

## BOARD FOR GEOLOGY

### MINUTES

The Board for Geology met on April 20, 2005 at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR), 3600 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. Thomas E. Rice, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM with the following members present:

Thomas E. Rice, Chairperson  
William S. Hastings, Jr.  
Robin E. Reed  
Katherine Shewey White  
Edward E. Erb

Present for either all or a portion of the meeting from the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation were:

Sandra Whitley Ryals, Chief Deputy Director  
Karen O'Neal, Deputy Director for LRD  
David Dick, Executive Director  
Adrienne Mayo, Office Manager

No member of the Attorney General's office was present.

Chairperson Rice welcomed Edward E. Erb, the new Virginia State Geologist, to the Board and introduced him to all present.

Mr. Hastings moved that the Board approve the agenda as prepared by staff. Ms. White seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the following members: Rice, Erb, Hastings, Reed and White. **Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Reed moved that the Board approve the minutes of its October 13, 2004 meeting. Mr. Hastings seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the following members: Rice, Erb, Hastings, Reed and White. **Approval of Minutes**

Chairperson Rice opened the floor for public comment. No members of the public were present. **Public Comment**

Applications were reviewed. **Review of Applications**

Ms. White moved that the Board approve the following applications:

Approve for Examination:

1. Scott Beaton
2. Steven Edlavitich

3. Jeffrey Knepper

Approve for Reinstatement:

1. Brian Bellis
2. Michael Landsman

Mr. Erb seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the following members: Rice, Erb, Hastings, Reed and White.

The Board agreed without dissent that the information contained in the following applications did not establish that the applicants met the entry requirements of the Code of Virginia and the Board for Geology Regulations:

Daniel Vellone's application by reciprocity based on his Geology License from Tennessee did not document that Mr. Vellone had completed the required number of geological science courses that would lead to a major in geology, as provided for in § 54.1-1403 B 2 of the Code of Virginia. The Board carefully considered a letter dated April 1, 2005 from Frank S. Spear, Professor and Chair, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, concerning the coursework completed by Mr. Vellone and concluded that Mr. Vellone has only had exposure to aspects of the required geological sciences courses that would lead to a major in Geology. The Board also considered whether Mr. Vellone was eligible to sit for the Board's examination and determined that he did not document that he is eligible to sit for the examination.

William Randall's application for reinstatement did not establish that he has passed a state geology examination. Mr. Randall may submit a complete application to determine whether he meets the current regulation's standards to sit for the examination.

Jean Swan-Ambrose's application for reinstatement did not establish that she had passed a state geology examination. Ms. Swan-Ambrose may submit a complete application to determine whether she meets the current regulation's standards to sit for the examination.

Wall Certificates were signed.

Wall Certificates

David Dick updated the Board on the status of the amendments to the Board's regulations. Final Regulations were filed with the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) on December 2, 2004. On April 19, 2005

Proposed Regulation  
Amendments

Mr. Dick communicated with DPB and received assurance of prompt action.

The Board took no action.

Ms. Reed delivered an oral report to the Board on her participation in the April 1 – 2, 2005 National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) Council of Examiners Workshop in Columbia, SC.

**April 2005 ASBOG  
Council of Examiners  
Workshop**

The Board took no action.

This item was tabled until the date of the next meeting.

**New Board Member  
Training**

The following Board Meetings have been scheduled:

**Scheduling Upcoming  
Board Meetings**


July 27, 2005  
October 12, 2005  
January 4, 2006  
April 5, 2006  
July 19, 2006  
October 18, 2006

Chairperson Rice asked the Board members to complete their conflict of interest forms and travel vouchers.

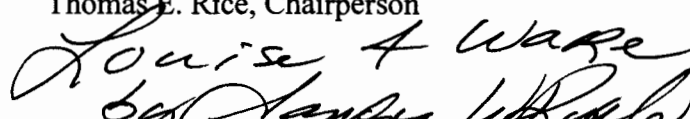
**Conflict of Interest Forms**

Chairperson Rice, finding no further business to conduct, adjourned the meeting at 12:20 P.M.

**Adjournment**



Thomas E. Rice, Chairperson



Louise Fontaine Ware, Secretary

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

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

1. Name: Thomas E. Rice
2. Title: Board Member - Geology
3. Agency: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation
4. Transaction: Board Meeting
5. Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction: None

6. I declare that:

(a) I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation, or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dated:

4/20/05

Signature:

Thomas E. Rice

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

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

1. Name: William S. Hastings, Jr.
2. Title: Board Member - Geology
3. Agency: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation
4. Transaction: Board Meeting
5. Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. I declare that:

(a) I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation, or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

4/21/05

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

William S. Hastings, Jr.

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

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

1. Name: Robin E. Reed
2. Title: Board Member - Geology
3. Agency: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation
4. Transaction: Board Meeting
5. Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. I declare that:

(a) I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation, or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Dated:

20 April 2005

Signature:

Robin E Reed

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

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

1. Name: Katherine Shewey White
2. Title: Board Member - Geology
3. Agency: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation
4. Transaction: Board Meeting
5. Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction: N/A

6. I declare that:

(a) I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation, or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction: \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

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

Dated: 4/20/05

Signature: Katherine S. White

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

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

- 1. Name: Edward E. Erb
- 2. Title: Board Member - Geology
- 3. Agency: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation
- 4. Transaction: Board Meeting
- 5. Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction: \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. I declare that:

(a) I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation, or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction: VA State Geologist

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

Dated:

4/20/05  
Edward E. Erb

Signature: