

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

The Geology Section of the Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists met on January 26, 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:

**Geologists**

Michael Lawless

Drew Thomas

Matt Heller

Demetrios Melis, Director, Kishore Thota, Chief Deputy Director, Stephen Kirschner, LRPD Deputy Director, and Board Member, Warren “Ted” Dean were not present at the meeting.

Staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

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.

Mr. Thomas, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Call to Order**

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

**Emergency  
Evacuation**

Ms. Nosbisch introduced the new ex officio Board member State Geologist Matt Heller. Staff and the board members introduced themselves.

**Welcome and  
Introductions**

Mr. Lawless moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Heller seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by members: Heller, Lawless, and Thomas.

**Approval of  
Agenda**

There was no one present for public comment.

**Public Comment  
Period**

Mr. Thomas stated the Section is aware of the deregulation of geologist bill and that the Section should recognize that as Board members we support the bill.

**Deregulation of  
Geologists**

Ms. Nosbisch discussed the upcoming ASBOG meeting: spring COE Workshop April 13-15, 2023, in Greenville, SC. Mr. Thomas stated he attended the fall Workshop. Staff will request travel approval for Mr. Lawless to attend the spring Workshop.

**2023 ASBOG  
Meeting Dates**

The Board completed a line-by-line review of the regulations using the Regulatory Review Matrix Flowchart in order to determine the relevance of each

**Regulations for  
the Geology**

regulation with Board Counsel. The Board reviewed regulation 18VAC145-40-10 through 18VAC145-40-60 during the first part of the meeting.

**Certification Program**

The Board took a recess from 11:22 a.m. to 11:30 a. m.

**Recess**

The Board continued to complete a line-by-line review of the regulations. The Board reviewed regulation 18VAC145-40-70 through 18VAC145-40-85. Regulatory Review will continue at the February 9, 2023 Geology Section meeting.

**Regulatory Review Continued**

There was no other business.

**Other Business**

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

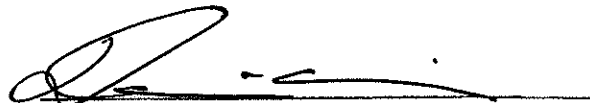
**Conflict of Interest Forms/Travel Vouchers**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

**Adjournment**



R. Drew Thomas, Chair



Demetrios Melis, Secretary

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

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

1. Name: Matt Heller
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists
4. Meeting/IFF Date: Geologist Section Regulatory Review January 26, 2023
5. I have a personal interest in the following transaction:

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Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction:

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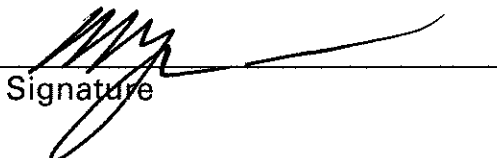
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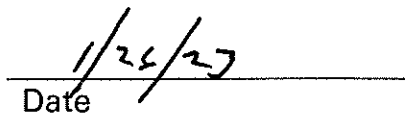
I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

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

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

TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
for Officers and Employees of State Government

1. Name: Michael D. Lawless
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists
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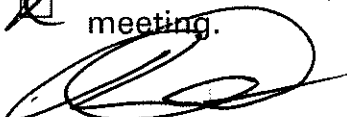
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Signature

1/26/23  
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Date

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

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

1. Name: R. Drew Thomas
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists
4. Meeting/IFF Date: Geologist Section Regulatory Review January 26, 2023

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R Drew Thomas  
Signature

1/26/2023  
Date