NEW JERSEY SITE REMEDIATION PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARD

FINAL

MAY 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes

4:00 PM

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Board Members:

Present

Phil Brilliant
Michele Christina
Steven Domber
Joann Held
Michael Renzulli
Charles Stebbins
Kathi Stetser
Paul Stofa
Peter Strom
Ira Whitman (did not rejoin the meeting after closed session)

Absent

Lawra Dodge

Others Present

Executive Director Dana Haymes Board Staff Victoria Glean DAG Buffy Wilson

Members of the Public that were present:

Sonya Ward, Candace Baker, Kathleen Whooley, Nick Huszar, Marlene Lindhardt, Richard Katz, David Hoffman, David Morris, David Haymes, Ken Haduch, Bill Schnitzerling, Alexander Saltzman

Proceedings

- Meeting called to Order at 4:05 PM by Chairperson Paul Stofa.
- Paul Stofa read the Statement of Adequate Public Notice of the meeting required by the Open Public Meetings Act.
- Roll Call:

Phil Brilliant - Present Michele Christina - Present Lawra Dodge - Absent Steven Domber - Present Joann Held - Present Michael Renzulli - Present Charles Stebbins - Present - Present Kathi Stetser - Present Paul Stofa Peter Strom - Present Ira Whitman - Present

A quorum of the Board was in attendance.

• Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes

o Motion by Paul Stofa to approve the April 1, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion seconded by Ira Whitman.

Roll Call Vote:

Phil Brilliant - Yes Michele Christina - Abstain Lawra Dodge - Absent Steven Domber - Yes - Yes Joann Held - Yes Michael Renzulli Charles Stebbins - Yes Kathi Stetser - Abstain - Yes Peter Strom Ira Whitman - Yes - Abstain Paul Stofa

The Motion to approve the minutes was carried.

• Chairperson's Report

Paul Stofa reported that Commissioner Shawn LaTourette has been testifying before the State Assembly and Senate regarding the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. Paul is looking forward to speaking at the Sediment Workshop in New York City on May 8, 2024 along with other representatives of the NJDEP.

• Executive Director's Report

Dana Haymes reported that the Board has approved 197 applicants for license renewals. Victoria Glean has done a great job spearheading this effort, tracking all applications and ensuring that the applications are thoroughly reviewed in a timely manner.

Committee Reports

• Ad Hoc Committee on Board Membership – Michele Christina

Michele Christina reported that application materials have been received, completed and returned to the Governor's Office by all three applicants. Megan Brunatti has been contacted for a status update, but no further information has been provided.

• Ad Hoc Committee on Independent Professional Judgment and Remedial Process Improvement Initiative – Phil Brilliant

Phil Brilliant has no report now, but will provide a report on the comments of the Subcommittees at the next Board Meeting.

• Licensure Committee – Kathi Stetser

Kathi Stetser thanks Victoria Glean for her great work completing the reviews of License Renewal Applications.

Dana Haymes reported the following status of License Renewal Applications:

197 applications for license renewals have been reviewed and approved so far in 2024. (8 in January, 27 in February, 52 in March, 110 in April)

The application period of one LSRP started on April 19, their application is due June 2, 2024.

Ten LSRPs whose licenses will expire in May and July 2024 have decided to not submit applications for license renewal and will allow their licenses to expire.

• Audit Committee – Ira Whitman

Ira Whitman reported that the following audits were completed:

William Silverstein – 576097 – January Marianne Brody – 714897 – February Christine Gadaleta – 835074 – March Erica Sterzinar – 783897 - March Christopher Becht – 1029806 - April

Ira Whitman noted that the Audit Committee has selected an additional 6 LSRPs for audit for the month of May 2024.

• Continuing Education – Lawra Dodge

On behalf of Lawra Dodge, Dana Haymes reported that the committee approved the following continuing education programs:

TITLE	PROVIDER	DATE	CECs	PROPOSED COURSE NUMBER
CIANJ EBC Meeting May 2024	CIANJ EBC	May 29, 2024	0.5 Regulatory and 0.5 Technical	2024-021
Ecological Evaluation and Ecological Risk Assessment	LSRPA	TBD	1.5 Technical	2024-022
Integrating 3-Dimensional Data Visualization into Conceptual Site Model Development	LSRPA	TBD	1.5 Technical	2024-023
Introduction to Wetlands Identification	Rutgers NJAES – OCPE	April 11-12, 2024	7.5 Technical	2024-024
PFAS Chemical Manufacturing Air Emission Sites	AEG	February 22, 2024	1 Technical	2024-025
PFAS SRS-MGW: Insights and Attainment Approaches	LSRPA	TBD	1.5 Technical	2024-026
Ready, Set, Redevelop – Realizing Brownfield Redevelopment Potential	BCONE	April 25, 2024	1.5 Professional Development	2024-027

Site Remediation	NJ Builders Association	March 20, 2024	1.5 Regulatory	2024-028
The LSRP as an Environmental Expert	CPES	May 15, 2024	3.5 Professional Development	2024-029
TSCA PCB Amendments	Pace Analytical	April 24, 2024	0.5 Regulatory and 0.5 Technical	2024-030
Using Elevated Concentrations of Chromium and Nickel as an Indicator for the Presence of Chrysotile Asbestos in Serpentinite Rock Units	AEG	March 14, 2024	1 Technical	2024-031

• Finance Committee – Michael Renzulli

Michael Renzulli provided a Budget Update.

- The first three quarters of Fiscal Year 2024 are complete.
- The 2024 budget was projected at \$768,309, which included a projected shortfall of \$48,900. Therefore, a balanced budget would have been approximately \$720,000.
- Revenue collection is right on target, with most major fees already collected, totaling approximately \$698,000. Some miscellaneous fees have yet to be collected.
- Salaries were budgeted at approximately \$495,000, with the actual cost through the third quarter being \$314,000, so we are very likely to see a year-end savings on these costs.
- Operating costs were projected at \$273,600, with the actual cost being approximately \$225,500.
- The higher ratable operating costs are mostly due to the exam consultant fees, which were budgeted for \$120,000; however, the actual incurred bills were \$188,828. Approximately \$114,000 of these charges were incurred in the third quarter. This should balance out in future years as the testing will not occur in each fiscal year.

- Adjusting for the one-time testing charges in the third quarter, one can anticipate fourth
 quarter salary and operating costs of approximately \$150,00, based on the averages of the
 first and second quarters.
- That cost plus the \$539,000 incurred to date would be \$689,000, which would yield a
 budget surplus based on the monies already collected.

• Outreach Committee – Charles Stebbins

Charles Stebbins reported the Committee circulated the Second Quarter Newsletter in April. He thanks Victoria Glean for her work in making the newsletter look great.

The newsletter requested interesting photos of Site Remediation, to which there has been some response.

The Committee is working on reformatting the website. A temporary access link will be sent to the Board, please provide feedback to Charles and Dana Haymes.

The Committee will work on preparing another newsletter for circulation in July.

• Professional Conduct Committee - Phil Brilliant

No report.

Motion by Phil Brilliant to enter closed session to discuss a licensure matter.

Paul Stofa seconded the motion.

All present voted yes.

Open session resumed at 4:50 PM.

Ongoing Business

None.

New Business

Victoria Glean rescheduled the closed sessions so everyone should have the same link now.

Next Board Meeting

• Motion by Paul Stofa to cancel the Board Meeting previously scheduled for May 20, 2024.

Motion seconded by Joann Held.

All present voted yes.

The motion was carried.

The next Board Meeting will be June 3, 2024.

• Public Comments

David Morris, LSRP, asked whether the Board contacts LSRPs that have not submitted applications for license renewals to verify that it is their intention to allow their licenses to expire? Dana Haymes replied yes.

David Morris also asked whether the Board has considered implementing an official seal that would be used by LSRPs to seal their documents, thus authenticating them. He thinks this may be necessary as certifications are submitted to the NJDEP, but those certifications are not part of the documents themselves. Dana Haymes replied that this was discussed as part of the initial rulemaking process for the SRPL Board Rules, but the Board decided not to implement an official seal for LSRPs. Charles Stebbins suggested that LSRPs can include the certifications as part of the documents, or otherwise indicate in the document that the LSRP certifies the content.

The Meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.