



Board for Geologists and Geophysicists

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Public Meeting of the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists

Date: November 20, 2008

Time: 9:00 am

Place: Westin Los Angeles Airport
 5400 W. Century Boulevard
 Los Angeles, CA 90045

Declaration of a Quorum: Richard G. Blake, President; James R. Ashby, Vice-President; William Black, Member; Shirley Husar, Member; and Cecilia Yu, Member.

Public Forum: This time is scheduled to provide the public 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.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Board will consider adopting minutes of prior meeting.

Executive Officer Report

1. As California goes increasingly "Green," consumers and their communities are realizing that Geology – The Ground Beneath Our Feet – is key to solving most environmental problems. Representatives of California's Environmental Protection Agency, Resources Agency and County Department of Environmental Health are invited to comment on the role of licensed professional geoscientists and the Board in supporting successful environmental programs.
2. Workforce issues: October 3-4 examination results
 - **Action:** The Board may rescind its moratorium on accepting applications for licensure under Business and Professions Code §7847, effective January 1, 2009.
3. Board budget: Fiscal Year 2008-09 update
4. Compliance update: Licensed and unlicensed practice
5. Disciplinary procedures update
 - **Action:** The Board may direct the Enforcement Oversight Committee to review disciplinary procedures and develop recommendations for future enforcement.

Committee Reports

6. Policy Committee (Taylor, Chair)
7. Examination Committee (Sterbentz, Chair)
8. Professional Affairs Advisory Committee (Crosby, Chair)
9. Enforcement Oversight Committee (Magorien, Chair)

Closed Session: In accordance with Government Code §11126, Board will meet in closed session for discussion regarding examination preparation, grading and validity, and possible reconsideration of an adopted proposed decision (OAH No. L-2007110612).

Open Session: Board President will report on closed session.

Schedule Future Board Meetings

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.

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)

Public Participation in Board Meetings Encouraged

You are encouraged to attend and to participate in Board meetings, which are held in barrier free facilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Times and order of business noted on the meeting agenda are approximate and subject to change.

Board meetings are governed by the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Government Code Section 11120, et seq), which sets forth the following:

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.

For additional information or assistance prior to the scheduled public meeting, please contact Patty Smith at (916) 574-7749 or write to the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists, 1625 North Market Boulevard, N-324, Sacramento, CA 95834.