NEW JERSEY SITE REMEDIATION PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARD

FINAL

AUGUST 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes

4:00 PM

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Board Members:

Present

Phil Brilliant Michele Christina Steven Domber Michael Renzulli Charles Stebbins Kathi Stetser Paul Stofa Ira Whitman

Absent

Lawra Dodge Joann Held Peter Strom

Others Present

Board Staff Victoria Glean DAG Buffy Wilson

Members of the Public that were present:

Candace Baker, Kathleen Whooley, Richard Katz, Alexander Saltzman, Mark Pietruccio, Chris Dailey, Nick Huszar, Marlene Lindhardt, Rebecca Hollender, Sonya Ward, David Morris, Tina Layre

Proceedings

- Meeting called to Order at 4:03 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 - Absent Michael Renzulli - Present Charles Stebbins - Present Kathi Stetser - Present Paul Stofa - Present Peter Strom - Absent 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 July 8, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion seconded by Kathi Stetser.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Due to the lack of a quorum the motion is not approved. The motion will be brought again at the next SRPL Board Meeting.

o Motion by Paul Stofa to approve the June 3, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion seconded by Michael Renzulli.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Due to the lack of a quorum the motion is not approved. The motion will be brought again at the next SRPL Board Meeting.

 Motion by Paul Stofa to approve the June 3, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes of the closed session.

Motion seconded by Michael Renzulli.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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 Motion by Paul Stofa to request the Board's legal counsel DAG Buffy Wilson to review the governing rules to determine whether the three motions on the minutes can be approved based on the affirmative vote of six Board Members.

Motion seconded by Ira Whitman.

All present voted yes.

The motion was approved.

• Chairperson's Report

Paul Stofa noted that the Department REAL rule package which protects against climate threats was published in the New Jersey Register. There will be three public hearings on the REAL rules proposal. Paul Stofa also noted that Jennifer Moriarty was appointed as the new Assistant Commissioner of the Watershed and Land Management Program and that former Assistant Commissioner Katie Angerone was shifted to the Commissioner's Office to serve as Chief Strategy Officer.

• Executive Director's Report

Victoria Glean noted that all Board Members have submitted confirmation of completion of their annual ethics training. Thanks to all for completing that requirement.

Committee Reports

• Ad Hoc Committee on Board Membership – Michele Christina

Michele Christina reported all three applicants to the SRPL Board have been advanced from the Governor's Office to the Judiciary Committee. All have been in contact with their respective legislators for approval as well. It is hoped that the Committee will soon be voting on their appointments.

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

No Report.

• Licensure Committee – Kathi Stetser

Kathi Stetser reported that the next licensing exam will be held on April 9, 2025, and the application period will be January 6-31, 2025. Anyone who intends to apply for the license should enroll in Case Study Training (2019-098) which will be held January 14-15, 2025.

All application forms for the license, and license renewal, have been posted on the Board website. Anyone interested in applying for a license can begin to complete the forms now.

• Audit Committee – Ira Whitman

Ira Whitman reported that the following audits were completed:

Audits completed:

Eric Schlauch – 573783 – April Peter Randazzo – 573512 – May Andrew Allen – 746564 – June Andrew Gutherz – 747338 – June Matthew DeMaio – 591583 – June Richard Starke – 837973 - June

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

• Continuing Education – Lawra Dodge

TITLE	PROVIDER	DATE	CECs	COURSE
				NUMBER
Advances in Applied Hydrogeology of	Geological	October 18 and	Up to 7	2024-043
the Newark Basin – 2 day conference	Association of	19, 2024	Technical Day	
	New Jersey		1 and 6.5	
			Technical Day	
			2 depending on	
			attendance	
Case Inventory Document Guidance	LSRPA	September 10,	1.5 Regulatory	2024-044
Review and Best Practices for		2024		
Completion				
Changing Remediation Standards –	Riker Danzig	June 12, 2024	1.5 Regulatory	2024-045
Are You Paying Attention				
Hydric Soils	Rutgers	August 13-15,	3 Professional	2024-046
	NJAES –	2024	Development	
	OCPE		CECs per day	
			(9 total)	
Methodology of Delineating Wetlands	Rutgers	September 26-	3 Professional	2024-047
	NJAES-OCPE	October 3, 2024	Development	
			CECs for	
			Classroom	
			Day, 3	

			Professional Development CECs for each Field Trip (9 total)	
NAIOP NJ Regulatory, Legislative and Legal Update 2024	NAIOP NJ	July 11, 2024	1 Regulatory and 2 Professional Development	2024-048
Best Practices for Perimeter Air Monitoring Programs	Pace Analytical Services	May 29, 2024	2 Technical	2024-049
PFAS Analysis Trends: What Remediation Professionals Need To Know	LSRPA	October 15, 2024	0.5 Regulatory and 1 Technical	2024-050
Technical Communication for the Environmental Professional	LSRPA	TBD	2 Professional Development	2024-051
Vegetation Identification for Wetland Delineation	Rutgers NJAES – OCPE	August 20 and 21, 2024	3 Professional Development CECs for each classroom day (6 total)	2024-052

• Finance Committee - Michael Renzulli

Michael Renzulli reported on the final numbers for Fiscal Year 2024.

The 2024 budget was projected at \$768,000, which included a projected shortfall of \$48,900. The final numbers were very close, with a shortfall of \$49,500. The \$49,500 shortfall represented about 10% of the carry forward funds.

Revenue collection was right on target at \$717,000, just \$2200 short of the budget projection. Salaries were budgeted for approximately \$495,000 and the actual cost for fiscal year 2024 was \$426,000, which was a savings of \$68,000 on salaries.

Operating costs were projected at 273,600 in the 2024 budget and the actual cost incurred in fiscal year 2024 was \$340,400, a shortfall of \$66,800.

The higher operating cost are solely due to the testing consulting fees which were budgeted at \$120,000, but have incurred bills for \$281,000. The testing consultant fees have been increased to \$175,000 for the Fiscal Year 2025 budget.

Regarding Licensing Fees, the Finance Committee is currently in discussion on the final fees, but is committed to keeping fees at the current rates if possible or with very minimal increases.

• Outreach Committee - Charles Stebbins

Charles Stebbins reported that the Committee is preparing the fourth quarterly newsletter for circulation in October. All newsletters are available on the Board website.

• Professional Conduct Committee – Phil Brilliant

No Report.

• Ongoing Business

None.

• New Business

None.

• Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be September 9, 2024.

• Public Comments

David Morris noted that the "Chevron" case decided by the Supreme Court may affect federal agency rulemaking.

The Meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.