



Board of Geologist Public Minutes

Geologists Board

Jul 13, 2023 at 9:00 AM EDT

@ 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH, USA

Board Member Attendance: Board Chair Nikki Delude Roy, Board Member Erin Kirby, Board Member Shane Csiki and Board Member Jason Reimers. Board Member jeffrey Marts attended the meeting via remote

Not Present: Board Member Abigail Fopiano

Staff:

Mike & Rahkiya & Brenda

- I. Call To Order: 9:05 am.
- II. Review of Public Minutes from the June 8, 2023 meeting

Motion:

Upon a motion by JM, with a second by EK, the Board voted to approve the minutes; unanimous.

- III. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates:
 - A. Online application problem has been addressed and corrected – Noted
 - B. Discussion of Public vs. Non-Public agendas
 - C. Discussion around succession of Nikki Delude Roy stepping down as Chair of the Board and nominating Erin Kirby in her place. Nikki would stay on as Board member and is going to send an email to formalize her stepping down as Chair of the Board of Professional Geologists.

IV. Licensure

- A. Harrison Simbliaris - Application for further review

Motion:

Upon a motion by EK, with a second by JM, the Board voted to allow Mr. Simbliaris to sit for the exam.

- B. Nathaniel Parker - Application for further review

Tabled to next meeting / invite licensee as well.

We can't tell when he stopped doing things considered retaining experience like lab work and started making recommendations and decisions.

Looking for specific project experience in the associated years like what you would put in a professional resume.

Cite the rule: to be clear you need to show us that you have 5 years of experience that count under 302.02 a(1)

Experience beyond routing sampling and lab analysis and geological drafting. We can also invite him to the next meeting when we review this.

Look for template requesting more information.

V. Reaffirmation of ASBOG Applicants licensed since June 8, 2023

- A. kathry E. Haskins 6/20/2023 #00951 Hopkinton, NH

Motion:

Upon a motion by EK, with a second by JR, the Board voted to reaffirm; unanimous.

- B. Robert Janosy 6/20/2023 #00952 Powell, OH

Motion:

Upon a motion by EK, with a second by JR, the Board voted to reaffirm; unanimous.

VI. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics

- A. Geo 103.06 & 103.07 Rules - Final Proposed Filed with Administrative Rules

If all goes well will be able to adopt at the next meeting

- B. Geo 200 Rules - Final Proposed Filed with Administrative Rules

If all goes well we will be able to adopt at the next meeting

- C. Geo 302.01 Rules, 303.01 Rules, 303.02 Rules & 305.02 Rules - Hearing at 9:15 a.m. and closed at 9:30 a.m. with no public comment.

Notes from OPLC: Something will have to be fixed under fees. They will take out the section regarding fees and point to the PLC rules regarding fees.

- D. Geo 401.05 - Review Final Proposal

Motion:

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

- E. House Bill 2 update, passed on June 21, 2023

- F. House Bill 655 update

Adopted by both houses and signed into law by the Governor. The bill that adjusted the complaint and licensing process. Many of these tasks will lie with

the OPLC. Based on licensing it will go by the minimum qualifications allowable by rule.

Also adjusts the Hearing process, Geo might not feel this change as much as other Boards. Outlines the roles of the Prosecution, Hearings Officer and Respondent.

Board Counsel will be with the Board to help with writing findings of fact that will be given to the Hearing's Officer to decide if the findings of fact constitute misconduct.

G. House Bill 337 update

Not sure where this will land, not signed into law yet.

H. House Bill 308 update

Passed by both bodies but has not been scheduled to go to the governor. A quorum needs to be in person and if someone was not available for good cause, they could still participate remotely and would count towards quorum.

Question from Shane: does this define for all boards and committees what constitutes quorum?

Answer: This bill does not address that. The answer lies within the Practice Act.

I. House Bill 594 update

Passed by both bodies and signed by the Governor. This involves licensing, the office can issue license based on qualifications in the rules. If there are any questions or concerns from licensing, they will be forwarded to the Board for review. This will hopefully streamline this process and help applicants and Boards who meet quarterly or less regularly.

VII. Non-Public Session

Motion:

Upon a motion by NR, with a second by EK, the Board voted to initiate a non-public session by roll call vote, unanimous roll call vote.

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.

VIII. Resume Public Session

Motion:

Upon a motion by NR, with a second by JM, the Board voted to resume the public session, unanimous roll call vote.

IX. Seal The Minutes of the Non-Public Session

Motion:

Upon a motion by NR, with a second by JM, the Board voted to seal the minutes from the non-public session, unanimous roll call vote.

Minutes of the non-public session are sealed to maintain the privacy of the items discussed in non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c), on the grounds that public disclosure may adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member or render the proposed action ineffective.

X. Adjournment

Motion:

Upon a motion by NR, with a second by JM, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on October 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.