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OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA MEETING OF THE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS, AND GEOLOGISTS

Thursday, April 3, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m., and continuing Friday, April 4, 2025, if necessary

The Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists (Board) will hold a public meeting in-person at the following location, with public participation available via a teleconference platform:

Department of Consumer Affairs 1747 North Market Blvd., Hearing Room #186 Sacramento, CA 95834

For questions or concerns, please contact the Board at the telephone number provided at the top of the page.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATION VIA TELECONFERENCE PLATFORM: For all those who wish to participate or observe the meeting via teleconference platform on Thursday, April 3, 2025, please log on to this website: https://dca-meetings.webex.com/dca-meetings/i.php?MTID=m3a6044951c4aa215c7427fb7c44181ff

If the meeting continues on Friday, April 4, 2025, please log on to this website: https://dca-meetings.webex.com/dca-meetings/j.php?MTID=mcf3cd480c48baf9fb5707a60defa19db

Please see the <u>instructions</u> for how to observe and participate in the meeting using the WebEx platform.

Members of the public may, but are not obligated to, provide their names or personal information as a condition of observing or participating in the meeting. When signing into the WebEx platform, participants may be asked for their name and email address. Participants who choose not to provide their names will be required to provide a unique identifier, such as their initials or another alternative, so that the meeting moderator can identify individuals who wish to make public comment. Participants who choose not to provide their email address may utilize a fictitious email address in the following sample format: XXXXXX@mailinator.com.

Public comments will be limited to 5 minutes per person unless, in the discretion of the Board, circumstances require a shorter period. Members of the public will not be permitted to "yield" their allotted time to other members of the public to make comments.

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This meeting is being held in-person with teleconference public participation in accordance with Government Code section 11133.

Government Code section 11125.7 provides the opportunity for the public to address each agenda item during discussion or consideration by the Board prior to the Board taking any action on said item. Members of the public will be provided appropriate opportunities to comment on any issue before the Board, but the Board President may, at his or her discretion, apportion available time among those who wish to speak. Individuals may appear before the Board to discuss items not on the agenda; however, the Board can neither discuss nor take official action on these items at the time of the same meeting (Government Code sections 11125, 11125.7(a)).

The meeting location is accessible to the physically disabled. A person who needs disability-related accommodations or modifications in order to participate in the meeting may make a request by contacting Celina Calderone at (916) 999-3600 or celina.calderone@dca.ca.gov or by sending a written request to Ms. Calderone at the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists, 2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 300, Sacramento, California, 95833. Providing your request at least five (5) business days before the meeting will help to ensure availability of the requested accommodations.

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact Celina Calderone at (916) 999-3600. California Relay Service for Hearing Impaired: Dial 711.

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AGENDA

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The Board of Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists (Board) will hold an in-person public meeting, in accordance with Government Code section 11123 with public participation available via a teleconference platform

Board Members: President Christina Wong; Vice-President Guillermo Martinez; Fel Amistad; Alireza Asgari; Khaesha Brooks; Rossana D'Antonio; Michael Hartley; Coby King; Betsy Mathieson; Frank Ruffino; Wilfredo Sanchez; Fermin Villegas; and Cliff Waldeck

- I. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum
- II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

NOTE: The Board cannot discuss or take action on any matter raised during this public comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. (Government Code sections 11125, 11125.7(a).) The Board will also allow for public comment during the discussion of each item on the agenda and will allow time for public comment for items not on the agenda at the beginning of both days of the meeting. Please see the last page of this Official Notice and Agenda for additional information regarding public comment.

IV. Administration

A. Fiscal Year 2024/25 Budget Report

V. Enforcement

- A. Enforcement Statistical Reports
 - 1. Fiscal Year 2024/25 Update

VI. Exams/Licensing

- A. Examination/Licensing Updates
- B. Adoption of Test Plan Specifications (Possible Action)
 - 1. Professional Geologist Certified Hydrogeologist (CHG) Examination
- C. Elimination of the Sonoma State Geology Program (Possible Action)

VII. Legislation

- A. 2025 Legislative Calendar
- B. Discussion of Legislation for 2025 (Possible Action)
 - 1. Assembly Bill (AB) 667 Professions and vocations: license examinations; interpreters
 - 2. AB 742 Department of Consumer Affairs: licensing: applicants who are descendants of slaves
 - 3. AB 1341 California Public Records Act: record withholding
 - 4. Senate Bill (SB) 518 Descendants of enslaved persons; reparations
 - 5. SB 470 Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: teleconferencing
 - 6. SB 606 Shelter crisis: emergency housing: immunity from liability
 - 7. SB 641 Department of Consumer Affairs and Department of Real Estate: states of emergency: waivers and exemptions

VIII. Executive Officer's Report

- A. Rulemaking Status Report
- B. Update on Board's Business Modernization Project
- C. Personnel
- D. ABET
- E. Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG)
- F. National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES)
 - 1. May 15-17, 2025, Joint Central/Western Zone Interim Meeting, Albuquerque, NM Update on Meeting
 - 2. August 19-22, 2025, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA Funded Delegates (Possible Action)
- G. Update on Outreach Efforts

IX. President's Report/Board Member Activities

X. Nomination Committee for 2025-26 Board President and Vice President

XI. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Possible Action)

A. Approval of February 6, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

XII. Closed Session – The Board will meet in Closed Session to discuss, as needed:

- A. Deliberate on a Decision(s) to be Reached in a Proceeding(s) Required to be Conducted Pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500), as Authorized by Government Code Section 11126(c)(3).
- B. Confer with, or Receive Advice from, Its Legal Counsel Regarding Pending Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(e)(1) and (2)(A), on the following matters:
 - Crownholm et al. v. Moore, et al. No. 24-276, cert. pending (filed Sep. 9, 2024), Supreme Court of the United States, Crownholm, et al. v. Moore, et al. (No. 23-15138) (9th Cir. April 16, 2024)
 - Victor Rodriguez-Fernandez vs. California Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists, San Diego County Superior Court, Case No. 37-2023-00053465-CU-WM-CTL

PUBLIC COMMENT

Time is allotted during the meeting to provide members of the public with an opportunity to address the Board.



Public comments will be limited to 5 minutes per person unless, in the discretion of the Board, circumstances require a shorter period.



It is requested that the speakers stand or come forward as they are recognized to speak. It is also requested, but not required, that the speakers give their names and any organizations they represent.



The public may speak on items on the agenda during the Public Comment item or when the specific item comes up for discussion by the Board. If the Board does not notice a person's request to speak during discussion of an item, it is not a deliberate attempt to limit comment. It is sometimes difficult to notice a raised hand in a meeting room. If the Board does not notice you at first, please stand so that you may be recognized to speak.



The public may speak on items not on the agenda; however, the Board may not discuss or take action on such items at this meeting. Board members cannot engage in dialogue, other than to request clarification from the speaker, regarding items not on the agenda due to constraints imposed by law. The Board may direct staff to follow up on the item with the speaker or may direct that the item be placed on the agenda of a future meeting for discussion.



The Board asks that you not discuss a pending application or a disciplinary complaint matter because the Board members will be the "judges" who ultimately decide the matter, and, by law, they are not permitted to receive information that is not part of the official administrative record in the matter. Any issues relating to such matters should be addressed in writing to the Board's Executive Officer. If a person attempts to speak on such a matter, the person will be instructed to refrain from making further comments.



If a person becomes disruptive, the person will be requested to cease the disruptive behavior. If the person fails to do so, the Board is allowed by law to request that the person leave the meeting and may even have the person removed if he or she fails to leave.