

Nebraska Board of Geologists
Board Meeting Notes Agenda – October 9, 2024, 1:00 p.m.
215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln NE

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at 215 Centennial Mall S, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chairperson Martin called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m. and noted the location of the Open Meetings Act. Per the Open Meetings Act, a meeting notice was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on September 25, 2024, and on the Board's website.

Roll Call: Nancy Mann, Chairperson; Jeffrey Seymour, Vice-Chairperson; Cara Burberry; Douglas Hallum; Michael O’Hara; Absent: Charles Joyce, Secretary; Ralph Martin

Staff Present: Jean Lais, Administrative Programs Officer (APO)

Hallum was appointed secretary in Joyce's absence.

PUBLIC COMMENT/APPOINTMENTS

No members of the public were present.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

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

[August 28, 2024, Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion by O'Hara, second by Hallum, to approve the July 10, 2024, minutes as amended. Voting Yes: Martin, O'Hara, Seymour, Burberry; Hallum; Joyce; Mann; Voting No: None; Absent: Joyce, Martin

Motion by Hallum, second by Seymour, to approve the August 28, 2024, minutes as amended. Voting Yes: O'Hara, Seymour, Burberry; Hallum; Mann; Voting No: None; Absent: Joyce, Martin

B. MEETING REPORTS

[Nebraska Geological Society..... Hallum](#)

Burberry was elected as the new society president and will serve a two-year term. The annual meeting held on September 15, 2024, went well with good student participation. The society's next meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2024, in Waterloo.

[Office/Staff..... Lais](#)

APO Lais reported that renewals are scheduled to launch in the new database on November 1, 2024. She also informed the members the Board of Engineers and Architects (NBEA) has hired a new Compliance Assistant, Lilliana Irvine. She joined the NBEA staff on August 28, 2024, and will assist Compliance Officer Habe with compliance investigations and reviews.

C. OLD BUSINESS

Legislative

[Bill Sponsor Update.....Hallum/Lais](#)

Hallum was not able to meet with Senator Jacobson in September and has emailed him to inquire if he would be willing to sponsor the revisions to the Geologist Regulation Act bill. APO Lais contacted the bill drafter on September 24, 2024, and was informed the draft should be available within a couple of weeks.

Other Old Business – None

D. NEW BUSINESS

ASBOG

[2024 Annual Meeting and Fall COE Workshop – October 22-26, 2024 – Fort Collin, CO](#)

Meeting information was provided for the upcoming fall ASBOG meetings.

[Slate of Officers](#)

Keith Rapp, MN – President
Elyn Potter, MO – President Elect
Craig Smith, IA – Treasurer
Lee Florea, WA – Secretary
Rachel Kirkman, NC – Past President

Motion by Seymour, second by Burberry, to authorize the voting delegate to vote in favor of the proposed slate of officers. Voting Yes: O’Hara, Seymour, Burberry; Hallum; Mann; Voting No: None; Absent: Joyce, Martin

[Amended/Proposed Budgets](#)

Motion by Hallum, second by Seymour, to authorize the voting delegate to vote in favor of the proposed budget. Voting Yes: O’Hara, Seymour, Burberry; Hallum; Mann; Voting No: None; Absent: Joyce, Martin

[2023 Annual Meeting Minutes-Draft](#)

Motion by O’Hara, second by Burberry, to authorize the voting delegate to vote to approve the 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes. Voting Yes: O’Hara, Seymour, Burberry; Hallum; Mann; Voting No: None; Absent: Joyce, Martin

[NEBOG Annual Report](#)

A copy of the submitted NEBOG annual report was provided.

Legislative

[Title 171 NAC – Chapter 1 Revisions](#)

Per the discussion at the August 2024 meeting, staff provided a draft revision of the Board's rules related to the fee increase entered into the 2025-2027 Biennium Budget request to support the increase in operating and travel expenses. The following revisions are being made.

- 1.4.1 The following fees are being increased:

○ Reciprocal License Application Fee	\$100	\$150
○ Certificate of Authorization Application Fee	\$100	\$200
○ Temporary Permit Fee	\$175	\$250
○ License Renewal Fee	\$65	\$100
○ Late Renewal Fee	\$6.50	\$10.00 per month
○ Certificate of Authorization Renewal Fee	\$100	\$200
○ Exam Seat Reservation Fee	\$35	

- 1.4.2 is being deleted as licenses issued after October 1st of a given year will have an initial first expiration of the following year. The remaining sections are being renumbered

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- 1.4.7 is being revised to remove the sentence related to exam seat reservation fees being non-transferable, as the fee are no longer collected.
- 1.7 is being revised to allow the licensee or application to change their contact information via their account in the new database. A written request will no longer be needed, as they will be able to make the changes themselves.

The board hopes to promulgate and implement the revisions by July 1, 2025. The next step is to publish them and schedule a hearing before the January 8, 2025, board meeting.

Motion by O'Hara, second by Seymour, to approve the rules revisions and schedule a hearing for January 8, 2025. Voting Yes: O'Hara, Seymour, Burberry; Hallum; Mann; Voting No: None; Absent: Joyce, Martin

Other New Business

[Strategic Plan Review](#)

A copy of the strategic plan approved at the August 2024 meeting was provided. At the members' request, a copy of the *Core Course Equivalency Chart* was provided for review. The members added Geophysics to the *Stratigraphy/Sedimentology/Soils* and *Structural Geology* core course groups with a footnote that the course can only satisfy one or the other. Geographic Information System/Remote Sensing was added to the *Field Geology* group. The chart will be reviewed on an annual basis at the April meeting.

Motion by Hallum, second by Burberry, to add Geophysics and GIS/Remote Sensing to the Core Course Chart as discussed. Voting Yes: Martin, O'Hara, Seymour, Burberry; Hallum; Joyce; Mann; Voting No: None

As discussed at the August 2024 meeting, staff provided a draft letter to be sent to senators after each November election. The initial letter will be sent to all senators and newly elected senators each year after that.

The Board formed a committee consisting of Chair Mann, Burberry, and Hallum to review and finalize the letter to be sent sometime after the November elections and the beginning of the 2025 legislative session. Beginning in 2025, the letter will be sent to newly elected senators after the November elections. The letter will be reviewed annually for revisions at the April or July meeting.

Motion by Seymour, second by Hallum, to form a committee with Burberry, Mann, and Hallum as members to revise and finalize the letter to senators. Voting Yes: O'Hara, Seymour, Burberry; Hallum; Mann; Voting No: None; Absent: Joyce, Martin

[Revision to Board Policy G-P04.02](#)

Staff is proposing a revision to the *Service Recognition Policy*, G-P04-02, to accommodate the increase in the cost of the service award from \$100 to \$150 presented to departing board members and other individuals for their service to the Board. The Department of Administrative Services, Personnel Division, approved the change on September 16, 2024.

Motion by Hallum, second by Seymour, to approve the revision to Policy G-P04.02. Voting Yes: O'Hara, Seymour, Burberry; Hallum; Mann; Voting No: None; Absent: Joyce, Martin

[Revision to Board Policy G-P08.01](#)

As discussed at the August 2024 meeting and the staff's recommendation, the *Cash Reserve Policy*, G-P08.01, is being revised to lower the cash fund reserve from two times the appropriated expenses to one and a half times. As the board no longer proctors the exams, the Board will no longer need to possibly defend any legal action due to an exam security breach.

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Motion by O'Hara, second by Hallum, to approve the revision to Policy G-P08.01. Voting Yes: O'Hara, Seymour, Burberry; Hallum; Mann; Voting No: None; Absent: Joyce, Martin

E. COMPLIANCE – None

F. APPLICATIONS

The Core Course Equivalency Chart and Rationale were provided.

Administratively Approved

Certificates of Authorization – *None*

Temporary Permits – *None*

Licensure/Examinations

Licensure from Other Jurisdictions

Approved: John Phillip DeLoatch, Curtis Leighton Nunn

Licensure by Experience – *None*

Licensure by Reinstatement – *None*

FG Exam Approvals

Approved: Andres James Arias, Fahad Majow Qassim

FG/PG Exam Approvals – *None*

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

G. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Financial Reports – July, August, September

Budget Status Report

MTD General Ledger Detail Reports

Fund Summary Reports

FY24-25 Financial Profile

APO Lais reported that as of September 30, 2024, 25% of the fiscal year had elapsed, 30.5% of the appropriated expenses had been used, and 4% of the projected revenue had been received. The Cash Fund balance was \$43,373.96, which is \$8,568 lower than last year.

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

Other Financial Matters – None

H. GENERAL INFORMATION

A schedule of upcoming meetings and events was provided. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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The January meeting was rescheduled to January 15th to accommodate members who could not attend on January 8th.

Trends in Licensure

Numbers as of October 2, 2024

Professional Geologists	296
Certificates of Authorization	61
Temporary Permits.....	0

Other Information

Website Dashboard Report

July Total Visits	40
August Total Visits	0
September Total Visits.....	0

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mann adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Board Member