



Natural Scientists: Public session minutes

Board of Natural Scientists
7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301
Wednesday 12/11/2024 9:00 to 12:00 pm

Members:

Damon Burt, Chair (DB)
Chris Albert, Vice Chair (CA)
Abigail Fopiano, Member (AF)
James Long, member (JL)
Gregory Howard, member (GH)
Jeffrey Lambe, member (JEL)

Staff:

Rahkiya Medley, Board Counsel
Charlene Anstead, Board Administrator

I. Call to order

Board Chair Damon Burt opened the meeting at 9:06 am.

II. Approval of public minutes: August 27, 2024

Motion:

Upon a motion by CA and seconded by DB while JEL abstained, the Board voted to approve the August 2024 minutes as written.

III. Public new business

- A. New member, Jeffrey Lambe - introduction
- B. Natural Scientists 2025 Meeting Schedule - take vote
 - January 10, 2025 – Special meeting to accommodate rules
 - March 12, 2025
 - June 11, 2025
 - September 10, 2025
 - December 10, 2025

Motion:

Upon a motion by CA and seconded by JL, the Board voted to approve the year 2025 meeting schedule.

- C. Natural Scientists written exam schedule - vote
 - Monday - March 10, 2025
 - Monday - July 14, 2025

Motion:

Upon a motion by CA and seconded by AF, the Board voted to approve the year 2025 Wetland Scientist written exam schedule.

In addition, the Board requested that the 2025 exam schedule be displayed on the OPLC website where it is easier for licensee's to locate; the Board requests that it be placed on the Natural Scientist's home page under "what's new."

- D. New Executive Director Deanna Jurius - introduction at 9:00 am
Introduction to Director of Enforcement, Sarah Rogers

The Board requested that Director Sarah Rogers attend their next scheduled meeting to give an update on any open and pending complaints, to include licensee's that have had issues with their audit and have yet to resolve matters.

IV. Rules with Tina Kelley at 9:30 am - public hearing

- A. Soil 300 - Initial Proposal

Motion:

Upon a motion by AF and seconded by CA, the Board voted to approve the Initial Proposal for Soil 300.

V. Non-public session

At 10:14 am, the Board voted to enter 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 AF and seconded by CA, the Board voted to enter non-public session.

VI. Seal minutes of non-public session

We the Board, vote to withhold and seal 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 to render the proposed action ineffective. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

Motion:

Upon a motion by DB and seconded by CA, the Board voted to seal the minutes of the non-public session.

VII. Adjourn

The Natural Scientists closed their December 2024 meeting at 11:11 am.