

**STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR GEOLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: March 6, 2020
Meeting Location: Central Conference Room, State of Maine - Gardiner Annex, Northern Avenue,
Gardiner, Maine

Time Meeting Began: 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robert Marvinney called the meeting to order.

The following members were present:

Robert Marvinney
David Rocque
Irwin Novak
Ivan Fernandez
Daniel Bernier
Keith Taylor
Johanna Szillery

The following members were absent: None

Staff Present: Catherine Carroll, Board Administrator
Mary Lord, Licensing Supervisor
Breanna Spencer, Board Clerk

AAG Present: Samantha Morgan, Esq.

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made to re-elect Robert Marvinney as board chairman.

Motion: David Rocque
Second: Ivan Fernandez
Motion Carried

III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL

A motion was made to add to the agenda a discussion on interpreting a provision in §4909 and informing licensees that the amended statute refers to them as licensed rather than certified.

Motion: Ivan Fernandez
Second: Daniel Bernier
Motion Carried

IV. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of the February 1, 2019 meeting.

Motion: David Rocque
Second: Ivan Fernandez
Motion Carried

V. INTERPRETATION OF §4909 AND LICENSE DESIGNATION

A motion was made clarifying that the language in §4909 allows persons to take a national fundamentals examination and Maine local examination after having completed a degree or in the final year of a degree program.

Motion: Keith Taylor
Second: Irwin Novak
Motion Carried

A motion was made to have staff notify licensees of the change in designation of a geologist and soil scientist from certified to licensed. Keith Taylor will notify the Maine Department of Environmental Protection that Ch. 691 - Underground Storage Tanks, of the land and water bureau's rules uses the term "certified" geologists rather than as "licensed".

Motion: Keith Taylor
Second: Ivan Fernandez
Motion Carried

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made to go into executive session at 9:50 a.m. for consultation between the Board and its attorney concerning its legal rights and duties, with respect to processing complaints. 1 M.R.S. § 405(6)(E).

Motion: David Rocque
Second: Ivan Fernandez
Motion Carried

A motion was made to have Samantha Morgan present a draft Delegation Order based on the board's discussion for the next meeting.

Motion: Daniel Bernier
Second: Ivan Fernandez
Motion Carried

VII. BOARD ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Catherine Carroll reported that C.285 is law as of September 19, 2019 and that the online examination application reflecting the current requirements is in production. To date no applicant has submitted a request to be qualified under the current law. Catherine distributed

Commissioner Head's report presented to IDEAB subcommittee on March 3, 2020 on barriers to credentialing and informed the board that she will be charged with possibly making changes to the statutes and rules in the 130th regular session to accommodate foreign examination and licensing applications. There is a "new Mainer" with foreign credentials taking the ASBOG this month. Catherine expressed interest in engaging the board's subject matter experts in consultation with the department's examination vendor in developing and administering the Maine local geologist exam and Maine soil science professional practice exams. Catherine provided basic numbers on the board's budget (expenditures and revenues), licensing pools and examination candidates.

VIII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None from the public.

IX. ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn at 11:30a.m.

Motion: David Rocque
Second: Daniel Bernier
Motion Carried