

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

The Wetland Delineator Workgroup Section Committee of the Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists met on August 27, 2026, 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

Justin Brown
Emily Drahos
Emily Salkind

Soil Scientist

Alexis Jones

Geologist

John Pollard

Staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Steve Kirschner, LRPD Director
Kate Nosbisch, Executive Director
Summer Saunders, Licensing Operations Administrator
Kyle Mathews, Regulatory Operations Administrator
Davon Jones, Administrative Coordinator

Laura McClintock, Director, was not present with regret.

Members of the audience:

Robin Bedenbaugh, *Virginia Association of Wetland Professionals*
Thaddeus Kraskat, *Townes Site Engineering*
Elijah Wright, *Virginia Association of Wetland Professionals*

Mr. Brown called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order

Mr. Brown advised the Committee of the emergency evacuation and 9-1-1 procedures.

**Emergency
Evacuation**

Ms. Jones moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Drahos seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by members: Brown, Drahos, Salkind, Jones, and Pollard.

**Approval of
Agenda**

Mr. Bedenbaugh, Virginia Association of Wetland Professionals Certification Committee Chair, addressed the Committee regarding New Hampshire's wetland certification and asked the Board to reconsider whether it has a similar scope of practice to Virginia's PWD credential, citing differences in regional supplements and environmental conditions.

**Public Comment
Period**

Mr. Krasko addressed the Committee regarding New Hampshire's state-specific certification requirements and differing regional conditions. He encouraged the Board to reconsider the New Hampshire determination and clarify the ULR process for future applicants.

Mr. Wright addressed the Committee regarding PWD certifications issued through ULR before the Board formally reviewed the underlying out-of-state credentials. He requested clarification on those certifications and a consistent process for future ULR determinations.

**Public Comment
Period**

The Committee went into recess from 11:17 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.

Recess

Mr. Kirschner provided background regarding ULR, its statutory framework, and the Board's previous review of wetland credentials from other states. The Workgroup discussed ULR requirements, focusing on whether New Hampshire's wetland credential has a similar scope of practice to Virginia's PWD certification. Discussion included Virginia-specific competency, regional supplements, proposed statutory changes to clarify wetland delineation requirements, previously issued ULR certifications, and potentially adding professions regulated by the Board to the statutory list of professional services excluded from ULR.

**Universal
Licensing
Recognition (ULR)**

After a discussion, Ms. Jones moved to bring draft legislative amendments to §§ 54.1-2200, 54.1-2206, and 2.2-4301 of the Code of Virginia before the full Board at its next meeting. Ms. Drahos seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by members: Brown, Drahos, Salkind, Jones, and Pollard.

Ms. Jones moved that the Committee's previous decisions regarding ULR stand and that no retroactive action be taken against individuals previously certified through ULR. Ms. Salkind seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by members: Brown, Drahos, Salkind, Jones, and Pollard.

Ms. Salkind moved that all professions represented by the Board be added to the professional services list under the Virginia Public Procurement Act. Ms. Jones seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by members: Brown, Drahos, Salkind, Jones, and Pollard. Ms. Nosbisch will inquire as to how professions were included on the list to share at the next full board meeting.

Ms. Nosbisch informed the Committee about and discussed upcoming Board member training, appointments, vacancies, expiring terms, and the process for appointment or reappointment of Board members. Members were encouraged to identify qualified individuals who may be interested in serving on the Board.

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 1:20 p.m.

Adjourn


Justin T. Brown, Committee Chair
Laura V. McClintock, Secretary

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

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

1. Name: Justin T. Brown
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists
4. Meeting/IFF Date: Wetland Delineator Committee Meeting August 27, 2026

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

Date

10/6/2020

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

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

1. Name: Emily Drahos
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists
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Emily C. Drahos
Signature

10/06/2026
Date

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

TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government

1. Name: Alexis E. Jones
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists
4. Meeting/IFF Date: Wetland Delineators Workgroup Committee Meeting
August 27, 2026

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no

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8/21/2026

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

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

1. Name: John S. Pollard
2. Title: Board Member
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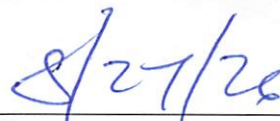
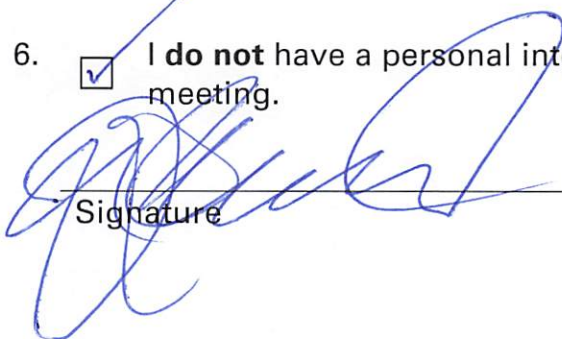
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**TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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1. Name: Emily Salkind
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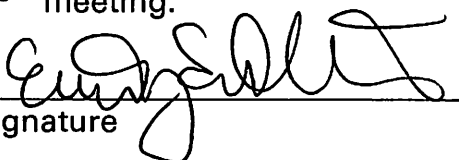
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09/27/2026
Date