



Board for Geologists and Geophysicists

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Board for Geologists and Geophysicists

Public Meeting

Date: August 22, 2008

Time: 10:00 am

Place: Department of Justice
 1325 J Street, 19th Floor Conference Room
 Sacramento, CA 95812

Board Members: William Black, President; Richard Blake, Vice-President; James Ashby; Shirley Husar; Shayan Samii; and Cecilia Yu.

1. Declaration of a Quorum

2. Public Forum

This time is scheduled to provide the public with an opportunity to address the Board on items that are not on the agenda; however, the Board may not take action on such items at this time.

3. Minutes

The Board will consider adopting minutes of the May 9, 2008 meeting.

4. Board Member Reports

- A. Legislative Committee (Black, Yu)
 - i. AB 1284 (sponsor)
 - ii. AB 1869 (watch)
 - iii. SB 963 (watch)
- B. Department of Consumer Affairs liaison (Ashby)
- C. Other Announcements

5. Committee Reports

- A. Examination Committee (Sterbentz, Chair)
- B. Enforcement Oversight Committee (Magorien, Chair)
 - Action: Board will consider approving recommendations regarding the scope of professional geoscience services in California.
- C. Professional Affairs Committee (Crosby, Chair)

6. Executive Officer Report (Rempel)

- A. Status of Board directives to staff
- B. Budget (Rust)
- C. Closed Session [Pursuant to Government Code §11126(a) and (b), §11126(c)(1), and §11126(e)(1), the Board will consider confidential personnel, examination, administrative adjudication, and pending litigation matters.]
 - i. Personnel matters
 - ii. Update on Settlement Agreement: Superior Court Case No. 02CC17018
 - iii. Applicant approval processes prior to October 22, 2006

Protection of the public shall be the highest priority of the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount. (Business and Professions Code §7810.1)

7. Open Session to announce results of Closed Session (Black)

8. Professional Standards Report (Dunfield)

A. Licensing Function

- i. Findings from confirming all applications, experience, education and references are complete prior to admitting applicants to licensing examinations
 - Action: Board will consider amending previously adopted minutes of the February 8, 2008 meeting with respect to holding applicants accountable to the laws and regulations.
- ii. Application and examination statistics
- iii. Licensing program trends
- iv. Review Business and Professions Code §7802 definition of “geology” with respect to qualifying degrees with a major in the geological sciences

B. Regulatory Function

- i. Revised Code of Professional Standards
- ii. Ambassador Programs
 - a. Professionals Achieving Consumer Trust (PACT) Summit
 - b. Interagency requests for presentations

C. Disciplinary Function

- i. Licensed practice
- ii. Unlicensed practice
- iii. New law enforcement organization partnerships
- iv. Business and Professions Code §101.6 compliance report

9. Legal Report (Legal Office)

10. Annual Election of Board Officers

- Action: Board will elect a president and vice-president pursuant to California Code of Regulations §3006(a).

11. Adjourn

Note: Starting time is approximate. Agenda items may be taken out of sequence at the discretion of the President for convenience of the Board and members of the public. The Board will break for lunch at approximately 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. as determined by the Board President.

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It is the public policy of this state that public agencies exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business and the proceedings of public agencies be conducted openly so that the public may remain informed.

In enacting this article the Legislature finds and declares that it is the intent of the law that actions of state agencies be taken openly and that their deliberation be conducted openly.

The people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created.

If you wish to address the Board regarding any particular agenda item or during the “Public Forum” on an issue that is not on the agenda, please indicate your interest on a “Public Participation Card” available at the meeting and return it to a Board staff member so you may be heard at the appropriate time. Persons addressing the Board who wish to remain anonymous may do so. The Board President may limit time allotted for public comments according to the number of people who wish to speak and the Board’s regularly scheduled meeting items and scope.

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