

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

The Wetland Delineator Section of the Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists met on May 23, 2023 at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR), 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present for all or part of the meeting:

Wetland Delineators

Robin Bedenbaugh
Justin Brown
Doug Deberry

Demetrios Melis, Director, Kishore Thota, Chief Deputy Director, and Board Member, Robin Jones were not present at the meeting with regrets.

Staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Stephen Kirschner, LRPD Deputy Directory
Kathleen (Kate) R. Nosbisch, Executive Director
Bonnie Davis, Regulatory Operations Administrator

Josh Laws, Assistant Attorney General, was not present from the office of the Attorney General.

Ms. Nosbisch called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

Call to Order

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

**Emergency
Evacuation**

Ms. Nosbisch opened the floor for nominations for Chair to the Regulatory Review Committee. Mr. Deberry nominated Mr. Bedenbaugh as Chair. Mr. Bedenbaugh accepted the nomination. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. As there were no other nominations from the floor, Ms. Nosbisch closed the nominations. Mr. Bedenbaugh was approved Chair of the Committee by: Bedenbaugh, Deberry, and Brown.

**Election of
Committee Chair**

Mr. Deberry moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Brown seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by members: Bedenbaugh, Deberry, and Brown.

**Approval of
Agenda**

There was no one present for public comment.

**Public Comment
Period**

Ms. Nosbisch stated that DPOR is developing its legislative package for the Administration to consider for the 2024 General Assembly session and the information is due by May 26, 2023 for consideration.

**Statutes and
Regulatory Review**

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The Section completed a line-by-line review of the regulations and statutes using the Regulatory Review Matrix Flowchart in order to determine the relevance of each regulation. The Committee took into account the Universal Licensure Recognition statute which becomes effective July 1, 2023, when making changes to the statutes and regulations. Mr. Brown asked how the Board verifies the applicant has the experience in the field for three years. Ms. Nosbisch stated that DPOR is developing a process.

Ms. Nosbisch stated that Director Melis had stated at another board meeting that there may be another Agency deregulation bill put forward in the 2023 General Assembly Session.

The Committee took a recess from 11:36 a.m. to 11:46 a.m.

Recess

The Committee continued review of the statutes and regulations. Discussions took place regarding the definition of wetlands, qualifications for certification, qualifying experience, and qualifying for the exam. The Committee completed review of the statutes and regulations and agreed by consensus to present the changes to the regulations and statutes at the next Board meeting on June 27, 2023.

**Statutory and
Regulatory Review
continued**

There was no other business.

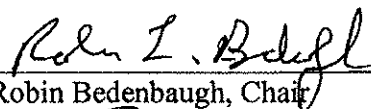
Other Business

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

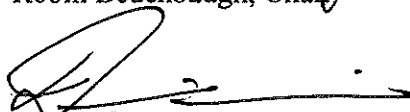
**Conflict of Interest
Forms/Travel
Vouchers**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Adjournment



Robin Bedenbaugh, Chair



Demetrios Melis, Secretary

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

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
4. Meeting/IFF Date: Regulatory Review Meeting May 23, 2023

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.



Signature

5-23-23

Date

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

TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government

- 1. Name: Justin Brown
- 2. Title: Board Member
- 3. Agency: Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists
- 4. Meeting/IFF Date: Regulatory Review Meeting May 23, 2023

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**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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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
- 4. Meeting/IFF Date: Regulatory Review Meeting May 23, 2023

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Robin L. Bedenbaugh
Signature

5/23/23
Date