

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

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**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	<del>\$100</del>	<a href="#">\$150</a>
○ Certificate of Authorization Application Fee	<del>\$100</del>	<a href="#">\$200</a>
○ Temporary Permit Fee	<del>\$175</del>	<a href="#">\$250</a>
○ License Renewal Fee	<del>\$65</del>	<a href="#">\$100</a>
○ Late Renewal Fee	<del>\$6.50</del>	<a href="#">\$10.00 per month</a>
○ Certificate of Authorization Renewal Fee	<del>\$100</del>	<a href="#">\$200</a>
○ <del>Exam Seat Reservation Fee</del>	<del>\$35</del>	
  
- 1.4.2 is being deleted as licenses issued after October 1<sup>st</sup> 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 15, 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 15<sup>th</sup> to accommodate members who could not attend on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**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

