

Nebraska Board of Geologists  
**Board Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2024, 1:00 p.m.**  
215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln NE

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## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at 215 Centennial Mall S, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chairperson Martin called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and noted the location of the Open Meetings Act. Notice of the meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star and the Board's website in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

**Roll Call:** Michael O'Hara, Charles Joyce, Jeffrey Seymour, Doug Hallum, Ralph Martin, Nancy Mann; Absent: Harmon Maher; Charles Joyce

**Staff Present:** Diana Stahlnecker, Administrative Programs Officer (APO); Jean Lais, Administrative Programs Officer (APO); Allyson Bennett, Public Information Officer (PFO).

## PUBLIC COMMENT/APPOINTMENTS

Joyce joined the meeting at 1:08 pm

Mann was elected Chairperson, Seymour Vice-Chairperson, and Joyce Secretary. At the end of the meeting, the new officers assumed their duties.

*Motion by Mann, second by O'Hara, to approve the election of officers. Voting Yes: Hallum, Mann, Seymour, O'Hara, Joyce, Martin, Voting No: None; Absent: Maher*

## A. CONSENT AGENDA

[January 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes](#)

*Motion by Mann, second by Seymour, to approve the consent agenda. Voting Yes: Hallum, Mann, Seymour, O'Hara, Joyce, Martin, Voting No: None; Abstain: Hallum; Absent: Maher*

## B. MEETING REPORTS

[Nebraska Geological Society \(NGS\)](#)

Sometime between July and Aug, there will be a field trip to the Hastings area (a 2-day trip) to visit a flood project, hydrogen test hole, and geological stops. Up to six continuing education credits will be available for this trip. There will also be a trip in October, with more details to come.

NGS will also elect a new President this summer.

[Office/Staff](#)

APO Lais introduced Allyson Bennett, the Board of Engineers and Architects PIO, who joined the board in January.

APO Lais brought LB1417 to the members' attention. The bill combines/eliminates boards, commissions, and task forces across state government. The Board was not included in the bill, but she wanted the members to be aware of the possibility of combining boards in the future. The bill is still in committee, but it does not look like it will make it to the floor this legislative session.

## C. OLD BUSINESS

### Legislative

[Statute Revisions](#)

After discussion, the following additional statute revisions were made:

- 81-3507 – Revised to read: "Direct supervision means having professional knowledge and control over work that constitutes the practice of geology."

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- 81-3508 Revised to read: “Emeritus Geologist, means a professional geologist who relinquishes or does not renew such geologist’s license and who is approved by the board to use the honorary title of Professional Geologist Emeritus.”
- 81-3518 Revised to read: “Responsible charge means the management of the technical and financial aspects of geologic work through an organization.”
- 81-3539(5) Added the following and renumbers the remaining paragraphs:
  - (b) Verification of having fulfilled the requirements in subdivision (4) and other provisions of the Act;
  - (c) Verification of licensure in another jurisdiction in good standing; and

The members requested staff to develop language to be added to § 81-3539, which would allow an individual working in an exempted field defined in § 81-3541 for at least fifteen years and has thirty semester hours or forty-five quarter hours of coursework in the core courses defined in the rules and regulations.

*Motion by Hallum, second by Joyce, to approve the adding of an additional paragraph to § 81-3539. Voting Yes: Seymour, O’Hara, Joyce, Martin, Hallum, Mann; Voting No: None; Absent: Maher*

## **D. NEW BUSINESS**

**ASBOG – None**

**Other New Business**

[Strategic Plan Review](#)

At the January meeting, the members requested staff provide transportation and travel costs estimated for holding a board meeting in Chadron once a year. Estimated ground transportation costs were \$3,144 without any gas included. The estimate for using the state plane was \$4,712. The members would like the additional costs included in the 2025-27 biennium budget request.

*Motion by Joyce, second by Mann, to approve ground transportation costs into the October 2025 -2027 biannual budget. Voting Yes: Hallum, Seymour, O’Hara, Joyce, Martin, Mann; Voting No: None; Absent: Maher*

**E. COMPLIANCE – None**

## **F. APPLICATIONS**

[Core Course Equivalency Chart and Rationale](#)

The Core Course Equivalence Chart and Rationale were provided.

**Administratively Approved**

[Certificates of Authorization – None](#)

[Temporary Permits – None](#)

**Licensure/Examinations**

[Licensure from Other Jurisdictions](#)

**Approved:** Sarah Fees

[Licensure by Experience](#)

**Approved:** Derek Hodnett

[Licensure by Reinstatement - None](#)

[FG Exam Approvals](#)

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**Approved:** Jenna Jaworski, and Thomas Kokjer

[FG/PG Exam Approvals - None](#)

[PG Exam Approvals - None](#)

*Motion by Joyce, second by Mann, to approve the applications. Voting Yes: Hallum, Seymour, O’Hara, Joyce, Martin, Mann; Voting No: None; Absent: Maher*

## **G. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **Financial Reports – January, February, March**

[Budget Status Report](#)

[MTD General Ledger Detail Reports](#)

[Fund Summary Reports](#)

[FY23-24 Financial Profile](#)

*Motion by Martin, second by Joyce, to approve the financial reports as presented. Voting Yes: Hallum, Seymour, O’Hara, Joyce, Martin, Mann; Voting No: None; Absent: Maher*

### **Other Financial Matters**

[Administrative Service Contract](#)

The contract between the Board of Engineers and Architects (NEBA) provides administrative services to the Board. Staff time spent on NEBOG was averaged over the last three calendar years. The resulting percentage is applied to the appropriated expenses for the contract period and the cost of travel to the National Association of Boards of Geology (ASBOG) annual meetings. The cost for the FY 2024-25 contract is \$18,383, to be billed on a quarterly basis. Additional services provided outside the provided services list will be charged at a weighted hourly rate of \$22.299 and must have signed approval by both boards before work begins. The contract reflects a \$274 increase over the FY2023-24 contract.

*Motion by Martin, second by Joyce, to approve the FY2024-25 Administrative Service Contract with the Board of Engineers and Architects. Voting Yes: Hallum, Seymour, O’Hara, Joyce, Martin, , Mann; Voting No: None; Absent: Maher*

[Additional Tasks](#)

The board discussed increasing the following fees during the next Rules revisions, hopefully in the summer of 2025:

- License renewal fees to \$75.00; Late Fees would be increased to \$7.50/month up to \$75.00
- Certificate of Authorization applications to \$200.00
- Certificate of Authorization renewals to \$150.00
- Temporary permits to \$200.00

No action was taken and further discussion will take place during the finalizing of the rules revisions.

## **H. GENERAL INFORMATION**

[Board Meeting Schedule](#)

A schedule of upcoming meetings and events was provided. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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**Trends in Licensure**

*Numbers as of March 31, 2024*

Professional Geologists .....	290
Certificates of Authorization .....	65
Temporary Permits.....	0

**Other Information**

**FG/PG Exam Results**

The results for the October 2023 ASBOG exams were provided.

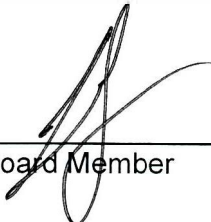
**Website Dashboard Report**

January Total Visits.....	302
February Total Visits.....	279

The approved Board policies as of January 20, 2021, were provided.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Martin, a second by Seymour, to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m.*

  
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Board Member

*7-10-24*  
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Date