Board Meeting Minutes – October 1, 2025, 1:00 pm

215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln NE

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at 215 Centennial Mall S, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chairperson Seymour 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 October 1, 2025, and on the Board's website.

Roll Call: Jeffrey Seymour, Chairperson; Cara Burberry, Secretary; Douglas Hallum; Nancy Mann; Donna Matlock; Michael O'Hara; Absent: David Miesbach

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

PUBLIC COMMENT/APPOINTMENTS

A. CONSENT AGENDA

April, July, Meeting Minutes

The April and July meeting minutes were provided and reviewed.

> *Motion by Hallum, second by Mann, to approve April and July meeting minutes as provided. Voting Yes: Burberry, Hallum, Mann, Matlock, O'Hara, Seymour; Voting No: None; Absent: Miesbach*

B. MEETING REPORTS

Office/Staff

APO Gressley informed the Board of the upcoming ASBOG annual meeting in Salt Lake City Utah.

Burberry mentioned the NGS meeting on September 14th, 2025, at Schramm Park.

C. OLD BUSINESS

Legislative

Adoption of Title 171 Revisions

Discussion over the proposed revisions was held earlier on the afternoon of October 1st, 2025, at the Public Rules Hearing.

> *Motion by Matlock, second by Mann, to adopt rules revisions as discussed. Voting Yes: Burberry, Hallum, Mann, Matlock, O'Hara, Seymour; Voting No: None; Absent: Miesbach*

Other Old Business – *None*

D. NEW BUSINESS

Legislative

Creation and Review of Law Exam

A copy of the 2018 Law Exam draft was provided. The Board decided to create an Ad Hoc committee to review and formulate questions for the law exam.

> *Motion by O'Hara, second by Hallum, to create AD Hoc committee with Cara, Doug and Nancy. Voting Yes: Burberry, Hallum, Mann, Matlock, O'Hara, Seymour; Voting No: None; Absent: Miesbach*

ASBOG

ASBOG Annual Meeting Documents

The ASBOG Administrator Workshop, Annual Meeting, and Fall COE Workshop will be held in Salt Lake City, UT, on October 14-18, 2025. APO Gressley with Vice-Chairperson Burberry will attend the Annual Meeting and Burberry is the Voting Delegate for the meeting. Mann will attend the COE Workshop. Mann will serve as an alternate delegate to the Annual Meeting.

NEBOG Annual Summary Report

A copy of the NEBOG Annual Summary Report was provided.

Slate of Officers Vote

The Board discussed and voted on the slate of delegates.

Motion by Hallum, second by Mann, to approve the voting delegate to vote on behalf of the Board in favor of the slate of officers at the ASBOG annual meeting; Voting Yes: Burberry, Hallum, Mann, Matlock, O'Hara, Seymour; Voting No: None; Absent: Miesbach

Budget Vote

The Board discussed and voted on the ASBOG budget.

Motion by Hallum, second by Mann, to approve the voting delegate to vote in favor on behalf of the Board of the budget resolution at the ASBOG annual meeting; Voting Yes: Burberry, Hallum, Mann, Matlock, O'Hara, Seymour; Voting No: None; Absent: Miesbach

Other New Business

UNL Proposed Budget Cuts and Discussion

A copy of a letter of support for the UNL Geology department was provided to the Board and further discussion over the matter was held. Member Burberry asked the Board to provide a letter of support to include an explanation that the UNL geology program is valuable to the State of Nebraska. The elimination of the geology department would affect geology education requirements for Board licensure. Member Hallum updated the Board with other letters that outside organizations are going to provide to the UNL academic planning committee. The letter needs to be submitted before the portal closes on October 13th, 2025. APO Lais mentioned that the letter would need to be over the availability of an education member on the Board. Burberry indicated that if the Geology program at UNL was eliminated the state would lose all gradate geology programs.

Motion by Hallum, second by Burberry, to create and authorize an Ad Hoc committee to formulate a letter and submitting to the UNL academic planning committee regarding the Boards concerns over the elimination of the geology program at UNL. Voting Yes: Burberry, Hallum, Mann, Matlock, O'Hara, Seymour; Voting No: None; Absent: Miesbach

Emeritus Board Member Discussion

A discussion was held over an emeritus board member. Emeritus Board Members cannot vote on Board matters. Charles Joyce made public comments concerning his desire to join the Board as an emeritus member. Hallum acknowledged that he has no objections to Chuck as an emeritus member, however that the State cannot reimburse his expenses incurred as an emeritus member.

Motion by Hallum, second by Burberry, to approve Charles Joyce as an emeritus board member as of October 1st 2025; Voting Yes: Burberry, Hallum, Mann, Matlock, O'Hara, Seymour; Voting No: None; Absent: Miesbach

E. COMPLIANCE – *None*

F. APPLICATIONS

The Core Course Equivalency Chart and Rationale were provided.

Administratively Approved

Certificates of Authorization –

Approved: Burberry GeoSolutions LLC; Weston Solutions, Inc.

Temporary Permits - *None*

Licensure/Examinations

Licensure from Other Jurisdictions-

Approved: None

Deferred: Gregory Adam Schnaar – The Board requested additional information and documentation to support that he has taken coursework in petrology/petrography, mineralogy, or structural geology. The Board could only determine that he has taken coursework in 4 of the five core courses. Further information was requested, however not provided in time for the October meeting. Schnaar has said he is working to provide that information.

Licensure by Experience – *None*

Licensure by Reinstatement

Approved: Scott Carney

FG Exam Approvals – *None*

FG/PG Exam Approvals - *None*

PG Exam Approvals

Approved: Osmin Monroy; Alessandra Sealander

> *Motion by Mann, second by Matlock, to approve the applications as presented and reviewed except for Gregory Schnarr. Voting Yes: Hallum, Mann, Matlock, Seymour; O'Hara; Voting No: None; Absent: Miesbach; Abstain: Burberry*

G. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Financial Reports – July, August, September 2025

Budget Status Report
MTD General Ledger Detail Reports
Fund Summary Reports
FY24-25 Financial Profile

APO Lais reported that 28% of the appropriated expenses were used for Q1 of the Fiscal Year, with 5% of the projected revenue being received, which is typical. The Cash Fund was $38,790, approximately $4,600 less than last year. With the beginning of the renewal period starting the Cash Fund should start to increase. Renewals open today.

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

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 7, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Spring FG & PG Results

A copy of the spring FG and PG results was provided and reviewed.

Other Information

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Seymour adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

Board Member