

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

Meeting Date: July 26, 2023

Meeting Location: 221 State St., Augusta, ME & by remote access pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §403-A.

Time Meeting Began: 9:07 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Johanna Szillery called the meeting to order.

The following members were present:

Johanna Szillery
Stephen Dickson
Irwin Novak
Ivan Fernandez
Keith Taylor
Matthew Boucher

The following members were absent:

None

There are 6 board members present, which constitutes a quorum.

Staff Present:

Matthew Kaply, Board Manager
Matthew Fournier, Board Staff
Karen Ross, Licensing Supervisor

AAG Present: Samantha Morgan

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made to nominate and re-elect Johanna Szillery as board chair.

Motion: Ivan Fernandez

Second: Irwin Fernandez

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained
Johanna Szillery			X
Stephen Dickson	X		
Irwin Novak	X		
Ivan Fernandez	X		
Keith Taylor	X		
Matthew Boucher	X		

Motion Carried

III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL

A motion was made to approve the agenda, as amended. The amendment was to add Item X. BOARD MANAGER’S REPORT, to the agenda.

Motion: Ivan Fernandez
Second: Stephen Dickson

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained
Johanna Szillery	X		
Stephen Dickson	X		
Irwin Novak	X		
Ivan Fernandez	X		
Keith Taylor	X		
Matthew Boucher	X		

Motion Carried

IV. REVISED REMOTE PARTICIPATION

A motion was made to adopt the draft policy, as modified. The modification removes restrictions on circumstances in which board member participation can be remote.

Motion: Keith Taylor
Second: Ivan Fernandez

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained
Johanna Szillery	X		
Stephen Dickson	X		
Irwin Novak	X		
Ivan Fernandez	X		
Keith Taylor	X		
Matthew Boucher	X		

Motion Carried

V. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2023 meeting.

Motion: Ivan Fernandez

Second: Stephen Dickson

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained
Johanna Szillery	X		
Stephen Dickson	X		
Irwin Novak	X		
Ivan Fernandez	X		
Keith Taylor	X		
Matthew Boucher	X		

Motion carried

VI. LICENSE APPLICATION REVIEW

A. *GE Jesse Latriano - Soil Scientist (Licensed in NC)*

A motion was made to grant partial reciprocity and to have the applicant take the local exam..

Motion: Ivan Fernandez

Second: Irwin Novak

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained
Johanna Szillery	X		
Stephen Dickson	X		
Irwin Novak	X		
Ivan Fernandez	X		
Keith Taylor	X		
Matthew Boucher	X		

Motion Carried

B. *Darrin Santos - GE606 - Renewal Application, expired more than 90 days*

A motion was made to wave the exam requirement.

Motion: Keith Taylor

Second: Irwin Novak

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained
Johanna Szillery	X		
Stephen Dickson	X		
Irwin Novak	X		
Ivan Fernandez	X		
Keith Taylor	X		
Matthew Boucher	X		

Motion carried

C. *Jonathan Rihs - GE668 - reciprocity*

A motion was made to require the applicant to pass the local Maine Specific Exam for the reciprocity request for licensure.

Motion: Keith Taylor
 Second: Irwin Novak

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained
Johanna Szillery	X		
Stephen Dickson	X		
Irwin Novak	X		
Ivan Fernandez	X		
Keith Taylor	X		
Matthew Boucher	X		

Motion carried

VII. PRESENTATION OF DELEGATION ORDER

A. Limited delegation of authority to the board’s manager to administratively close cases where the respondent is deceased.

A motion was made to adopt the policy.

Motion: Ivan Fernandez
 Second: Irwin Novak

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained
Johanna Szillery	X		
Stephen Dickson	X		
Irwin Novak	X		
Ivan Fernandez	X		
Keith Taylor	X		
Matthew Boucher	X		

Motion Carried

VIII. UPDATE FROM GEOLOGIST COMPLAINT COMMITTEE

Discussion from the Board Manager on Jones Associates matter.

With the approval of the board members, Ivan Fernandez directed staff to issue a subpoena

IX. BOARD MANAGER’S REPORT

X. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The board will offer an opportunity to members of the public in attendance to comment on any public matter under the jurisdiction of the board. While the board cannot take action on any

issues presented, the board will listen to comments and may ask staff to place the issue on a subsequent agenda. At the discretion of the board, a time limit on comments may be set.

Public Comment by: Emily Erhart: talked about the applicant’s perspective of taking the national exams.

XI. ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn at 10:56 a.m.

Motion: Keith Taylor
Second: Ivan Fernandez

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained
Johanna Szillery	X		
Stephen Dickson	X		
Irwin Novak	X		
Ivan Fernandez	X		
Keith Taylor	X		
Matthew Boucher	X		

Motion Carried