CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at 215 Centennial Mall S, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chairperson Burberry called the meeting to order at 1:01 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: Cara Burberry, Chairperson; Donna Matlock, Vice-Chairperson; David Miesbach, Secretary; Michael O'Hara; Nancy Mann; Absent: Douglas Hallum; Jeffrey Seymour; Charles Joyce, Emeritus Member

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

PUBLIC COMMENT/APPOINTMENTS

No members of the public were present.

A. STRATEGIC PLANNING

Mission Statement and Operating Philosophy

The mission statement and operating philosophy were reviewed. No revisions were made.

Student Outreach

No revisions were made to this item.

Professional and Public Education

A senator's letter was created and sent to the senators for the first time in 2025. It was sent to all senators in the first year. Starting in 2026, it will be sent only to new senators after the November elections and before the next legislative session begins in January. The letter is reviewed yearly for any needed revisions.

Common Practice Areas and Cooperative Agreements

No revisions were made to this item.

Continued Cooperation with ASBOG

No revisions were made to this item.

Core Course Equivalency Chart Revisions

A committee was formed in April to review the Equivalency Chart and Course Rationale. They hope to have suggested revisions ready for review at the October 2026 meeting.

Geologists Regulation Act Revision Review

Revisions to the Geologists Regulation Act were enacted through LB38 2025 and became effective on September 3, 2025. The ensuing revisions to the rules and regulations under Title 171 NAC became effective on December 24, 2025. As a result, the item is being revised to indicate that the Board will monitor and review for possible revisions going forward.

Creation of An Exam on the Act and Rules

With the passage of LB38 2025, the Board may now require an exam to be passed covering the statutes, rules, and regulations. A committee was formed in April 2026 to develop the exam. The committee has provided a draft copy of the exam.

After discussion, it was concluded that question 16, regarding what constitutes a quorum for meetings, should be removed. The exam will have 16 questions. To pass, a minimum of 13 questions must be answered correctly. APO Lais will bring a draft to the October 2026 meeting.

Motion by Matlock, second by Miesbach, to approve the exam as presented and discussed on the statutes, and rules and regulations. Voting Yes: Mann, Matlock, Miesbach, O'Hara, Burberry; Voting No: None; Absent: Hallum, Seymour

Motion by Mann, second by Matlock, to approve the revisions as presented and discussed to the Strategic Plan. Voting Yes: Mann, Matlock, Miesbach, O'Hara, Burberry; Voting No: None; Absent: Hallum, Seymour

B. 2027-2029 BIENNIUM BUDGET REQUEST

An overview of the budget submittal process was provided, and the spreadsheet used. APO Lais outlined the issues addressed in the submittal. These include a projected 3% increase in the administrative services contract with the Board of Engineers and Architects (NBEA), a decrease in Department of Administrative Services (DAS) fees, an increase in operating expenses to cover unexpected expenses not covered under other areas, and an increase in travel expenses to allow for the Board to hold one meeting a year in Western Nebraska.

A discussion was held on whether funds should be allocated to cover booth costs at professional meetings and university outreach. The Board has historically allocated $225.00 per year. After the discussion, it was decided to move the amount to other operating expenses, with the total request of $525.00.

A discussion was held on whether funds should be allocated to legal-related expenses. The expenses would cover items such as a court reporter at a hearing, copying charges, notary fees, and court costs, etc. The Board has historically had $150 in this code for unexpected charges. After the discussion, it was determined not to request any funding during the biennium.

After discussion, it was decided to remove the request for travel expenses to hold one regular board meeting in Chadron. The Board will revisit the request for the 2029-2031 biennium budget request.

The overall request is $40,162 for FY2027-28, and $40,982 for FY2028-29. That is approximately a 3.4% and 2% increase, respectively.

Motion by O'Hara, second by Miesbach, to approve the 2027-2029 Biennium Budget request as presented and discussed. Voting Yes: Mann, Matlock, Miesbach, O'Hara, Burberry; Voting No: None; Absent: Hallum, Seymour

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Burberry adjourned the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

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Board Member