

**BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTISTS, WETLAND PROFESSIONALS
and GEOLOGISTS
MEETING MINUTES**

The Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists met on December 5, 2017, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

Citizens

Bennette Burks
Robin Jones
Molly Plautz

Geologists

David Spears
Drew Thomas

Soil Scientists

Larry Giannasi
(arrived 10:06 a.m.)
Tom Saxton

Wetland Delineators

Robin Bedenbaugh
Doug DeBerry
Keith Goodwin

Board members, Meade Anderson, Warren Dean, Angela Whitehead and Josh Laws were not present at the meeting.

Board staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Kathleen (Kate) R. Nobsch, Executive Director
Bonnie Davis, Administrative Assistant

Agency staff present for all or part of the meeting was:

Jay W. DeBoer, Director
Jessica Eldridge, Presiding Officer, Post-Adjudication and Licensing Section
Tyler Weimorts, Post-Adjudication and Licensing Specialist

No representative was present from the Office of the Attorney General.

Mr. Spears, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Ms. Nobsch stated that Mr. Dean and Mr. DeBerry send their regrets. As there was not a quorum present, non-action items were discussed by the Board.

Call to Order

Ms. Nobsch advised the Board of the emergency evacuation procedures.

**Emergency Evacuation
Procedures**

Ms. Nobsch introduced the audience: Jessica Eldridge, Presiding Officer, Post-Adjudication and Licensing Section, Tyler Weimorts, Post-Adjudication and Licensing Specialist, Mark Gribbin, Jordan Paschal, Brittany Utz, all with Joint Legislative Audit & Review Commission (JLARC). Ms. Nobsch expressed regrets from Mr. Anderson, Mr. Dean, and Ms. Whitehead, as they were unable to attend the meeting.

Introductions

There was no public comment.

Public Comment Period

Ms. Nosbisch recognized World Soil Day is today. She thanked all board members for their time and expertise devoted to their professions and the Board. Ms. Nosbisch noted that staff sent an email to all licensed soil scientists recognizing them on World Soil Day.

World Soil Day

Ms. Nosbisch reported the Fast Track has been filed. The Attorney General's office is reviewing the information at this time; then the information will be sent to the Department of Planning and Budget.

**Update on Regulation
Pertaining to Using the
Work of Another
Wetland Professional**

Mr. Giannasi arrived to the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Arrival of Board Member

Mr. DeBerry moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Bedenbaugh, Burks, DeBerry, Giannasi, Goodwin, Jones, Plautz, Saxton, Spears, and Thomas.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Burks moved to approve the minutes from the following meeting:

Approval of Minutes

- September 6, 2017, Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists
- September 6, 2017 Wetland Delineators Exam Review Committee

Mr. Thomas seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Bedenbaugh, Burks, DeBerry, Giannasi, Goodwin, Jones, Plautz, Saxton, Spears, and Thomas.

Regarding **File Number 2018-00516, Jeffrey Craig Todd**, the board members reviewed the record of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference, which consisted of the application file, transcripts and exhibits, and the Summary of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference as well as the Section's recommendation. Mr. Saxton moved to accept the recommendation of the presiding officer and deny Mr. Todd's application for wetland certification. Mr. Goodwin seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Burks, DeBerry, Giannasi, Goodwin, Jones, Plautz, Saxton, Spears, and Thomas. As the presiding board member, Mr. Bedenbaugh was not present for the discussion or vote.

**File Number 2018-00516,
Jeffrey Craig Todd**

Mr. Bedenbaugh reported that the Committee has not met since February.

**Wetland Delineation
Exam Review Committee
Update**

Mr. Thomas reported he attended the Fall ASBOG meeting. He stated that it was a very productive meeting. Erick Weiland of Arizona was elected President. There were 20 member states at the meeting.

ASBOG Meeting Update

Board members were provided financial statements for informational purposes. Ms. Nosbisch noted that the Board is in a solid financial position.

Review of Financial Statements

Mr. Spears provided the licensee counts as of November 1, 2017: Geologists 884, Soil Scientists 102, and Wetland Delineators 109. Mr. Giannasi requested staff to provide the number of registered Geologists In Training. The information will be provided at the next meeting on March 27, 2018.

Licensed Population

Ms. Nosbisch reported there is an overlap of meetings that were previously approved by the Board. Board members considered the following revised 2018 meeting dates:

Revised 2018 Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, March 27, 2018
- Wednesday, June 20, 2018 (revised)
- Wednesday, September 05, 2018
- Thursday, December 06, 2018

Mr. Giannasi moved to approve the revised 2018 meeting dates. Ms. Jones seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Bedenbaugh, Burks, Deberry, Giannasi, Goodwin, Jones, Plautz, Saxton, Spears, and Thomas.

Ms. Nosbisch informed board members that they will receive an email later this month from the Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council regarding their yearly statement of economic interests (SEI). Ms. Nosbisch stated that completion of the SEI form is a requirement for board members and that the online form must be completed by all board members between January 2018 and February 1, 2018.

Statement of Economic Interest

Mr. Thomas stated he believes it is beneficial to the profession to have required annual continuing education. Ms. Nosbisch noted that geologists are certified so continuing education is not required. Mr. Thomas stated that seven out of 32 states require continuing education; they are all licensing states. The Board discussed continuing education. Although continuing education is beneficial, it is not a requirement. For this to become a requirement, Virginia Code would need to be changed, and the trend is to deregulate rather than increase regulation.

Other Business – Continuing Education for Geologists

The Board recessed from 10:40 a.m. until 10:57 a.m.

Recess

Board members participated in mandatory Conflict of Interest Act training.


COIA Training

Mr. Giannasi announced that he read in the Richmond Times Dispatch that Ms. Nosbisch was honored by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) for her commitment to the architect profession and ensuring the health, safety and welfare of Virginians. Board members congratulated Ms. Nosbisch for this achievement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m. **Adjournment**



David Spears, Chair



Jay W. DeBoer, Secretary

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT**

TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government

1. Name: Bennette Burks
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists
4. Meeting/IFF Date: Board Meeting December 5, 2017

5. I have a personal interest in the following transaction:

Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction:

I declare that I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction:

I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

or

I did not participate in the transaction.

6. I **do not** have a personal interest in any transactions taken at this meeting.

Bennette D. Burks
Signature

12/5/2017
Date

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**TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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1. Name: Robin Jones
2. Title: Board Member
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N/A

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Robin Jones
Signature

12/5/17
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1. Name: Molly Plautz
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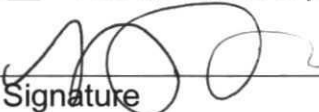
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2. Title: Board Member
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1. Name: R. Drew Thomas
2. Title: Board Member
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R. Drew Thomas
Signature

12.5.17
Date

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1. Name: Larry Giannasi
2. Title: Board Member
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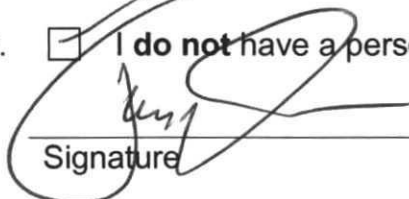
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- 1. Name: Tom Saxton
- 2. Title: Board Member
- 3. Agency: Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists
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1. Name: Robin Bedenbaugh
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists
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Robin L. Bedenbaugh
Signature

12/5/17
Date

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**TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government**

- 1. Name: Doug DeBerry
- 2. Title: Board Member
- 3. Agency: Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists
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1. Name: Keith Goodwin
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists
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Keith R. Goodwin
Signature

12/5/17
Date