



Natural Scientist Public Meeting Minutes

Natural Scientists Board
Oct 11, 2023 at 9:00 AM EDT
@ 7 eagle Square, Concord NH

Attendance

Present:

Members: Christopher Albert, Damon Burt, Abigail Fopiano, Gregory Howard, James Long

Guests: Rahkiya Medley-Board Counsel, Brenda Rines-Board Administrator, Tina Kelley-Rules Coordinator

I. Call to Order

Chair, Damon Burt called the meeting to order at 9:11 AM

II. Approval of Public Minutes of the August 23, 2023 meeting

Motion:

Upon a motion by J. Long and seconded by G. Howard to approve minutes as amended.
Motion passed unanimously.

III. Licensure

A. Applications to review for the wetland written exam:

1. David Hilgeman

Motion:

Upon a motion by J. Long and seconded by D. Burt to approve to exam.
Motion passed unanimously.

2. David Jeffrey

Motion:

Upon a motion by J. Long and seconded by D. Burt to approve to exam.
Motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

A. Natural Scientists 2024 Board Meeting Schedule

Motion:

Upon a motion by D. Burt and second motion by J. Long to approve the amended 2024 meeting schedule to reflect February 14, May 8, August 14 and December 11. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Rules Review and Other Legislative Topics - Tina Kelley, Rules Coordinator

A. OPLC Rules Change

Just an FYI that revisions are being proposed to Plc 100 (Organization) and Plc 200 (Practice and Procedure) that will affect all boards and professions, whether directly or indirectly.

The proposed rules are posted in the **Proposed Rules** section of the [OPLC Laws and Rules](#) page.

1. Universal Application
2. Professional Reference Form
3. SOIL 300 - Final Proposal

Additional amendments to be made by Tina Kelley, Rules Coordinator, and to be reviewed by the board at the next meeting on November 29, 2023.

4. SOIL 500 - Conditional Approval

Motion:

Upon a motion by A. Fopiano and seconded by G. Howard approved to adopt rule Soil 500. Motion passed unanimously. Chair D. Burt to sign at the next board meeting on November 29, 2023.

VI. Exam Dates

A) Proposed dates for written exam:

March 18, 2024 and July 12, 2024

Motion:

Upon a motion by J. Long and G. Howard to approve the proposed dates for the written exam. Motion passed unanimously.

B) Proposed dates for field exam:

June 14, 2024 and September 13, 2024

Motion:

Upon a motion by G. Howard and C. Albert to approve the proposed dates for the field exam. Motion passed unanimously.

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.

Motion:

Upon a motion by J. Long and seconded by C. Albert to move into the non-public session at 10:42 AM. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VIII. Resume Public Session

Public session resumed at 11:11 AM

IX. Seal the Minutes of the Non-Public Session

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.

Motion:

Upon a motion by D. Burt and seconded by G. Howard to seal the non-public minutes. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

X. Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 9:00 am.

XI. Adjournment

Motion:

Upon a motion by D. Burt and seconded by J. Long to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously at 11:14 AM