

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

The Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists met on September 5, 2018, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

Citizens

Robin Jones
Molly Plautz

Geologists

David Spears

Soil Scientists

Larry Giannasi
Angela Whitehead

Wetland Delineators

Robin Bedenbaugh
Doug DeBerry

Board members, Meade Anderson (Geologist), Bennette Burks (Citizen), Warren "Ted" Dean (Geologist), Keith Goodwin (Wetland Delineator), and Drew Thomas (Geologist), were not present at the meeting with regrets.

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

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

Josh Laws, Assistant Attorney General, was present from the office of the Attorney General.

Mr. Giannasi, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

Call to Order

Mr. Giannasi advised the Board of the emergency evacuation procedures.

**Emergency Evacuation
Procedures**

Ms. Nobsch informed the Board that as there was not a quorum present for the meeting, agenda items needing a Board decision must be postponed until such time a quorum is present.

**Welcome, Introductions,
and Announcements**

Ms. Nobsch announced Mr. Goodwin, Chair, resigned effective immediately. As the chair has resigned, Mr. Giannasi, the vice chair, assumes the position of chair and a board member from the geologist profession will be elected vice-chair. Election of a vice chair will need to take place when a quorum is present.

Ms. Nobsch introduced Brittany Utz with the Joint Legislative Audit & Review Commission (JLARC) and Tyler Weimorts, Licensing Specialist, with Post Adjudication & Licensing.

Postponed until such time a quorum is present.

Approval of Agenda

Postponed until such time a quorum is present.

Approval of Minutes

There was no public comment.

Public Comment Period

Postponed until such time a quorum is present.

Review of File

**File Number 2018-02785,
James Osley Hatcher, Jr.**

Ms. Nosbisch reported that at the June 20, 2018 meeting, the Board requested continuing education (CE) requirements for other certified professionals overseen by DPOR. Certified Interior Designers and Natural Gas Automobile Mechanics and Technicians are the other certified professions overseen by DPOR, and they do not require continuing education.

Continuing Education

At the June 20, 2018 meeting, Mr. Thomas stated he would conduct an independent survey of fellow geologists to inquire about their position regarding CE. At this time, Mr. Thomas has not had an opportunity to complete the survey.

Mr. Giannasi stated at the June 20, 2018 meeting that he would contact Virginia Association of Professional Soil Scientists (VAPSS) to request legislation to change the Board's regulations to eight continuing education hours per year. He stated VAPSS's next meeting is in October.

Ms. Nosbisch reported Mr. Thomas will be representing the Board at the ASBOG annual meeting in October. ASBOG is requesting annual meeting topics to be submitted for discussion at that meeting.

ASBOG Annual Meeting

The review and approval of the Draft Proposal for Combining the Charter and Bylaws was postponed until such time a quorum is present.

Postponed until such time a quorum is present.

**ASBOG Exam
Administration**

Mr. Giannasi volunteered to serve on the Soils Professional Practice Exam Committee to review and update the Professional Practice exam. He stated the committee has not contacted him about a meeting date. Ms. Nosbisch thanked Mr. Giannasi for volunteering for the committee and informed the Board the next exam dates are November 16, 2018 and April 12, 2019.

CSSE Exam Update

Mr. Giannasi provided the licensee and certification counts as of August 1, 2018: Geologists 950, Soil Scientists 102, and Wetland Delineators 113.

**Licensed and Certified
Population**

Ms. Nobsisch reported that the Wetland Delineator proposed regulation prohibiting the use of work of another without written consent Fast Track is on the Governor's desk.

Regulatory Update

Discussion was held on HB 883, part of the red-tape regulatory reform, which directs DPB to administer a three-year regulatory reduction pilot program aimed at reducing by 25% the regulations and regulatory requirements, as defined in the bill, of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation and the Department of Criminal Justice Services by July 1, 2021. Ms. Nobsisch informed the Board a baseline of current regulations is to be established by October 1, 2018.

General Assembly Update

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

Review of Financial Statements

As a quorum was not present for the meeting, and agenda items requiring Board action could not be addressed, the Board agreed by consensus to address the seven action items, including the licensing case, at a special meeting to be held on September 12, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Other Business

Conflict of Interest forms and travel vouchers were completed by all Board members present.

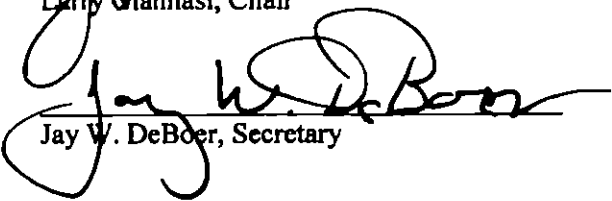
Conflict of Interest Forms / Travel Vouchers

As a quorum was not present, the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Adjournment



Larry Giannasi, 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: Robin Jones
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists
4. Meeting/IFF Date: Board Meeting September 5, 2018

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.

Carlyle Robinson Jones
Signature

9/5/18
Date

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9/5/19
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Angela C. Whitehead
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9/5/18
Date

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1. Name: David Spears
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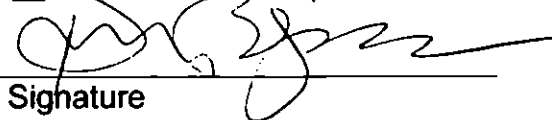
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9/5/2018
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**TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government**

- 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

9/5/18
Date

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1. Name: Doug DeBerry
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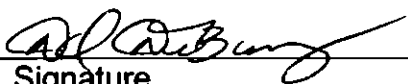
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9-5-2018
Date