

KENTUCKY BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS
MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2023

A special meeting of the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held at the Department of Professional Licensing (DPL) and via Zoom February 13, 2023.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> William (Bill) Brab Megan Cleinmark Dr. William Haneberg Dr. Richard John Bowersox	<u>DPL STAFF</u> Kristen Lawson, Commissioner Tasha Stewart, Admin. Supervisor Jessica Brown, Board Administrator Courtney Cook, Operations Supervisor Vickie Logan, Fiscal Operations Jason Feddersen, Budget Analyst
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u> R. Bruce Scott	<u>LEGAL COUNSEL</u> Jeremy Sylvester, OAG Zachary Zimmerer
<u>Guests</u>	

CALL TO ORDER

William Brab called the meeting of the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists to order at 1:03 p.m.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Bowersox to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2022 meeting with. Motion seconded by William Brab, carried.

DPL REPORT

Commissioner Lawson stated that the Board is currently operating in a negative balance in funds and currently behind a quarter in administrative fee payments to DPL of approximately \$28,000 that is due April 1, 2023.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statement for December 2022 and January 2023 was presented to the Board for review. Courtney Cook, Operations Supervisor and Jason Feddersen, Budget Analyst reiterated to the Board that they are operating on a negative balance and that they have until the end of the fiscal year to pay back their current loan. At this time and with the projection of income and invoices the Board will not be able to pay off the loan. Courtney and Jason presented a cash override transfer loan from DPL that would assist them in paying for the current loan that is due at the end of fiscal year and any other projected expense. This cash override has no interest, fees or set time for repayment. A suggested \$50-\$55 thousand was recommended to request from DPL.

William Brab made a motion to accept a \$60,000 cash transfer from the Department of Professional Licensing with the agreement that it will be repaid, under no specific terms, once the board is financially stable. Motion seconded by Megan Cleinmark, carried.

NEW BUSINESS

William Brab stated as a reminder that all shared documents will come through TEAMS instead of the previous used Google Documents. The upcoming 2023 Spring COE workshop for ASBOG was discussed. No recommendations for attendees. There were no nominations or interested candidates for the 2023 Committee on

Nominations for ASBOG. The Board discussed the portability of professional licenses of members of the uniformed services and spouses and credentialing.

OLD BUSINESS

LEGAL COUNSEL

Jeremy Sylvester with OAG stated that William Brab, Board chair and himself met with LRC committee about regulation amendments and they questioned the removal of the provisional licensure removal as there had not been a need and when were the last fee increases implemented (2001). Jeremy also indicated that if the regulation amendments are approved, they would go into effect May 2, 2023.

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Applications Committee made the following recommendations:

Professional Geologist Applications: Approved -Dana E. Heck, Mark VanAken, and Steven M. Buer.

Geologist In Training Applications: Approved –Corey Vincent Thiergartner, and Felicity A. Shirkey.

Reinstatements: Approved – William T. Laprade

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

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

William Brab moved to enter closed session to include board counsel and the board administrator pursuant to KRS 61.815(1) & KRS 61.810(1)(j)(k) to deliberate on individual adjudication in the matters as listed below.

Motion seconded by Megan Cleinmark, carried. The committee entered closed session at 1:44 p.m.

A motion was made by William Brab to leave closed sessions and seconded by Dr. Bowersox, carried. Regular session called to order at 1:55 p.m. by William Brab.

A motion was made by Dr. Bowersox to recommend proposed dismissal letters from legal to complaints for cases 2022BPG00001 & 2022BPG00002 to be sent out and seconded by Dr. Haneberg, carried.

REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Regulations were discussed during legal counsel's time. No further discussion.

TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

Tasha Stewart with DPL proposed a suggested pause in travel and per diem for board members and discussed that other boards within DPL have previously done the same in the past during difficult financial times and then later were able to backpay.

A motion was made by William Brab to approve the following recommendation to pause travel and per diem from this date forward, until the board is financially able to resume payment.

Motion seconded by Megan Cleinmark, carried.

NEXT MEETING

April 10, 2023 at 1 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Dr. Bowersox to adjourn at 2:00 p.m. Motion seconded by William Brab, carried.

William Brab
WB/jlb