's not directly telling the board what they what they're supposed to be doing.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

But and also there's case out, there's a case right now with the Court of Appeals. It's about to be argued about use of a title. So in that case it's use of the title engineer and whether, you know, use of a title.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Umm is limited to licensees or it can be used by, you know non non licensees. So we'll you know we'll wait to hear more on that because I think that you know you have two issues here. One is use of the title Hydrogeologist and the other is practice of hydrogeology and they're kind of two separate things. So.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Whether or not if you practice hydrogeology you have to be licensed and whether if you use the title or if the title HYDROGEOLOGIST is in the job description, whether that that person has to be licensed, so two separate issues there. But I think if the court comes down and says that in order to use the title engineer, you have to be an engineer, then that will have a ripple effect through, you know, other job titles like Hydrogeologist I. I have no idea how the Court's gonna.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

To, you know, make that call, but it's out there.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

And with respect to practice of engineer or practice of hydrogeology, you know at the agency level.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Umm, I think it's fair to send a memo to the Department of Ecology or to all state agencies that have hydrogeologists. It's fair to have the board send a memo and say, you know, this is how the board interprets this, and this is how the board would.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Prefer that you use of titles. I mean that. Yeah, use of titles and and practice and licensure should be.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Should be decided or should be set up, but I think you know it. This board probably has never gone after a license. An unlicensed individual working for a state agency. I doubt that's ever happened, but.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

And I doubt that the board would want to take that on necessarily, although the engineers board is at this point has maybe required to take on those.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

That there's the cases, actually, whether also whether or not a board has to go out and enforce the use of a title. So at this point I, as far as I know, this board doesn't go after use of title or practice without a license that for state agencies, but they may decide in the future that they're interested in doing that.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

The.

1:13:21.610 --> 1:13:22.680

Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

So those are my comments.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Thank you, Elizabeth. Do you know what the timing is for that Court of Appeals case by any chance?

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Uh, so the argument is happening on next Wednesday. I believe the oral argument in front of the court and then after the oral argument, it's then at that point, the Court can issue a decision.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

How long it takes them to issue a decision? It could be 2 weeks, it could be nine months. So we have no idea. There's no regulating, there's no regulation about how long a Court of Appeals decision is. Suppose you know how long they can take to make those decisions, so we don't know when that decision will come out.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Is that something that you can bring to our attention when it does, when their court does alright?

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Thank you.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Ohh Ab, absolutely I think that'll be an interesting decision to, you know, bring to all the boards. So yeah, all the practice for licensure, practice, licensing boards.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

We'll Chair Struthers, I'd be interested just to kind of go around the the table of the board members just to take their temperature on this issue and where the other, if they have an opinion.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

And maybe based on that discussion.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

You know, maybe we can determine a a path forward.

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Struthers, James

Yeah, I think that would be fruitful. Uh, Carla, you're unmuted. So I assume you probably have an opinion about this.

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Carla Brock

I do. I mean, I really appreciate that we're talking about this again, I think this comes up a lot.

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Carla Brock

Yeah, in my experience on the board for the last five years, I think I've seen a lot of.

1:14:57.160 --> 1:15:6.380

Carla Brock

Unlicensed, unlicensed practice letters going out to people in the consulting world. And so you know, we sent the board. We'll send letters.

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Carla Brock

To people who are using the title hydrogeologist as a consultant but don't have a hydrogeology license.

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Carla Brock

But they won't do that for government employees, which I think is inconsistent. I think if you know it shouldn't matter where you work, if you're using the title Hydrogeologist and the board thinks that you're not qualified to use that title, you should get the same letter from the board.

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Carla Brock

So, you know, I think maybe maybe putting together a memo for all state agencies on this topic is something that would be fruitful.

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Carla Brock

I think I know there's a lot of strong opinions about it so.

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Carla Brock

But that's those are my thoughts.

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Struthers, James

Yeah, kind of to add to that.

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Struthers, James

Umm my experience and state agency, even though it was under the engineering geology.

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Struthers, James

Specialty license is.

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Struthers, James

You know that the Department of Transportation, they it's a matter of policy that working titles reflect licensure and and the content of the of the RCWs.

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Struthers, James

So that's that's something that's been pretty universally adopted inside, at least the area of the DOT that I worked in.

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Struthers, James

TO avoid. Exactly what we were talking about, you know.

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Struthers, James

Board member Web do you have a?

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Struthers, James

Any comment on this?

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Not really I I.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Couple of years ago.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Well, I had quite a flurry of.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

In House ecology, communications on this topic, and I was told by our AAG.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

To cease and desist having the conversation. So I'm gonna defer to the instruction of my employer since I like to have my job.

1:16:59.270 --> 1:17:9.520

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Umm, as a board member I'm just going to, I think at this time defer to the other board members. That's pretty much all I can say about that. Thanks.

1:17:12.150 --> 1:17:17.520

Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

So I just have a question about the cease and desist. Was that the ecology AAG?

1:17:20.40 --> 1:17:20.570

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Yes.

1:17:20.860 --> 1:17:22.380

Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

OK. I just want to make.

1:17:21.250 --> 1:17:25.700

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Well, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no. The one that represents us from the AGO.

1:17:29.400 --> 1:17:29.750

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Yeah.

1:17:26.410 --> 1:17:30.900

Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

The one that represents the, that's what I mean. The one that represents the Department of Ecology.

1:17:31.550 --> 1:17:32.500

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Yes, at the time.

1:17:36.430 --> 1:17:37.540

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

No, no, what's the?

1:17:38.590 --> 1:17:39.650

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Wasn't Elizabeth?

1:17:32.860 --> 1:17:45.850

Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Yeah. So I just wanted to make it clear to everybody that I didn't tell you that it was. Yeah, it was

department of Ecology. Yeah. Sorry. I just wanna make everybody understand that I didn't tell you that it would. It was another age.

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Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Good point. Thank you for the clarification.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

And it was within your. Your role as an employee with the Ecology Department of Cology not it wasn't related to your role as a board member.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Right. Just clarified.

1:18:7.670 --> 1:18:8.340

Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Ah Good.

1:18:9.820 --> 1:18:10.140

Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

OK.

1:18:3.170 --> 1:18:12.650

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

It was both. I think it was. There were some leaning into both, but that that was just my experience. And so I I really don't have that discussion anymore in house.

1:18:13.200 --> 1:18:13.670

Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Fair enough.

1:18:13.620 --> 1:18:15.20

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

And yeah, thank you.

1:18:17.160 --> 1:18:18.160

Struthers, James

Board member Tebb.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Yeah. I just, just for complete transparency, I I this issue did get I am a member of executive leadership and I have had conversations about this subject with our deputy director within the agency with as well as our human resources director. And I informed them that as a board member, I disagreed with the Agency's position. And then I was going to bring this issue to the board but respectfully.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

As you know, as Eileen has just pointed out, you know, I respectfully follow the direction and decisions that the Agency has made. However, I I was completely transparent that as a board member, I felt an obligation to bring this issue at least up to the board for discussion. So I wanted to be completely transparent that the executive leadership knows that I'm bringing this issue up and you know, we'll probably be very interested in in our, in our ultimately our opinion if we're able to express 1.

1:19:27.280 --> 1:19:30.710

Struthers, James

Uh board member Hanell do you have any comment on this?

1:19:32.720 --> 1:19:41.120

HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Yeah, I I have quite a few thoughts on this and I it's challenging for me to figure out.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

The right place for the board's role in.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Commenting to OFM in the Department of Personnel on state job classifications.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

That's the part I'm struggling with. I think for me, I'm pretty clear on.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

If the job requires a scope of work that should be licensed, state employees should be licensed to do that work.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

But I my experience is very much with the engineering geology.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

A license and it just says an example within the Department of Natural Resources. There isn't an engineering geologist job series, so the department uses the natural resource scientist job class and there are natural resource scientists that require a license and there are ones that don't. And it depends on the actual work they're doing.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

And then the working title is where licensure is captured. It's not in the.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Department of personnel, job description or requirement it's the working title and making sure you're not representing yourself as a geologist or an engineering geologist or a hydrogeologist if you're unlicensed.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

But that doesn't mean you wouldn't be in a job class series.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

That had that.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Title. So like in this case, there's a hydrogeologist job class series, and there's hydrogeologist ones and twos that are in that job class series and don't require license, even though they're DOP. Title, says hydrogeologist. And that, I mean, that makes sense to me going back to kind of Tom's reflection on.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

There does need to be kind of a career.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Ladder and.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

And mentorship in that and so.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

I don't know. I I'm struggling with where the boards role is in.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Kind of dictating what or recommending what flexibility?

1:21:58.760 --> 1:22:3.990

HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

A state agency has, or DOP has in terms of what?

1:22:5.410 --> 1:22:18.560

HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Job duties they lumped together in their job descriptions. I do. I mean, I think it would be beneficial for the state if there was an engineering geologist series and a hydrogeologist series.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

I.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

And they they reflected licenses, but also as.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Jim was reflecting on there's the engineering geology or not engineering geology, sorry, just engineering series and Department of Transportation.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Has their engineering geologists in an engineer series so.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Those are my thoughts I I guess.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

To the issue of if the job duties fall under work that requires a license.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

I'm pretty squarely in the camp that.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Then the person needs to have a license to do that work.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

But when we get into the discussion of like.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Does the Board have an opinion on whether a HYDROGEOLOGIST 3 requires a license or not?

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

That's where I get less clear on on where and how we would particularly want to weigh in on that.

1:23:24.680 --> 1:23:25.990

Struthers, James

Yeah, it would seem that.

1:23:27.720 --> 1:23:48.590

Struthers, James

You know, there's there's a lot of complex issues that revolve around what you're talking about. You know the case that you sided with the transportation Engineering series housing the engineering geologists is a good example of that. You know that that exists for a number of reasons which were primarily functional and managerial.

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Struthers, James

You know the the reason it's like that is to benchmark certain classes of employees together in terms of things like progression and salary and the whatnot. I'd be interested in hearing from legal.

1:24:4.990 --> 1:24:14.460

Struthers, James

As to whether the pending case appeals court would would preclude the that practice, I mean, can you house?

1:24:15.230 --> 1:24:18.460

Struthers, James

Umm, non engineering employees within.

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Struthers, James

You know, like the transportation engineering job series.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

I you know, I think the job, the job series isn't as important to the decision, the court decision or to this board, even as the two pieces which are use of that term in a in a title use of the title in a job, whether it's a, you know what kind of job series. So for example, I think they're looking at it, you know worst case scenario if the board, if the court comes down and says use of the term engineer is limited to licensed engineers you know worst case scenario.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Then and the and the board and the AAG's office has to go out and enforce that the worst case scenario is that.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Agencies like DOT would have engineer texts which are or something like that, which are obviously not licensed. I mean, not obviously, but intended to show that they're not licensed engineers, so engineering techs.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

And then the actual jobs that are called engineers have are licensed. So I think it would be the same.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

I mean it could be done the same way where you have text instead of using the full title of hydro engineer for example. But in terms of a job series that you're right, that's have that's really department of personnel and agency specific. And I think you could send a communication a letter to the agencies that says if the job has you know it says that it's under the supervision of a licensed.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Umm, you know person and that's OK. You know, practice of of hydraulic hydro engineering or hydrology under a lot under a licensed person is that's OK, that's not the practice that doesn't require licensure, right. And then if the position is supervisory then that would require licensing. So I think instead of talking about job series, you talk about you know generally the description of the jobs.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

That's probably within the board's realm.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Like I.

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Struthers, James

And of that.

1:26:35.310 --> 1:26:36.450

Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

If that makes any sense.

1:26:35.710 --> 1:26:45.660

Struthers, James

You know, it's it's pretty common practice in a position descriptions to have a a distinction between the listed job class or job.

1:26:46.840 --> 1:26:52.50

Struthers, James

You know their job classification and the working title is that the case?

1:26:53.780 --> 1:26:56.280

Struthers, James

And at the Department of Technology and Mr. Tebb.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Well, it's a little bit all over the board.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

We do have in some cases I am aware of, that supervisorial hydrogeologist, that it doesn't have their license per se and has hydrogeologists.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Working underneath them, so I I think you know, but at the same time there's there's a programs that have licenses and supervisorial.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Hydrogeologists with you know, Junior Hydrogeologist working within their unit. So we have a little bit of everything, I guess, and that's why it's a little bit.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Confusing, I think, to the everyday person who works hard to get their license and see some inconsistencies within their own with their own within their own agency.

1:27:57.240 --> 1:27:59.790

HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Good to that answer. Oh, sorry.

1:27:57.440 --> 1:27:59.850

Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

I just have a question, sorry.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

I I just. I had a quick question about in this industry or this profession. Sorry. Would you say that there are more licensees that work in?

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Work for for government as opposed to in the in the private sector? Or is it? Is that not the case?

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

That makes sense.

1:28:24.420 --> 1:28:29.410

Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Well, I I would think that there's more licensed professionals.

1:28:30.830 --> 1:28:38.140

Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

For the most part, unless you're in a particular area like, say, the Hanford Site where you've got, you know, a very large federal.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Presence research presence.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

And you can see a lot of those folks.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Who may academically be more than qualified, but just don't have their license so.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

So it varies like I I guess my sense of it though in the consulting world and sort of in the professional.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

A hydrogeology and water resources world that I work in. Most are licensed. That's been my experience.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

So Mr. Tebb, is it a?

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Is the inconsistency that?

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Say, we'll take the Hydrogeologist three class, for example, is the inconsistency that some people in that class are required to be licensed and some people aren't? Or is it inconsistency that some people are doing work that's required that requires a license?

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

And then some people are doing that same work but not being required to have a license.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Is that nuance make sense in what I'm asking?

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Well, I think so. Let me first start with the first question. Yes, there are instances I think where in the hydrogeology 3 Series, you have people licensed because I think that's sort of the level that.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Really requires licensure in terms of a journey level. As you get more advanced, you know into the Hydrogeology 4 and 5 levels you know it's more or less expected.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

This has been my understanding and as a hiring manager and supervisor that has been my approach.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

But again, I think we have a research division within the Department of Ecology.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

You know that that essentially looks at computer models and does scientific research if you will. That I do think practice essentially practice the the profession and are not licensed. And so I think that is somewhere what the rub, what the rub is you have your everyday practitioner folks doing fate and transport or or you know.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Well tests or pump tests or whatnot that typically have licenses and then you have sort of a research division.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

That does modeling, you know, research papers, scientific work again, you know, you know, smart people doing good work, but just don't have the licenses.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

And again, I'm I'm I'm not as close to this, maybe as I should be within the agency, there is a hydrogeology or or a work group within the the agency that I've kind of get to tap into to understand kind of the dynamics there. But I think there's some folks on the phone today that maybe during public comment could could either correct me or provide more insight.

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Struthers, James

So.

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Struthers, James

Let me ask you this, Mr Tebb is the.

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Struthers, James

That when you say research, is that work.

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Struthers, James

Really, completely unapplied.

1:32:0.570 --> 1:32:6.780

Struthers, James

Because I know that in Casey's group the the landslide Hazards group produces maps.

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Struthers, James

Umm yeah, those those individuals are required to be licensed engineering geologists.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Yeah. And I'm thinking more along the lines of.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Temperature modeling TMDL work total maximum daily load work. Floodplain.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Work that kind of work that may.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

You know, look at an entire watershed and sort of quantify what some of the issues environmental issues are and even in some cases model of those issues.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Umm. Either with.

1:32:47.350 --> 1:32:56.760

Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Adding additional flow or taking additional flow away or adding contaminants or taking those contaminants away, kind of doing those kind of what if scenarios.

1:33:0.950 --> 1:33:4.980

Struthers, James

And correct me if I'm wrong Casey the the.

1:33:5.780 --> 1:33:16.330

Struthers, James

Kind of genesis of having licensure required for your your more applied or the people that are making these products was that those products would then in turn be used.

1:33:17.130 --> 1:33:19.480

Struthers, James

Umm for public works, right?

1:33:20.920 --> 1:33:25.770

HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Yeah, that's kind of on the engineering geology side of things.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

If it is kind of an expectation that the public would use these products and rely on them for decision making, that that work requires a stamp and a license to do that work. So that kind of.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Further probing your example, Mr. Tebb on floodplain modeling and things like.

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HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Temperature modeling are the outputs of that. Is there an expectation that the public or stakeholders or industry or whoever would rely on those products for decision making?

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

In the case of TMDL's as it relates to waste load allocations, yes. In fact, in some cases very expensive modifications to wastewater treatment plants and other treatment technologies.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

That, you know those scientific reports.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Provide the foundation for that regulatory requirement and subsequently capital, you know, public dollars capital investment to make those plans.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Ohh, more effective in terms of treating that contaminant.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

That's just one example.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

I I can imagine for floodplain it could be you know.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Bridge design, you know, and how the floodplain moves in a particular area as it relates to any any.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Infrastructure or how that infrastructure may or may not be.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Improved upon or or eliminated in some cases.

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Struthers, James

Ms. Brock, do you have any input on this from the more, more private sector consulting realm, the things?

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Carla Brock

And now I just realized that all of you work for the state.

1:35:32.10 --> 1:35:33.140

Carla Brock

I mean, I knew that, but.

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Carla Brock

You know, I mean I think what has been my experience in some of these unlicensed practice cases that I've been involved with over the last few years, whether it's been actual complaints that have gone to investigation or whether it's just been kind of casual inquiries of the board, is that a lot of times the folks in the government roles are not the ones that are actually doing, you know, the data collection, the interpretation, the actual geologic or hydrogeologic work. They're the ones that are overseeing or approving it.

1:36:11.630 --> 1:36:14.840

Carla Brock

And that the consultants or whoever that is working for?

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Carla Brock

Whoever the consultants are, the ones that because they are actually doing the the geology or the hydrogeology or the engineering geology, they are the ones that are required to have licensure and so unless.

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Carla Brock

You know, unless there's some written product coming from somebody with a title of hydrogeologists

and they're unlicensed and their work product includes some sort of hydrogeologic interpretation. The board I think hasn't felt that they have any.

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Carla Brock

You know, kind of.

1:36:50.810 --> 1:36:54.420

Carla Brock

Justification to enforce the title title alone.

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Carla Brock

By title alone.

1:36:58.780 --> 1:37:17.130

Carla Brock

I mean, I think to me, the law sounds pretty clear. Like you can't represent yourself as a hydrogeologist unless you have the specialty license. But the the board staff has more taken a an approach of, you know, title by title alone is not enough. Like if you're practicing and you're unlicensed, that's one thing. But if it's by title alone, then.

1:37:17.210 --> 1:37:25.410

Carla Brock

No, that's not something that we enforce. But like I said earlier, we certainly enforce it to people for people who are in private practice and working on the consulting side.

1:37:29.730 --> 1:37:42.670

Carla Brock

You know, I would think you guys certainly know this better than I do, but I would think that, you know, the government employees work on behalf of the public. I think it would be, it's as important that the public.

1:37:43.420 --> 1:37:54.280

Carla Brock

The representatives of the public, the government employees have the same qualifications and licensure as the people who are actually doing the work. If they're the ones that are making sure it's adequate to protect public health and welfare.

1:37:56.190 --> 1:37:56.460

Carla Brock

Yeah.

1:37:59.210 --> 1:38:3.840

Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

What we'll Chair Struthers, I I wasn't driving for a decision today.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

A. What I really was hoping for was to open this discussion with the board and with Elizabeth information about the title issue in the Court of Appeals as relates to the engineering.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Title. You know, maybe we we sit on this for a bit and see kind of how that case turns out, but.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

I I do feel that I think we should in 2023 make a decision whether we have an opinion on this or not. And I think it it's, you know important that.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

That I have been able to go back to my executive leadership team and say hey, the board is OK with what we're doing or the board has this opinion.

1:38:53.10 --> 1:39:2.440

Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

And if as a board we decide we don't want to do that, that's fine. I just, you know, felt it was my obligation to bring this issue to to your attention and get a little bit of dialogue.

1:39:5.40 --> 1:39:7.170

Struthers, James

Yeah. Thank you. Yeah, I I.

1:39:8.800 --> 1:39:11.450

Struthers, James

I have the same opinion as.

1:39:13.40 --> 1:39:42.460

Struthers, James

You and Ms. Brock that you know, this is probably a an issue that warrants clarification or an opinion at some point, but you know it may be that the better part of the better time to weigh in on that is with the resolution of some of the issues that are ongoing in litigation. And so with that, I would I would move that we table this discussion until a little bit later on when we have clarity on where the courts going with this.

1:39:46.810 --> 1:39:49.570

Struthers, James

Has anybody uh, uh like the second that?

1:39:52.450 --> 1:39:53.210

Carla Brock

Sounds good to me.

1:39:55.280 --> 1:39:55.530

Struthers, James

Yeah.

1:39:53.40 --> 1:39:57.90

Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Yeah, I'll. Yeah, I'll second it and thank you for the opportunity to bring this to the board.

1:39:57.810 --> 1:39:58.60

Struthers, James

OK.

1:40:0.420 --> 1:40:10.370

Struthers, James

Uh, so it's been seconded that we tabled discussion until we get further clarity on litigation those in favor.

1:40:13.380 --> 1:40:13.910

HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Aye.

1:40:13.630 --> 1:40:13.980

Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Aye.

1:40:14.390 --> 1:40:14.660

Struthers, James

Aye.

1:40:14.510 --> 1:40:15.140

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Aye.

1:40:15.560 --> 1:40:15.910

Carla Brock

Aye.

1:40:16.570 --> 1:40:25.230

Struthers, James

OK, so uh discussion is tabled. We can pick up. Pick this up the further in the public discussion section of the meeting.

1:40:28.680 --> 1:40:31.40

Struthers, James

So yeah, thanks for thanks everybody for that.

1:40:31.120 --> 1:40:36.170

Struthers, James

Umm, we're gonna move on to strategic plan for outreach.

1:40:37.130 --> 1:40:37.900

Struthers, James

So.

1:40:38.840 --> 1:40:40.40

Struthers, James

In our last meeting.

1:40:43.650 --> 1:41:7.340

Struthers, James

Board member Webb went over some issues related to kind of stagnation of outreach during our COVID times and also just a lack of general motion on it and went through the process of putting together a very excellent summary which she forwarded onto Ms. Brock and myself.

1:41:8.470 --> 1:41:9.660

Struthers, James

And.

1:41:11.700 --> 1:41:13.750

Struthers, James

In in kind of looking at that.

1:41:14.620 --> 1:41:15.120

Struthers, James

Umm.

1:41:16.410 --> 1:41:31.630

Struthers, James

You know, I think that there's room in there or are there are several items that it that she identified that are low hanging fruit that could serve to move our outreach efforts forward quite a bit.

1:41:33.160 --> 1:41:36.430

Struthers, James

So what I would propose on this is.

1:41:37.420 --> 1:41:41.330

Struthers, James

Kind of formalization of a of a plan which I can put together.

1:41:42.560 --> 1:41:47.250

Struthers, James

As a straw man to the rest of the outreach committee, probably by the end of next week.

1:41:48.790 --> 1:41:50.520

Struthers, James

On how to move forward with.

1:41:51.880 --> 1:42:16.730

Struthers, James

Kind of collection and distribution of our already available materials such as the student brochure and the outreach or the outreach PowerPoint that was prepared, possibly some revisions to it, but we do have some things that are available to kind of promote outreach currently and then also a strategy to get to go after.

1:42:18.110 --> 1:42:38.10

Struthers, James

A way to approach campus visits when we get a little bit better clarity from staff that those are actually going to come back online because they you know, we're not gonna be precluded from doing that forever. And so how we how we actually select those venues, it's pretty integral to our outreach.

1:42:39.160 --> 1:42:41.930

Struthers, James

Umm, so that that's that's what I would propose.

1:42:43.740 --> 1:42:51.50

Struthers, James

Yes, if anybody has any additional comment on that, I I would welcome it. And and I can get that.

1:42:52.0 --> 1:43:7.220

Struthers, James

At least a an outline that the rest of the committee members could carve up out, probably by the end of next week. And and we can kind of take it from there and and figure out a way to kind of crack this and out of a little bit better than what we've been doing.

1:43:9.130 --> 1:43:10.560

Struthers, James

Any additional comment or?

1:43:11.500 --> 1:43:11.950

Struthers, James

But.

1:43:19.770 --> 1:43:20.250

Struthers, James

OK.

1:43:22.200 --> 1:43:23.170

Struthers, James

So. Umm.

1:43:24.970 --> 1:43:25.910

Struthers, James

The.

1:43:26.650 --> 1:43:30.630

Struthers, James

Next item on the agenda is the Council of Examiners report.

1:43:37.150 --> 1:43:40.450

Struthers, James

That's over to I think the already covered that, didn't we?

1:43:41.720 --> 1:43:43.930

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Yeah, we can call it check that box.

1:43:44.50 --> 1:43:45.470

Struthers, James

Yeah, we got that one already.

1:43:52.640 --> 1:43:52.990

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

I.

1:43:47.800 --> 1:43:53.350

Struthers, James

So uh, task analysis survey that's already been covered and it's.

1:43:54.110 --> 1:43:55.530

Struthers, James

Go ahead. Yeah.

1:43:54.120 --> 1:44:1.250

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Jim, I, I I mentioned it, but I didn't realize it was gonna be, you know, that we would need maybe a separate topic, but if.

1:44:1.940 --> 1:44:13.210

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Like I say again, if anybody wants more details on the history of the task analysis and analysis and what it does and why we do it again, I'm more than happy to have that conversation or spill the beans now. So.

1:44:14.10 --> 1:44:14.770

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

But thanks.

1:44:18.640 --> 1:44:23.610

Struthers, James

Do we want to take time as a board to go over that now or we're running a little bit, a little bit long?

1:44:24.900 --> 1:44:27.290

Struthers, James

Or is it a coffee? A coffee subject?

1:44:28.490 --> 1:44:28.890

Struthers, James

Yeah.

1:44:28.580 --> 1:44:29.490

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

I like coffee.

1:44:31.200 --> 1:44:31.550

Carla Brock

I.

1:44:30.870 --> 1:44:31.900

Struthers, James

Yeah, free coffee.

1:44:33.50 --> 1:44:38.280

Carla Brock

I was going to say I think it'll be really useful to go over it when the results are published.

1:44:41.110 --> 1:44:41.540

Struthers, James

OK.

1:44:39.930 --> 1:44:45.560

Carla Brock

You know, right now we can talk about the methods, but I think the results are going to be more valuable to us anyway, so.

1:44:46.270 --> 1:44:46.760

Carla Brock

I'd say.

1:44:46.280 --> 1:44:46.830

Struthers, James

How about?

1:44:46.910 --> 1:44:47.540

Struthers, James

The.

1:44:47.830 --> 1:44:55.480

Struthers, James

Umm, how about doing that we table it for now and then we can come back and revisit it when the when the results come out?

1:44:56.870 --> 1:44:57.300

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Great.

1:44:56.630 --> 1:44:58.80

Struthers, James

That sound good Eileen.

1:44:59.290 --> 1:44:59.680

Struthers, James

OK.

1:44:58.490 --> 1:45:0.240

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Yeah, I yeah. Thanks.

1:45:2.0 --> 1:45:2.990

Struthers, James

And.

1:45:4.510 --> 1:45:5.140

Struthers, James

Without.

1:45:5.220 --> 1:45:11.320

Struthers, James

The my understanding is we do not have any complaint cases currently for review. Is that correct?

1:45:14.810 --> 1:45:15.660

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Yes, that's correct.

1:45:14.360 --> 1:45:15.930

Struthers, James

Or uh or legal issues?

1:45:18.620 --> 1:45:18.920

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Right.

1:45:19.840 --> 1:45:26.920

Struthers, James

So that would bring us down to item number 6, which is a disciplinary investigation reports from Sydney.

1:45:31.850 --> 1:45:33.460

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

I think it's the next one Susan.

1:45:36.570 --> 1:45:37.380

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

So.

1:45:38.220 --> 1:45:41.810

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Right now we have a grand total of 6 cases.

1:45:43.790 --> 1:45:50.650

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

The one that the status is closed and I believe we're just working on the case managers report and it just.

1:45:50.730 --> 1:45:54.540

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Umm wasn't completed in time for this meeting.

1:45:55.60 --> 1:45:55.610

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Umm.

1:45:56.710 --> 1:46:3.70

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

And then two that are in management review status 2 that are in investigation.

1:46:3.980 --> 1:46:15.850

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

And with that I can answer any questions from my limited knowledge of the investigations or I believe we do have some CIAU members on the call who can also.

1:46:18.120 --> 1:46:19.170

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Field any questions?

1:46:26.770 --> 1:46:28.690

Struthers, James

Does anybody have any questions on?

1:46:30.860 --> 1:46:31.500

Struthers, James

This issue.

1:46:37.760 --> 1:46:38.50

Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

No.

1:46:38.950 --> 1:46:39.320

Struthers, James

OK.

1:46:41.370 --> 1:46:42.580

Struthers, James

Hearing none.

1:46:44.270 --> 1:46:49.80

Struthers, James

I believe we have a report from the Assistant Attorney General.

1:46:50.90 --> 1:46:50.660

Struthers, James

I was a bit.

1:46:53.180 --> 1:47:5.510

Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Yeah, I don't think I have anything to report. I think I've given my input during. It's always funny to have this because I give input during the meeting and then I have the assistant Attorney General report which.

1:47:7.170 --> 1:47:9.30

Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Usually by then I have nothing else to add.

1:47:10.740 --> 1:47:10.950

Struthers, James

No.

1:47:12.220 --> 1:47:15.260

Struthers, James

So the the soul of efficiency so.

1:47:14.880 --> 1:47:15.520

Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Yes.

1:47:16.790 --> 1:47:17.340

Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Thank you.

1:47:18.390 --> 1:47:25.480

Struthers, James

OK. So moving on to a committee and Task force reports, we have a report out from Sydney on the on the status of the Charter.

1:47:27.600 --> 1:47:57.580

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Yeah. And it's going to be a really brief report as the board will remember from the last meeting, we are working on getting all nine boards and commissions that the Board and Commission Support Services Unit supports on to one format for the charters and then including the particular pieces that have to be included for each board in addition to the work that's already been done by each of those boards. So we're still working on getting all nine of those into that format once all nine.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Complete we will forward those over to the Attorney General's office, to Elizabeth, and then her counterparts with the other boards that she doesn't support for their review. Once we have those back, we will be asking the original committees which for geologists I believe was Casey and Eileen.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

And we'll be just asking them to have one final review of it before we put it before the entire board.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

The goal is to have it to the board for full review by the first meeting in 23. I'm hoping for Geo because you guys are in March that we'll be able to meet that if for some reason it gets stretched, it may be put before the entire board in June for approval, but the goal was the March meeting. So we thought I'm happy to answer any questions.

1:48:52.320 --> 1:48:55.520

Struthers, James

Are there any any questions for Sydney on this?

1:48:58.40 --> 1:49:6.910

Struthers, James

OK. So, uh, with that, we're going to move down to the executive report and Deb, could you go into program operations?

1:49:8.560 --> 1:49:12.830

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

I believe we skipped 8.2 for student average.

1:49:14.90 --> 1:49:24.90

Struthers, James

Uh, yeah, I skipped over it. Unless there's any further comment on it. It has some outstanding work items, so you can put me down as an for an action item to produce a.

1:49:24.740 --> 1:49:28.770

Struthers, James

OK, kind of a draft plan for the rest of the of the committee.

1:49:35.80 --> 1:49:37.750

Struthers, James

And then down to program operations.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Helps if I unmute, I'm sorry.

1:49:47.130 --> 1:49:53.650

Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Uh, there's not a ton to report from the board staff at this time. As you know, we've been.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Uh, working since August to recruit for our administrator position in the boards and Commission Support Services Unit since Rick Storvick's retirement.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Unfortunately, we had two unsuccessful recruitments. So.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Instead of going out again on a third time for recruitment, we've actually.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Are going to be doing some internal movement, so I believe this this board has had the opportunity to meet Mike George from our licensing and support services unit.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Mike has been the administrator within that unit for at least the last year since we started aligning. Prior to that, he was in assisted administrator with some of our other program units and has been with Department of licensing for some time. He will be our new administrator going forward, so.

1:50:53.820 --> 1:51:17.50

Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

They decided it would be a little easier to recruit for a licensing administrator than it would be for a boards and commissions administrator, so that is the only news that I have to update the board on it this time. We're making the transition and Mike will start to move into his new role, probably by the first of the year. You'll see him participating in more of our board meetings.

1:51:19.320 --> 1:51:26.850

Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

What the next slide and I hope we've pinged her and she's ready to be on the call. Ohh. Sorry I didn't have some counts.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

The so our licensing counts.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Are on this slide, so we have at this time.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

1770 active geologist licensees.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

We have 445 that are expired.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

77 inactive, sorry.

1:51:54.610 --> 1:51:59.580

Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

It's 31 that have utilized the retired status.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

And then we have 171 geologists in training.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Under the endorsements for the specialties, we have engineering geologist 276.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Hydrogeologists we have 101.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

And that's the the combined engineering hydrogeologist and then for the HYDROGEOLOGIST 523.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

And it looks like you have questions.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Board member Tebb.

1:52:32.350 --> 1:52:35.330

Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Yeah, I was just curious of how these are counted so.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

So for example, I have both specialties, so I assume I'm in the second.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Row there in in terms of being counted and I'm not being counted in the other two rows for engineering geologists or hydrogeologists. I'm just curious if we're double counting in some cases.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Well, I would hope not. Yeah, no.

1:52:58.830 --> 1:53:1.870

Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

You know, you know, you you understand my question.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

OK.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

I do understand your question. So does it look like we've overinflated our numbers?

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Yeah.

1:53:7.830 --> 1:53:16.600

Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

And instead of counting them in the one no, my understanding is that you should only be accounted in the one category, not in the two categories.

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Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Thank you.

1:53:17.580 --> 1:53:18.440

Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

So Yep.

1:53:20.80 --> 1:53:32.350

Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

And these are just a snapshot. So this report was run on November 2nd. You know, obviously our licensing numbers go up and down as we we have more licensees getting licensed, so.

1:53:33.840 --> 1:53:36.160

Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

OK. Is there another slide before I?

1:53:37.590 --> 1:53:41.520

Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Uh, we have some new licensees endorsements so.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

The examinations are not ready yet, so we will hopefully next meeting. Those will be presented. So these are just coming from out of state.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Suan you're going a little fast for me.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

OK, next slide please.

1:54:5.610 --> 1:54:14.700

Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

All right, this is just showing you again an awareness of what we're working with in the boards and commissions Support Services unit.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

We are now fully staffed, so.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

I believe we did not have an opportunity to introduce our new staff members at the last board meeting, but we have been joined now by Susan Nieves. So she is on this call right now helping support us in the background. And then we also have added in our other programs, Sandra Schaefer, she's just jumped on the the call.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

And that actually gets us to fully staffed for this.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

This unit.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

And I'm sorry, I've got that nasty cough that's going around, so bear with me.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Next slide.

1:55:5.240 --> 1:55:13.310

Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

So this is where I was thinking that we were going to and then before I was jumping ahead. So I would like to introduce my colleague.

1:55:14.920 --> 1:55:25.90

Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

It good. She's on here at Catherine McDaniel is going to speak with you very briefly about our unit with with.

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Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

And I'm going to turn it over to her so I can go cough again. So go ahead.

1:55:30.670 --> 1:55:48.690

McDaniel, Katherine (DOL)

Ohh Deb, I feel for you. I know, I know. Well, good morning everybody. Thanks for having me. So I'm Kathy McDaniel, the assistant administrator with regulatory compliance UC and firearms. So our acronym is archive.

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McDaniel, Katherine (DOL)

And I work with Andrea Nagar, who is the administrator for the program.

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McDaniel, Katherine (DOL)

I just wanted to take a couple minutes and share with you. I few things about our programs and how we support BPD and the divisions and some of the boards.

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McDaniel, Katherine (DOL)

So. Umm.

1:56:7.600 --> 1:56:37.550

McDaniel, Katherine (DOL)

We've got three different primary arms, the first one being the regulatory compliance team. Well, it supports the 39 business and professional licensing programs through managing the legal and administrative action for the division. And what we do is we work with staff, we work with case managers, we work with AAGs to ensure that all the actions taken are consistent.

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McDaniel, Katherine (DOL)

Equitable and fair, and that all the respondents are provided due process.

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McDaniel, Katherine (DOL)

The same also participates in and legislative processes and analysis and implementation, and it responds to public records requests.

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McDaniel, Katherine (DOL)

Our next arm is the firearms unit and it supports firearms, record data, entry collection and retention for concealed pistol licenses, alien farm licenses farms, dealer licenses. Oddly enough, we don't DOL. We don't issue these licenses.

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McDaniel, Katherine (DOL)

We are strictly the record keepers of this information.

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McDaniel, Katherine (DOL)

The local law enforcement agencies actually issue all the licenses for these firearms types and the firearms dealers.

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McDaniel, Katherine (DOL)

Umm.

1:57:38.310 --> 1:57:56.860

McDaniel, Katherine (DOL)

We also, this program maintains all the records for pistol transfers and sales from licensed firearms dealers in Washington state. And as you can imagine, they are, this program is heavily impacted by legislative efforts and public inquiry. Request says to public records.

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McDaniel, Katherine (DOL)

Then our third arm is the Uniform Commercial Code program, and it's a central repository for financing statements and liens on personal property that is used as collateral for loans by individuals and businesses located in Washington.

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McDaniel, Katherine (DOL)

UC filings allow creditors to notify other creditors about a debtors assets.

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McDaniel, Katherine (DOL)

Used as collateral for secured transaction.

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McDaniel, Katherine (DOL)

These filing statements act as a public notice by the creditor of the creditors interest in the property.

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McDaniel, Katherine (DOL)

This program also conducts certified record searches for the public and they too participate in legislative efforts and public disclosure.

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McDaniel, Katherine (DOL)

Uh income inquiries.

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McDaniel, Katherine (DOL)

So that's a snapshot of our three arms and how we support BPD and the agency and Washingtonians across the state.

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McDaniel, Katherine (DOL)

So that is my little presentation. Does anybody have any questions?

1:59:13.90 --> 1:59:19.390

McDaniel, Katherine (DOL)

OK. Well, thank you so much for your time today and I hope you all have a wonderful rest of your day.

1:59:20.380 --> 1:59:20.840

McDaniel, Katherine (DOL)

Bye bye.

1:59:20.380 --> 1:59:23.240

Struthers, James

Thanks. Kathy, I appreciate that.

1:59:26.120 --> 1:59:29.270

Struthers, James

So I think that gets us down to.

1:59:30.290 --> 1:59:35.220

Struthers, James

Down to other business, I did have one item I wanted to bring up and that's.

1:59:36.210 --> 1:59:40.640

Struthers, James

Basically kind of inquiring about the status of.

1:59:41.640 --> 1:59:43.460

Struthers, James

Of replacement board members.

1:59:46.510 --> 1:59:49.60

Struthers, James

My understanding is that there has been a.

1:59:49.930 --> 1:59:52.490

Struthers, James

Advertisement That's gone out for that. Is that correct?

1:59:55.0 --> 2:0:21.250

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Yes, there has been an advertisement that has gone out for that. I believe we have received a couple of applications, but we were waiting to see if we received anymore. So we are actively working on our all of our recruitments for the new Year. And Geo is one of our top priorities because we've had those vacancies for so long. So we will hopefully be able to get some new board members on before the next meeting.

2:0:22.930 --> 2:0:23.840

Struthers, James

OK, excellent.

2:0:24.260 --> 2:0:31.510

Struthers, James

Umm with that, is there any other business that the board would like to bring up at this time?

2:0:33.560 --> 2:0:36.300

HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Maybe just a follow up on your question, Jim.

2:0:37.480 --> 2:0:38.620

HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Sydney, could you?

2:0:40.0 --> 2:0:50.370

HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Briefly describe how the selection process goes for new board members is that just a licensing department of Licensing Endeavor, or does it involve the board at all?

2:0:51.680 --> 2:1:6.750

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Absolutely. This is staff supports this and then we actively recruit for it. We send it out on listserv to all of the active licensees and request that they submit.

2:1:6.850 --> 2:1:9.560

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

A water of interest and resume.

2:1:10.600 --> 2:1:30.290

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

As well as providing, you know their contact information, all of that and then DOL support staff, so myself, dev and then my counterpart Sandy Bauer will usually review the applications that we received one to make sure that they meet all of the minimum requirements for the position.

2:1:31.890 --> 2:1:43.900

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

But then we'll actually interview them, have a conversation with them, make sure that they understand the demands of the board, that they know what they're getting into, and then.

2:1:43.980 --> 2:2:5.900

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Time that they understand will be a good fit for the board and then we forward all of those applications to the Directors Office for the Geology Board or for the Geologist Licensing Board before them to the director. It is a director appointment. So the DOL director Theresa Bernstein makes the final appointment and issues that letter.

2:2:9.410 --> 2:2:9.910

HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Thanks.

2:2:17.330 --> 2:2:19.480

Struthers, James

Uh, any other additional items?

2:2:25.130 --> 2:2:30.330

Struthers, James

Hearing none, I'd like to kick it over to Susan for a summary of action items from the meeting.

2:2:32.130 --> 2:2:37.920

Nieves, Susan (DOL)

I have Umm, for the committee Task Force Chair Struthers will produce a draft plan.

2:2:39.50 --> 2:2:41.50

Nieves, Susan (DOL)

Umm. And then I have uh.

2:2:42.680 --> 2:2:48.350

Nieves, Susan (DOL)

To table the Task analysis survey until the test results come back.

2:2:50.310 --> 2:3:4.870

Nieves, Susan (DOL)

And tabling the discussion of the scope of hydro practice or, excuse me, the scope of practice of hydrogeology until the court decision comes back and Elizabeth explains that to us.

2:3:6.20 --> 2:3:6.710

Nieves, Susan (DOL)

Umm.

2:3:8.100 --> 2:3:15.740

Nieves, Susan (DOL)

And then there was one Umm in regards to Deb with the ASBOG fall exam. I don't know if that was an action item or not.

2:3:16.320 --> 2:3:20.490

Nieves, Susan (DOL)

Umm but to look into the comments review.

2:3:21.540 --> 2:3:24.10

Nieves, Susan (DOL)

The comments and look at A&B and.

2:3:24.700 --> 2:3:26.910

Nieves, Susan (DOL)

The bank questions for the examination.

2:3:29.420 --> 2:3:33.450

Nieves, Susan (DOL)

And then another action item is board Member tab to reach out.

2:3:34.560 --> 2:3:45.350

Nieves, Susan (DOL)

For clarification for the committees with the DOL and HR for the timelines, that was, excuse me, that was for the ASBOG annual meeting.

2:3:46.140 --> 2:3:46.800

Nieves, Susan (DOL)

Update.

2:3:51.60 --> 2:4:1.830

Nieves, Susan (DOL)

And then there was one last one. When Eileen or excuse me, board member Webb was talking that Chair Struthers brought up for Deb to look into Sydney. Do you remember what that one was?

2:4:4.290 --> 2:4:14.460

Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

I I think that there was a question that was addressed about trouble in the recruitment identifying if applicants met all qualifications, if we had.

2:4:15.580 --> 2:4:17.20

Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Is that the question that you were?

2:4:17.890 --> 2:4:19.620

Nieves, Susan (DOL)

Yes, thank you, Deb. I appreciate that.

2:4:19.730 --> 2:4:22.360

Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

No problem. Yep. So I have that on my list to do.

2:4:23.780 --> 2:4:34.430

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

And then I also, in addition to that, answering the question on how many times we allow retakes for the examination and do we have a policy on that?

2:4:37.850 --> 2:4:43.680

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

The submitting an annual report every year for ASBOG from the secretary position.

2:4:45.120 --> 2:4:53.130

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

And then we will be getting. It's already on the list, but who will be getting answer back on campus outreach as well?

2:4:53.750 --> 2:4:54.520

Nieves, Susan (DOL)

Thank you, Sydney.

2:5:3.310 --> 2:5:6.880

Struthers, James

Umm, OK, so does anybody have any additional?

2:5:8.620 --> 2:5:16.430

Struthers, James

Action items that they would like to add to that list before we can close that item out and move on to agenda items for next meeting.

2:5:21.680 --> 2:5:24.620

Struthers, James

OK. Umm, so Susan, did we have any?

2:5:25.630 --> 2:5:29.460

Struthers, James

Agenda items for the next meeting that we're specifically brought up during this.

2:5:30.880 --> 2:5:31.700

Nieves, Susan (DOL)

I believe they were.

2:5:31.0 --> 2:5:32.40

Struthers, James

I don't actually recall.

2:5:33.30 --> 2:5:35.990

Nieves, Susan (DOL)

I believe they were all asked for as action items.

2:5:36.350 --> 2:5:37.240

Struthers, James

OK. Gotcha.

2:5:39.60 --> 2:5:39.680

Struthers, James

Umm.

2:5:40.850 --> 2:5:41.920

Struthers, James

With that.

2:5:43.580 --> 2:5:56.320

Struthers, James

I would like to kind of open things up to public comment and what what's usually the best way to handle this. We seem to have a lot of people in the in the room today.

2:5:58.740 --> 2:6:7.350

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

I so they can turn on their camera, raise their hand, asked to be recognized, and then if you wanna call that on them.

2:6:8.490 --> 2:6:30.670

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

If they would just make sure their camera is on. If they're available to use their camera and then identify themselves for the record, and then they'll have 3 minutes to make their comments and before we finish for the day. We did have one. This is our first one for any of our boards that was submitted in writing that I will read to the board as well.

2:6:34.500 --> 2:6:39.580

Struthers, James

OK. So you were going to read that afterwards, and so we'll head over to Mark Molinari.

2:6:42.870 --> 2:6:43.770

Struthers, James

For the first comment.

2:6:45.630 --> 2:7:1.140

Mark P. Molinari

Thank you. I'm Mark Molinari, my license engineering geologist and hydrogeologist and been a consultant for close to 40 years. And I just on the comment on the hydrogeologist licensing issue with the ecology.

2:7:2.300 --> 2:7:20.610

Mark P. Molinari

It's my opinion is if you have somebody any ecology who's reviewing reports that are being submitted under some regulatory basis and they're being the technical reviewer, they and it's has to be signed by a licensed hydrogeologist. It's being submitted that somebody.

2:7:21.850 --> 2:7:29.780

Mark P. Molinari

You know has to should have that license to review it, to show that they have at least the minimum standards of what it takes to be hydrogeologist.

2:7:31.470 --> 2:7:32.130

Mark P. Molinari

Yeah.

2:7:33.30 --> 2:7:57.140

Mark P. Molinari

And and how that fits into to the job descriptions and that I you know, that's up to the agency or however you do that. But the general thing, I think that's the case if it's somebody that's just administrative comes in from outside and a higher level and they're not. You know, they're administrating and managing staff, but they're not doing that. Then to me that that you know, they don't need to get the license.

2:7:58.340 --> 2:8:12.530

Mark P. Molinari

And but if it's somebody in in house who's doing technical work, that is gonna lead to some kind of report or data that is gonna be used to establish regulations or or clean up standards or things like that.

2:8:14.160 --> 2:8:44.620

Mark P. Molinari

You know that level of work, technical work? I think they should also have the license or have it reviewed by somebody in-house who has license, who can stamp it and and verify it. Just because, you know, if it's just just for, you know, like a base and review and and general hydrogeologic characterization as consultants, we're gonna review that and modify it ourselves. We're not gonna rely solely on that. But if it's gonna be used at to establish.

2:8:44.720 --> 2:8:54.490

Mark P. Molinari

You know any kind of regulatory basis or or that it, it seems like somebody's license should be at least reviewing it and on record as having reviewed it. Thank you.

2:8:59.880 --> 2:9:0.830

Struthers, James

Thank you for that, Mark.

2:9:2.850 --> 2:9:8.440

Struthers, James

I'm moving down to Christer Loftenius. Did I get that correct?

2:9:10.130 --> 2:9:10.730

Struthers, James

Or close.

2:9:12.330 --> 2:9:13.220

Loftenius, Christer (ECY)

Yeah, that's correct.

2:9:14.280 --> 2:9:27.530

Loftenius, Christer (ECY)

You know, I'm in my names Chris Loftenius, so I'm happy, Geologist three and site manager and they talked to clean up program and they Spokane and I just like to make the comment that I just.

2:9:28.450 --> 2:9:58.340

Loftenius, Christer (ECY)

Yeah, just RCW 18 .22.193. The implicitly stated geological work with substantially impact the public health, safety and welfare must be performed by licensed geologists or in this case, how did geologists, how do you get all geological work being performed? It's actually that clause is part of discussing a mineral exploration, but the way it's written, it's clear to in my mind that if you were involved with.

2:9:58.460 --> 2:10:9.30

Loftenius, Christer (ECY)

Public health and making decisions involving public health is, as I do as a site manager. I'm strongly in my opinion that you should be licensed in the profession.

2:10:10.130 --> 2:10:10.900

Loftenius, Christer (ECY)

And.

2:10:11.830 --> 2:10:24.880

Loftenius, Christer (ECY)

And also going, we're moving formation. The official job descriptions for the ecology hydrogeologist one through 5 or on the on the office of of Financial Management website.

2:10:26.100 --> 2:10:27.930

Loftenius, Christer (ECY)

That's my comment. Thank you.

2:10:30.810 --> 2:10:31.760

Struthers, James

And thank you, Christer.

2:10:34.120 --> 2:10:34.770

Loftenius, Christer (ECY)

You're welcome.

2:10:33.220 --> 2:10:36.530

Struthers, James

Uh, next step would be would be Mary Green.

2:10:40.200 --> 2:10:40.710

Mary Green

Whoops.

2:10:42.720 --> 2:11:13.40

Mary Green

Hi sorry I tried to turn on my camera but it's saying I have to go to settings. So my question is about the LEG and the LHG. We had a a pass rate of 50% and 28.6% respectively. I'm wondering how that compares to the Oregon pass rate. When I asked this earlier I I was told that we don't compare to Oregon but I thought at the last board meeting.

2:11:13.440 --> 2:11:35.860

Mary Green

It was announced that our past rate for the March exam was lower than average. Maybe they just meant compared to what Washington pass routes previously, but I'm wondering if we do compare to Oregon after all and and how our scores compared to that other than ours our our lower for those two exams.

2:11:40.560 --> 2:11:40.830

Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

It.

2:11:40.90 --> 2:11:47.110

Struthers, James

Yeah, I think that the board indicated that we didn't necessarily have those numbers on hand. Is that something that you can track down?

2:11:47.960 --> 2:11:52.290

Mary Green

I thought Eileen said that she did, but she would address it during public comment.

2:11:52.930 --> 2:11:54.100

Struthers, James

Ah, OK.

2:11:55.80 --> 2:11:56.370

Struthers, James

Their response? Idling.

2:11:54.670 --> 2:12:13.340

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Yeah. So yeah, I mean, while we don't necessarily directly publish on our web pages, our results either Oregon does not, but they're they're board meeting is tomorrow and they will be discussing it as you always do, like we do after an examination period.

2:12:44.230 --> 2:12:44.530

Carla Brock

It.

2:12:14.870 --> 2:12:45.220

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

What I will tell you is if you do want to attend the meeting tomorrow, you need to request an invitation. It's a zoom invitation because their meetings have been bombed by very bad people, so you have to ask to be there, but nobody's turned away except for those people that have done harm. So feel free to go to the OSG website and just get an invitation. Also, there are meeting materials like agenda that you can pick up there as well. So ASBOG does.

2:12:45.320 --> 2:12:46.440

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Does publish?

2:12:47.700 --> 2:12:56.760

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

The results for all 50 states but uh, Carla, maybe you can recall. Like when they do that, I think it's it's in the annual reports for the meetings which aren't.

2:12:57.860 --> 2:12:59.810

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Publicly available but.

2:12:59.890 --> 2:13:6.520

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Umm, I suppose that you could request that information if it is available, just not directly publicly.

2:13:10.480 --> 2:13:11.660

Mary Green

What the ****?

2:13:7.260 --> 2:13:21.810

Carla Brock

And I did just want to clarify that organ doesn't have an LG specialty exam or license. They only have the engineering, geology specialty and that's the exam we share with them. So there is no, we don't share the hydro exam or licensing.

2:13:24.720 --> 2:13:25.230

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Correct.

2:13:22.460 --> 2:13:25.690

Carla Brock

Information with anyone else. That's just a Washington thing.

2:13:26.460 --> 2:13:27.130

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

There's only.

2:13:26.470 --> 2:13:27.230

Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

And and they.

2:13:28.120 --> 2:13:28.650

Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Oh, go ahead.

2:13:27.890 --> 2:13:34.640

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

There's only two states that that have a a hydrogeology specialty. That's Washington and California, all the rest of EM.

2:13:36.0 --> 2:13:36.440

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Don't.

2:13:37.400 --> 2:13:48.280

Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

And just for clarification, we don't compare our our engineering results with Oregon, so those aren't posted. And I when I'm talking about the average, it's just based on our Washington scores.

2:13:49.710 --> 2:13:53.800

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

You know it's the same test actually that we share with them. Actually it's a it's a.

2:13:54.950 --> 2:13:58.820

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

It's a collaborative effort the the, the, the questions and the pool.

2:14:0.610 --> 2:14:18.860

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

So at least that's you know that those are the same. But yeah, no, I I would think it's the same again tomorrow you can, you know either attend the meeting or just request that information just by emailing. Christine Valentine is their administrator of the board and you can find her contact information on their web page. So.

2:14:19.950 --> 2:14:26.690

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

That's all I have to say about that, that I, you know, I wish I could offer more. I wish it was more transparent than that. But you know, but.

2:14:27.500 --> 2:14:28.190

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

It it isn't.

2:14:32.720 --> 2:14:33.430

Struthers, James

Thanks Ms. Webb.

2:14:34.650 --> 2:14:38.450

Struthers, James

So next on the public comment is Patrick Cabbage.

2:14:41.690 --> 2:14:48.100

Cabbage, Patrick (ECY)

Yeah, I'm Patrick Cabbage. I'm a licensed hydrogeologist work for ecology in the Water resources program out of the Spokane Office.

2:14:48.880 --> 2:14:59.410

Cabbage, Patrick (ECY)

And have a couple of different topics I wanted to just just comment on. One is of course the the discussion of job responsibilities and job classes.

2:14:59.840 --> 2:15:14.830

Cabbage, Patrick (ECY)

UM at ecology. I really appreciate the board taking the time today to talk about that. This is something that's been, you know, a focus of my work now for quite a while. In 2018, I came and presented to the board on how hydrogeologists practice at the ECOLOGY.

2:15:15.950 --> 2:15:21.20

Cabbage, Patrick (ECY)

In recognizing, even though there's both licensed and unlicensed individuals, and I think this discussion is really important.

2:15:21.790 --> 2:15:33.630

Cabbage, Patrick (ECY)

Am I did want to to bring up into the the board members talked about this. Just wanted to reiterate that we do have a couple of job classes, the HG ones and HG twos that typically don't require licensure.

2:15:34.750 --> 2:15:51.970

Cabbage, Patrick (ECY)

Hopefully that's being done. That work is being done underneath or under the supervision of a licensed hydrogeologist. It should be. If it's not, in my opinion, and that's the way that I see it often practiced. But I also wanted to comment on there's a discussion about career growth and kind of climbing the hydrogeology ladder.

2:15:53.100 --> 2:15:54.690

Cabbage, Patrick (ECY)

From one job class to another.

2:15:56.650 --> 2:16:27.790

Cabbage, Patrick (ECY)

We just wanted to point out that we have some lower classes that H1 and H2 who don't intend to climb, that that hydrogeology ladder. They're perfectly fine where they're at. So when it comes to working titles, they are the working titles, at least that I see are still hydrogeologists. And so if that needs to be a change, that's some of the board should discuss and recommend to ecology. But that's in practice. That's what I see are HG1 ones and HG2 two is still using that working title instead of a tech or something like that.

2:16:28.680 --> 2:16:59.240

Cabbage, Patrick (ECY)

The other, the other topic is on pass rates for the test. Our pass rates are challenging. You know I'm a hiring manager. I'm I'm currently filling a position, a hydrogeology position and it's tough looking at a pass rate of 28%. Something needs to change there and I'm not sure where that change needs to happen, whether it's on the board, on the exam side or where. But that's just not sustainable for us. Looking at the licensee counts, we have nearly half of our licensees are in the 55 to 64 years old age range.

2:17:0.230 --> 2:17:6.140

Cabbage, Patrick (ECY)

You know that's we're in the crisis right now and and as a hiring manager, I'm seeing that and I'm in that. I feel that crisis.

2:17:7.630 --> 2:17:14.460

Cabbage, Patrick (ECY)

So something something has to something's gotta break or something's gotta change here. So thank you and appreciate appreciate the the discussion.

2:17:17.810 --> 2:17:20.420

Struthers, James

Thanks, Patrick. That was actually, that was good information.

2:17:22.500 --> 2:17:27.190

Struthers, James

Umm, next on the comment is Anthony Palmieri.

2:17:30.470 --> 2:17:33.180

Palmieri, Anthony

Morning, folks. You nailed my last name too, by the way. I appreciate it.

2:17:34.370 --> 2:17:54.840

Palmieri, Anthony

I'm a licensed hydrogeologist in Seattle and the consulting industry for about 15 years. I going back to the the topic of the scope of hydrogeology. I know your focus this morning was really focused on, you know, state positions. I do find there's a lot of ambiguity when it comes to consulting, though, is defining what that practice is as well.

2:17:54.920 --> 2:17:55.490

Palmieri, Anthony

Umm.

2:17:57.450 --> 2:18:25.260

Palmieri, Anthony

Could you clarify really like where that boundary is? I mean, even getting, you know, comments back from regulators, you know this needs to be under the direction of an LG or LHG. We're really is that line of what's considered the practice of hydrogeology versus something that just a licensed hydrogeologist licensed geologist could do? I'm thinking of like the corner gas station that's well established. It's in quarterly monitoring and there is.

2:18:25.740 --> 2:18:30.890

Palmieri, Anthony

You know, potential metrics service maps that you know it produces part of the report. Thank you.

2:18:42.230 --> 2:18:47.700

Struthers, James

Yeah, I don't know that that, that the question was specific enough to provide.

2:18:48.470 --> 2:18:51.530

Struthers, James

That means a clarification, unless you've got something to add to that, Carla.

2:18:52.550 --> 2:19:11.820

Carla Brock

Well, I was just going to say that, you know, I know that as a board we have talked about off and on

putting together kind of some sort of guidance or recommended practices document that kind of reflects the the RCW and the WAC because there are lots and lots of questions about where one practice.

2:19:18.150 --> 2:19:18.390

Palmieri, Anthony

OK.

2:19:12.480 --> 2:19:25.90

Carla Brock

Starts and where the next one starts and where that overlap is, and at this time we haven't done that yet. It's kind of a big it's a big topic, of course, and everybody has different experience to.

2:19:27.210 --> 2:19:35.80

Carla Brock

You know, in different opinions based on that experience. So I think it's something that's important. We get so many questions about that. So I think it's something we can.

2:19:36.70 --> 2:19:40.0

Carla Brock

Continue to discuss, and maybe someday we'll have some more clear direction.

2:19:40.740 --> 2:19:42.270

Palmieri, Anthony

Great. Thank you all for the time.

2:19:43.180 --> 2:19:52.190

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Carla, if, if I may. I mean, you're right. I mean, this is a question that comes up all the time. So something's not being communicated clearly. And what that is.

2:19:53.690 --> 2:19:58.280

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

I I would request that some interest be built on the board to actually come up with.

2:19:59.120 --> 2:20:3.80

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Something that makes that clear is, is anybody else on board with that, with me?

2:20:3.680 --> 2:20:11.10

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Umm, because I I also have a hard time explaining it to people because so many geologists practice and hydrogeology.

2:20:14.690 --> 2:20:22.0

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Is there any other interest? Is it just me that that, that things that we should have something that really clarifies this for all the questions that we get about it?

2:20:24.480 --> 2:20:25.870

Struthers, James

No, I think that it is.

2:20:26.690 --> 2:20:29.160

Struthers, James

You know, I think it is subject that comes up quite a bit.

2:20:30.820 --> 2:20:34.860

Struthers, James

I think that that would have to be addressed by the HYDROS on the board.

2:20:36.750 --> 2:20:40.180

Struthers, James

And it is a. It is a fairly big lift as a as a document goes.

2:20:43.430 --> 2:20:44.10

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Yeah.

2:20:42.690 --> 2:20:44.590

Struthers, James

Board member Tebb you have any comment on that?

2:20:46.40 --> 2:20:53.630

Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Yeah, I I'd be happy to be part of a team to, to look at that. I know, we've, as Carla said, we've had several discussions on this in the past and.

2:20:54.800 --> 2:20:56.400

Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Be to look at that language again.

2:20:58.870 --> 2:21:10.420

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

What I I would like to request that that's just me. I'd like to request that, you know, maybe an action item to Tom. Thank you. If you're willing to lead up an effort.

2:21:12.130 --> 2:21:19.840

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

I don't think it just has to be only hydros that answer the question. You know that come up with whatever white paper or whatever we wanna call it, but.

2:21:21.750 --> 2:21:23.130

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

I I just. I'm I'm.

2:21:24.250 --> 2:21:28.480

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

We just need to have something and thank you, Tom, for volunteering to to head that effort up.

2:21:42.50 --> 2:21:42.500

Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Agree

2:21:29.190 --> 2:21:46.600

Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

So can I interject really quickly? Board members, Umm, at this point? So when we're getting public comment, we don't want to violate our OPM a by taking action on something brought up during public comment. Can I make a suggestion that you add this to your agenda for the next upcoming meeting?

2:21:47.350 --> 2:21:52.610

Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

And then we can discuss it and vote on creating a subcommittee to to discuss and work on this.

2:21:54.310 --> 2:21:54.710

Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

Thank you.

2:21:55.480 --> 2:21:56.550

Struthers, James

Yeah, absolutely.

2:21:54.40 --> 2:21:58.920

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Totally understood. I I was just making my opinion now as I do.

2:21:59.610 --> 2:22:0.130

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

My job.

2:21:59.340 --> 2:22:1.530

Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

I'm. I'm just trying to keep us safe, that's all.

2:22:1.490 --> 2:22:4.420

Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)

And assigning me work. Appreciate that I like.

2:22:5.380 --> 2:22:6.740

Struthers, James

Yeah, she's like that.

2:22:6.190 --> 2:22:7.630

Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

That's just bonus.

2:22:10.200 --> 2:22:18.80

Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

I I think the topic is on the agenda. So as long as it's on the agenda, you're OK. You can, you can.

2:22:18.890 --> 2:22:24.690

Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Discuss it at a meeting. As long as it's on the agenda so you know it's OK to discuss.

2:22:26.80 --> 2:22:26.890

Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Thank you, Elizabeth.

2:22:26.450 --> 2:22:32.600

Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

And and taking action is you know it's so broadly defined, so discussion is taking action.

2:22:33.960 --> 2:23:2.850

Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

So yeah, it's OK to discuss. You haven't violated the Public Meetings Act at this point, so but you you can decide to have a a group, you can you can start working on it if you want to. I think it's totally fine. But I would also like to say that I I'd like to be careful about, you know, producing a document. So. And I'd like to be part of that to make sure we stay within the bounds of.

2:23:3.420 --> 2:23:8.670

Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

What? You're what your authority is, and then how you go about working on that project so.

2:23:9.970 --> 2:23:11.10

Struthers, James

Yeah, absolutely.

2:23:12.580 --> 2:23:15.400

Struthers, James

Next on the public comment is Eugene Freeman.

2:23:18.160 --> 2:23:23.930

Freeman, Eugene (ECY)

Hi my name is Gene Freeman. I'm with Department of Ecology. I'm with the Environmental assessment group, groundwater.

2:23:24.620 --> 2:23:29.690

Freeman, Eugene (ECY)

Yeah. And I'm a licensed HG and I just like the pip in on the licensing.

2:23:30.270 --> 2:24:0.400

Freeman, Eugene (ECY)

But the concern there is that, well, First off, licensing has been required for the upper HG classes all the way up until about a year or so and at which point it became difficult to find people. And so the requirement has been relaxed quite a bit. Well, obviously, as far as licensing going and the concern I

have with this is that the state is sort of engaging in what I call or what's known as a race to the bottom and basically.

2:24:1.100 --> 2:24:3.760

Freeman, Eugene (ECY)

You know this. This is a sort of a slippery slope where.

2:24:4.600 --> 2:24:25.870

Freeman, Eugene (ECY)

You can, once you get started with this, where do you get to the point where you just don't require a license at all? And I agree with the number of the others who came on here talking about how the consultants are held to a certain standard and the state isn't well, it has been up until this point. So this is something else I think is important is that.

2:24:27.350 --> 2:24:31.540

Freeman, Eugene (ECY)

You know, what's the rationale that the state doesn't have to?

2:24:33.450 --> 2:24:38.430

Freeman, Eugene (ECY)

Is not required to follow the law as stated in the RCW and.

2:24:39.610 --> 2:24:49.840

Freeman, Eugene (ECY)

Non state employees are required to, so I'm just concerned about the the way things are going the the engineering class is also.

2:24:51.70 --> 2:24:57.310

Freeman, Eugene (ECY)

But having the same problems we are and I think that was brought up in the in the lawsuit and.

2:24:58.210 --> 2:25:20.590

Freeman, Eugene (ECY)

Uh, the IT class went through this previously with an ecology and it was restructured to be able to retain and hire people. And I don't see why he called you can't pursue the same avenue with the the hydrology and the engineering classes. So just something to think about as far as.

2:25:21.430 --> 2:25:22.700

Freeman, Eugene (ECY)

What is it that?

2:25:23.740 --> 2:25:34.550

Freeman, Eugene (ECY)

I know there's been a lot of retirements and a lot of people, a lot of HG's, have gone left the the workforce, but why is it that ecology cannot attract or retain HG?

2:25:36.220 --> 2:25:37.950

Freeman, Eugene (ECY)

Yeah. And if it's just because.

2:25:39.760 --> 2:25:53.850

Freeman, Eugene (ECY)

They don't have the resources or whatnot. I don't think that's a valid argument to to weaken that class and to to reduce the requirements for what needs to what is an HD for a senior HD.

2:25:54.620 --> 2:25:56.290

Freeman, Eugene (ECY)

So that's about all I have.

2:26:0.810 --> 2:26:1.600

Struthers, James

Thank you, Jane.

2:26:2.740 --> 2:26:6.150

Struthers, James

And next comment is Eric Daiber.

2:26:10.630 --> 2:26:16.370

Daiber, Eric (ECY)

Hi, thank you. My name is Eric Daiber. I I'm a recent pass of the LG.

2:26:17.520 --> 2:26:18.350

Daiber, Eric (ECY)

And so.

2:26:19.150 --> 2:26:33.280

Daiber, Eric (ECY)

I I just wanna get few comments about the age of the licensed geologists and licensed HG and the agency. I think majority of them will be retiring within the next 10 to 15 years.

2:26:34.600 --> 2:27:3.510

Daiber, Eric (ECY)

And so with the huge loss of just knowledge and expertise that we're going to be missing, because I think the license HG rates between the ages of 54 to 25 account for approximately 25% of the LICENSED'S currently. So that's a that's a big discrepancy that I think we need to kind of address. And I linked the 28% pass rate.

2:27:3.630 --> 2:27:15.360

Daiber, Eric (ECY)

Is really going to be, yeah. Anyway, so I also wanted to bring up something about what Patrick had said, Patrick Cabbage. When he brought up that.

2:27:17.120 --> 2:27:46.800

Daiber, Eric (ECY)

He was talking about how HG ones and HG Twos are, how they use the HG name without, you know, adding any kind of recognition about it. And I brought it up to my supervisor when I kind of first started here as a HG1 and he told me to put staff in front of Hydrogeologists list myself as a staff hydrogeologist.

And so that would kind of work. And that's why I kind of threw my business cards and other that was kind of, you know.

2:27:46.880 --> 2:27:51.130

Daiber, Eric (ECY)

Like I I reasonable compromise but.

2:27:53.400 --> 2:27:54.540

Daiber, Eric (ECY)

Open that up to the board.

2:27:57.750 --> 2:28:11.670

Struthers, James

Yeah, I can actually comment on that. I know that that's a practice that's been adopted over at the the dot for unlicensed engineering geologists. They they referred to them and engineers as a matter of fact, they refer to them as engineering staff or.

2:28:13.70 --> 2:28:14.740

Struthers, James

Engineering geology staff.

2:28:15.890 --> 2:28:18.500

Struthers, James

Within the in the non licensed capacity.

2:28:20.590 --> 2:28:27.890

Struthers, James

But you know it, it's also the case that those positions are supervised by a licensed practitioner.

2:28:29.200 --> 2:28:33.150

Struthers, James

I'm over there. I'm not sure if that helps or provides clarification.

2:28:38.470 --> 2:28:39.720

Daiber, Eric (ECY)

Yeah, great. Thank you.

2:28:43.890 --> 2:28:48.180

Struthers, James

We're down to Christer Loftenius.

2:28:49.490 --> 2:28:50.150

Loftenius, Christer (ECY)

You have.

2:28:49.550 --> 2:28:50.950

Struthers, James

The additional comment Christer.

2:28:51.320 --> 2:29:12.490

Loftenius, Christer (ECY)

Yeah, I have two very quick comments. It's first, it's that no, there is a there's a shortage of how do you ologists and particularly the younger crowd. The solution to that problem is not to slack off on the standards. I think it seemed too much of that already and many feels, you know, the errors as well as in how did geology and geology.

2:29:13.540 --> 2:29:27.890

Loftenius, Christer (ECY)

And secondly, I would would also make the comment that I think the public expects anyone that's working with the public health and safety issues involving geological and hydrogeological work the public expects.

2:29:28.600 --> 2:29:35.270

Loftenius, Christer (ECY)

That the person is licensed a licensed professional in that in this case geology, how hydrogeology.

2:29:36.150 --> 2:29:36.630

Loftenius, Christer (ECY)

Thank you.

2:29:40.150 --> 2:29:41.180

Struthers, James

Uh, thank you, Christer.

2:29:44.160 --> 2:29:46.210

Struthers, James

Last is Tamara Welty.

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Struthers, James

Welty, is that correct?

2:29:49.790 --> 2:30:19.480

Welty, Tamara (ECY)

Yes. Tamara Welty, thank you. I also am a licensed hydrogeologist with Department of Ecology. I'm with the toxics cleanup program. I just wanted to make a comment about some discussion by the board earlier about whether or not there's this inconsistency as far as licensing being required or not with just research positions. So my comment was, is no, it's not only research positions, it's also applied positions. We're working with contaminant and.

2:30:19.560 --> 2:30:26.620

Welty, Tamara (ECY)

You know transport and and sub shopping so that that's that was my comment and thank you for this discussion. I think it's really important.

2:30:30.930 --> 2:30:32.400

Struthers, James

Well, thank you very much for your comment.

2:30:33.410 --> 2:30:46.670

Struthers, James

And and participating in the meeting like to extend that to same. Thank you to all the rather extensive list of people that showed up today. It's a quite a bit better showing and as in terms of public involvement than we typically have.

2:30:50.530 --> 2:30:54.750

Struthers, James

Umm is there any other comment? Looks like Sydney something.

2:30:55.370 --> 2:31:6.880

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Yeah, I just, I we had one that was submitted by e-mail that I was asked to read for the board. So this was submitted by a gentleman named Gary Flowers.

2:31:7.900 --> 2:31:24.480

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

I would like to inquire as to how we as a group may attempt to convince the City of Seattle to allow those of us with the proper experience to handle geotechnical special inspection duties without requiring an engineer to oversee and review our work.

2:31:25.790 --> 2:31:53.330

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

When licensing was first brought about, I sat in a meeting with engineers and geologists and I forget who from the state and it was determined that geologists, within their realm of expertise could practice certain geotechnical engineering tasks. I remember one example given a till site and assigning a safe allowable soil bearing pressure of 2500 to 3000 PSF.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

It was also determined that geotechnical engineers, within their realm of expertise, could practice certain geological functions.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Most municipalities require input from a geotechnical professional, IE geotechnical engineer or engineering geologist, to or provide guidance as to what type of study or report. A geologist can do and when they want to and engineer involved.

2:32:20.760 --> 2:32:51.130

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

But Seattle requires an engineer for everything. I used to run associated Earth Sciences Inc. I used to train young engineers and oversee them in the field and countersign their reports. When I decided to

leave in 2004 and enter into my own practice, I went to DPD. Now, SDC I and talked with another licensee and discussed my working with the city. He had no issues with me being the special.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Inspection program program and helped get me set up. I then practiced on my own until about 2016.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

At that time, it was decided that I should really have a review engineer overseeing my special inspection work and counter, sign my field reports, plan reviews and final geotechnical approval letters.

2:33:15.60 --> 2:33:28.890

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

I hooked up with an engineer and from that point forward the city lists me as the Geotechnical Special inspector, as an engineer, as an engineering geologist, but lists the engineer as the engineer of record.

2:33:29.640 --> 2:33:36.690

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

The engineer is aging a recent mistake he made unrelated to me has him suspended from the SI program for six months.

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Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

And he may fully retire when his license expires next July. Bottom line, for geologists like me and others, there are no independent geotechnical engineers out there that can that we can collaborate with and that are willing to take on the responsibility of being engineer of record for work that we do independently. And they are just entering in a review capacity.

2:34:2.950 --> 2:34:15.50

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

For the moment I am having to tell my clients that I cannot finish their projects that they have to hire another firm. This is both time consuming and expensive for the clients and certainly reduces my workload.

2:34:16.60 --> 2:34:24.630

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Why do I need an engineer to review my work when a contractor makes a 10-foot cut and installs Ultra an ultra-block wall?

2:34:25.490 --> 2:34:55.660

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Or when pin piles are being driven or when I verify that suitable erosion control is present on a site or when I have to verify a structural film. All of this work is well within my realm of experience and expertise. It was good enough for Seattle 12 years ago, but then suddenly wasn't. I spoke with one Seattle Geotechnical review engineer back years ago and asked why they were requiring me to have a review engineer.

2:34:55.980 --> 2:34:59.830

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

His straight face answer we have to protect our engineer brothers.

2:35:0.630 --> 2:35:20.430

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Is there interest in pursuing a remedy with Seattle for this injustice? I would. I know it is a large impact on my practice as well as others with no quick resolution. He and I will just have to quit working in Seattle and be forced to abandon our independent practices and join up with a geotechnical engineer. That isn't great.

2:35:27.30 --> 2:35:30.540

Struthers, James

Umm yeah, I don't. I don't know that we have.

2:35:32.380 --> 2:35:36.330

Struthers, James

And that's that's quite an extensive comment and I I don't know that we have the.

2:35:37.180 --> 2:35:42.950

Struthers, James

Kind of jurisdictional reach to kind of comment on City of Seattle, so.

2:35:44.340 --> 2:35:45.940

Struthers, James

Uh design practice standards.

2:35:47.780 --> 2:35:51.680

Struthers, James

Within the board currently, but thank you for the comment.

2:36:0.160 --> 2:36:3.970

Struthers, James

Umm. So any other any other business before the board today?

2:36:7.310 --> 2:36:7.900

Struthers, James

Ms. Webb.

2:36:9.250 --> 2:36:12.40

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

No, I think I'm a I don't have anything else.

2:36:12.720 --> 2:36:24.110

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

So I'm really I. Well, I will say I'm very glad that we had so many folks show up today. That's I'm impressed. And and I really think everyone for taking the time to come in and share their comments.

2:36:25.830 --> 2:36:28.700

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

That's that's really all I have to say is thank you for everyone coming.

2:36:31.590 --> 2:36:39.250

Struthers, James

Yeah. Well, thank you everybody for your time. Like to call the meeting adjourned at 11:38.

2:36:41.20 --> 2:36:43.690

Struthers, James

And everybody have a good rest of your day.

2:36:45.170 --> 2:36:46.100

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

You too as well.

2:36:46.370 --> 2:36:47.100

Carla Brock

Thanks everybody.

2:36:46.850 --> 2:36:47.840

Struthers, James

OK, take care.

2:36:47.780 --> 2:36:49.0

Webb, Eileen L. (ECY)

Thanks. Bye, bye.

2:36:48.770 --> 2:36:50.220

HANELL, CASEY (DNR)

Thanks all. Take care.