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*BOARD OF NATURAL SCIENTISTS*

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**BOARD OF NATURAL SCIENTISTS  
PUBLIC SESSION  
MINUTES**

**November 29, 2023**

**I. Call to order**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Natural Scientists was held at 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH on November 29, 2023. Unless otherwise indicated, the members present and participating were:

Damon Burt, Wetland Scientist and Chair  
Abigail Fopiano, public member  
Gregory Howard, Soil Scientist member  
James Long, Soil Scientist member  
Christopher Albert, Wetland Scientist member – Absent  
Brianna Hutchinson, License Service representative  
Rahkiya Medley, Board Counsel  
Charlene Anstead, Board Administrator

Board Chair Damon Burt, opened the meeting at 9:07 am.

***Motion to commence 1<sup>st</sup> non-public session:***

***11:06 am.*** On motion of Abigail Fopiano and seconded by Gregory Howard, the Board voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct, natural scientist applications with irregularities and other confidential Board business and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3, II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, RSA 329:18, I, RSA 329:18-a, IV, RSA 329:29, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous roll call vote of all members present.



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***Motion to keep minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> non-public session confidential:***

*Upon the motion of Abigail Fopiano and seconded by James Long, the Board voted to withhold the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a board member and/or to render the proposed action ineffective and/or is not subject to public disclosure pursuant to RSA 329:18, I, RSA 329:18-a, IV or RSA 329:29. However, forty-eight hours after the mailing of any order, its respective vote shall automatically become public in accordance with RSA 329:18-a. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous roll call vote of all members present.*

**II. Approval of public minutes – October 11, 2023**

On a motion by Gregory Howard and seconded by Abigail Fopiano, the Board voted to approve the public minutes of the October 11, 2023 as written.

**III. Public appearances/hearings before the Board**

None

**IV. License applications**

On a motion by Gregory Howard and seconded by Abigail Fopiano, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to approve the following license(s) that were reviewed during non-public session:

Brien, Joshua  
Olver, Elizabeth

**V. Board administration/OPLC updates**

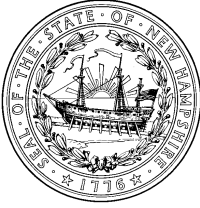
Board Administrator Charlene Anstead, introduced herself as the new administrator for the Board of Natural Scientists.

**VI. Old business**

None

**VII. New business**

None



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**VIII. Rules/Laws**

A. Rules with OPLC Rules Coordinator Tina Kelley

1. Soil 300's

On a motion by Gregory Howard and seconded by Damon Burt, the Board voted to approve the final proposal for Soil 300's as amended.

2. Soil 500's

On a motion by Abigail Fopiano and seconded by James Long, the Board voted to adopt the Soil 500's as written.

**IX. Legislation with Board Counsel**

Board Counsel Rahkiya Medley reviews pending legislation regarding zoom requirements and quorum.

Counsel Medley discussed Plc 313 license reciprocity. Board Chair Damon Burt communicated that reciprocity may not be viable in the Natural Science profession whereas New Hampshire law is quite disparate from other states.

**X. Adjourn**

On a motion by Abigail Fopiano and seconded by James Long, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to adjourn the public session at 12:23 pm.



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