

KENTUCKY BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS
MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2024

A special meeting of the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held at the Department of Professional Licensing (DPL) and via Teams October 14, 2024.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> William (Bill) Brab Dr. Richard John Bowersox Austin Dilla	<u>DPL STAFF</u> Kristen Lawson, Commissioner Jessica Brown, Board Support Specialist April Alsabrook, Board Supervisor
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u> Dr. Michael McGlue	<u>LEGAL COUNSEL</u> Jeremy Sylvester
<u>Guests</u>	

CALL TO ORDER

William Brab called the meeting of the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists to order at 1:04 p.m.

MINUTES

A motion was made by William (Bill) Brab to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2024, board meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Bowersox, carried.

DPL REPORT

Commissioner Lawson announced that the department was successful in getting a reclassification for all the current Board Specialists to a title of Administrative Support Specialist Senior and obtaining a 5% increase in pay. The department feels this will assist in the retention of employees. She also indicated she was available for any questions that the board may have.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statements for August & September 2024 were presented to the Board for review.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrative Support Specialist Senior Jessica Brown presented the board with a list of proposed meeting dates for the 2025 calendar year. The dates are as follows: February 10th, April 14th, June 9th, August 11th, October 13th, and December 8th. William (Bill) Brab discussed the concern and attention of how the renewal questions are written for licensees. A concern was brought up by a current licensee and the examples were provided. The proposal was asked to change the wording on the renewal question to incorporate “since your last renewal”. It was determined that any verbiage change to a question on the renewal application would require it to be changed through a regulation change. Board Chair William (Bill) Brab requested to leave this item on the agenda for old business. The board reviewed the document provided by Courtney Cook for breakdown of backpay of travel and per diem. Courtney Cook suggested the board consider to pay 50% of the outstanding balance at this time. That amount would be approximately \$4200 to pay for half of the current backpay allotment, that also included the August 2024 board meeting. A motion was made by William (Bill) Brab to accept Courtney’s recommendation. Motion was seconded by Austin Dilla and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The board is requesting that DPL provide figures to try and come up with a projection for a new fee structure to assist in helping to cover expenditures and current deficits that the board has. Courtney Cook from Fiscal recommended that the board consider perhaps instead of proposing a new fee amount for each renewal, to possibly have the renewal be completed every year instead of biannual as it currently is. The concern of if the renewal fee increased, would it cause licensees to choose not to renew. Courtney Cook is going to work with the department's budget analyst and provide the board with a projection of fee structure changes based on past figures of renewals and anticipated expenditures. Courtney will have this information for the board to review at the December meeting.

LEGAL COUNSEL

Jeremy Sylvester had nothing further to discuss other than to say that any changes to verbiage on the renewal would require a change to the current regulations.

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Applications Committee made the following recommendations:

Professional Geologist Applications: Approved- Forrest G. Kunkel & Hugh K. Downer

Professional Geologist Reinstatement:

Geologist In Training Applications: Approved- Kaushik Sarker

Geologist In Training Reinstatement:

Bill Brab made a motion to approve the application committee's recommendations. Motion seconded by Dr. Bowersox, carried.

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

No items to discuss at this time.

REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

No items to discuss at this time.

TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

A motion was made by William (Bill) Brab for travel and per diem for today's meeting. Motion seconded by Austin Dilla; motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

December 9, 2024, at 1pm.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by William (Bill) Brab to adjourn at 1:37 p.m. Motion seconded by Dr. Bowersox, carried.