



Board of Professional Geologist Public Agenda

Minutes

Geologists Board

Jun 8, 2023 at 9:00 AM EDT

7 Eagle Square Concord, NH 03301

Attendance

Members Present:

Vice Chair – Erin Kirby (EK), Abigail Thompson Fopiano (AF), Jason D. Reimers (JR), Shane Csiki (SC), Jeffrey M. Marts (JM)

Members Absent:

Chair – Nikki Delude Roy

Staff Present:

Michael Gianunzio (Board Administrator), Rahkiya Medley (Board Counsel), Tina Kelly (OPLC Rules)

- I. Call To Order
- II. Review of Public Minutes from the March 23, 2023, meeting

Motion:

Upon a motion by AF, with a second by EK, the Board voted to accept the minutes as amended; unanimous.

- III. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates:
 - A. Review of Public v. Non Public

Discussion around this raised several questions

- Can applicants be notified prior to the meeting that their application is slated for review by the Board? The answer is yes, the Board Admin will now notify applicants when their application is to be reviewed by the Board.
- What types of information would be redacted if a 91A request was submitted?
- Are there issues with the online applications?

The Board decided to Table this topic to get answers to the above mentioned questions and discuss again at the next meeting.

- IV. New Business

A. Public Rules Hearing

1. Public Hearing to discuss 401.05 opened at 9:30 a.m. for public comment and closed at 9:58 a.m. No comments from the public during that time.

Motion:

Upon a motion by EK, with a second by AF, the Board voted to accept legal counsel's suggested grammatical changes; unanimous.

2. Geo 103.06 and 103.07 Review Final Proposal

Motion:

Upon a motion by SC, with a second by JM, the Board voted to accept the final proposal; unanimous.

3. Geo 200 Review Final Proposal

Motion:

Upon a motion by EK, with a second by AF, the Board voted to accept the final proposal; unanimous.

4. Geo 302.01, 303.01, 305.01 and 305.02

The next Rules Hearing will be scheduled for July 13, 2023 at 9:15 a.m.

B. Continuing Education Activity Hours 403.06 (h) Question

Under Geo 403.06(h), an author of a published geologic map can earn 16 hours of continuing professional geology credit. The geologic maps that we produce are at the 1:24,000 scale. In some cases, we will have a mapper complete the mapping and publish their map in one year. In some other cases, the work is split among two years, by having the quadrangle split in half. At the end of the first year, the first half of the quadrangle is made publicly available ("published") as per USGS requirements. Then, the second half plus the first half are produced the second year.

Should an individual who makes the geologic map only be awarded the 16 hours of credit for the entire completed map (both halves of a quadrangle). Or, should the 16 hours be awarded only for each year's worth of mapping?

Motion:

Upon a motion by AF, with a second by EK, the Board voted to accept any published map for 16 CE's regardless of map size.

V. Licensure

A. Kathryn E. Haskins Application (Presenters: Shane Csiki)

Motion:

Upon a motion by SK, with a second by EK, the Board voted to accept the application after review to ensure the license status is currently active in the applicant's home state; motion passed unanimously.

B. Harrison Simbliaris Application (Presenters: Erin Kirby)

Motion:

Upon a motion by EK, with a second by JM, the Board voted to approve based upon the applicant providing proof of current license status, proof of 5 years of relevant experience, specifically around critical thinking, decision making, making initial assessments and recommendations. This will be reviewed by Erin Kirby prior to issuance of license; motion passed unanimously.

C. Robert Janosy Application (Presenters: Jeffrey Marts)

Motion:

Upon a motion by EK, with a second by JM, the Board voted to approve the application based upon the applicant submitting an additional PG reference pursuant to GEO 302.03. This will be reviewed by Jeff Marts prior to issuance of license; motion passed unanimously.

VI. Reaffirmation of ASBOG Applicants licensed since March 23, 2023

A. Tanya P. Justham #00950 5/22/2023 Concord, NH

B. Daniel J. Slavin #00949 4/20/2023 Rochester, VT

Motion:

Upon a motion by EK, with a second by JM, the Board voted to confirm licensure.

VII. Non-Public Session

Non-Public session conducted for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential Board business. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c) & (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges

Upon motion of EK seconded by AF, the Board voted to commence the 1st non-public session at 10:44 a.m. and ended at 10:58 a.m.

Motion to come out of non-public was made by EK, and seconded by SC, by unanimous roll call vote.

Upon the motion of EK, and the second of SC, the Board voted to keep minutes of the non-public session confidential from public disclosure. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by unanimous vote..

VIII. Resume Public Session

IX. Adjournment

Motion:

Upon a motion by EK, with a second by AF, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 a.m.