

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

**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

The Virginia Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists held a public hearing on January 22, 2025, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR), 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, to receive public comment on proposed amendments to the regulations governing Certified Professional Wetland Delineators and the Geology Certification Program, as part of the general regulatory review, which were published in the Virginia Register on December 30, 2024, in Volume 41, Issue 10.

Board staff present:  
Kathleen Nosbisch, Executive Director  
Ecila Williams, Licensing Operations Administrator  
Jhustyna McBride-Dunn, Regulatory Operations Administrator  
Donna Divers, Administrative Coordinator

Ms. Nosbisch began the public hearing at 10:00 a.m. and read an introductory statement regarding the purpose and rules of the hearing.

**Commencement of Public Hearing**

**Public Comment Period** – There was no public comment. (transcript attached).

**Public Comment Period**

There being no further comment, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

**Adjournment**

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Justin T. Brown, Chair

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Brian P. Wolford, Secretary

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION  
BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTISTS, WETLAND  
PROFESSIONALS AND GEOLOGISTS

PUBLIC HEARING

RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL  
SOIL SCIENTISTS, WETLAND PROFESSIONALS AND GEOLOGISTS  
REGULATIONS

JANUARY 22, 2025  
SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE CENTER  
9960 MAYLAND DRIVE  
HENRICO, VIRGINIA 23233  
10:00 A.M.

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APPEARANCES :

PRESENT :

Kate Nosbisch, Executive Director  
Donna Divers, Administrative Coordinator  
Jhustyna McBride-Dunn, Regulatory Operations Administrator  
Ecila Williams, Licensing Operations Administrator

1 MS. NOSBISCH: Good afternoon. Excuse  
2 me. We'll start again. Good morning. I  
3 am Kate Nosbisch, Executive Director of the  
4 Board for Professional Soil Scientists,  
5 Wetland Professionals and Geologists. This  
6 is a public hearing, being held at the  
7 Department of Professional and Occupational  
8 Regulation in Richmond, Virginia. This  
9 hearing is pursuant to 54.1-310 of the Code  
10 of Virginia, for the purpose of receiving  
11 public comments on proposed amendments to  
12 the Board for Professional Soil Scientists,  
13 Wetland Professionals and Geologists, with  
14 the general review of regulations governing  
15 certified professional wetland delineators  
16 published in the Virginia Register on  
17 December 30, 2024, in Volume 41, Issue 10,  
18 and general review of regulations governing  
19 Geology Certification Program published in  
20 the Virginia Register on January 13, 2025,  
21 in Volume 41, Issue 11.

22 A few ground rules before we begin.  
23 The Board will receive comments from any  
24 member of the public who wishes to speak.  
25 Comments will be limited to five minutes.

1 If you have not signed up to speak and wish  
2 for your testimony to be heard today, please  
3 sign your name on the sign-in sheet at this  
4 time.

5 Anyone may speak in rebuttal to the  
6 comments of another speaker, and those  
7 comments will also be limited to five  
8 minutes. I will call for rebuttal comments  
9 when all speakers on the sign-up sheet have  
10 finished.

11 The panel may also ask speakers  
12 questions or request clarification of a  
13 statement. However, this is not the proper  
14 forum for questions to the Board. If you  
15 have any questions for the Board, please  
16 forward them in writing to the Board by  
17 email, fax or regular mail.

18 Any speaker who wishes to provide a  
19 written statement in addition to their oral  
20 testimony may do so and the written  
21 statement will be marked as an exhibit for  
22 this hearing.

23 Written comments not presented at this  
24 hearing will be accepted at the following  
25 address: Board for Professional Soil

1 Scientists, Wetland Professionals and  
2 Geologists, care of the Department of  
3 Professional and Occupational Regulation at  
4 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 400, Richmond,  
5 Virginia, 23233.

6 Comments may also be sent via fax to  
7 866-465-6206 or by email at:  
8 BPSSandWP@dpor.virginia.gov. Written  
9 comments will be accepted by the Board for  
10 Wetland Professionals until 5:00 p.m. on  
11 February 28, 2025, and written comments for  
12 the geology certification program will be  
13 accepted by the Board until 5:00 p.m., March  
14 14, 2025.

15 (Off the record.)

16 MS. NOSBISCH: Since there is no one in  
17 attendance today to provide comments on  
18 this regulation, I declare this public  
19 hearing closed. Thank you.


20 (The conference concluded at  
21 10:30 a.m.)  
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## 1 CERTIFICATE OF COURT REPORTER

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3 I, Holly M. Bush, hereby certify that  
4 I was the Court Reporter at the Public Hearing  
5 on proposed amendments to the Board for Professional  
6 Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists,  
7 heard in the County of Henrico, Virginia, on  
8 January 22, 2025, at the time of the hearing herein.

9 I further certify that the foregoing  
10 transcript is, to the best of my ability, a true and  
11 accurate record of the testimony and incidents of the  
12 hearing herein.

13 Given under my hand this 26th day of  
14 January, 2025.

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17 A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Holly Bush". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. Below the signature is a solid horizontal line.

18  
19 Holly M. Bush

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