

MINUTES

State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

Regular Meeting – December 9, 2010

Call to Order and Sign-In

A regular meeting of the State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals (“the Board”) was called to order on Thursday, December 9, 2010, at 9:07 a.m. in the Russell Room, 3rd Floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, by Chair D. Ruzicka. Board Members J. Adams, J. Loureiro, R. Potterton, S. Holtman, K. Meloy, C. Buchholz, Alisa Phillips-Griggs, were present. Also present were DEP staff members K. Maiorano, and L. Suarez; and N. Walter of EPOC.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes

The draft minutes of the Board meeting of November 18, 2010, were read and approved as written; motion: Holtman; second: Adams; passed unanimously.

Public Participation

None.

New Business

Complaint 10-102

Chair Ruzicka received a referral from the Remediation Division regarding an LEP. This complaint is the result of an audit and rejected verification. Meloy stepped down to investigate.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

Update on regs – public hearing

Chair Ruzicka reported that the Public Hearing of the proposed Regulation changes was held November 18th in the Russell Hearing Room, with Rob Bell as the Hearing Officer. There were no speakers and there was just one comments package from EPOC. Maiorano provided the Board with a copy of the EPOC package.

Update on Complaint 10-101

Loureiro reported that the compliance meeting was held with the LEP, additional information was obtained and the investigation was on-going.

Update on Complaint 08-101

Maiorano reported that the LEP had completed the 8 CECs required by his Consent Order. She checked his file, he had not taken the course before and it was in the subject matter outlined in the Consent Order. Maiorano drafted a letter of compliance for the Board's review. After correcting a deficiency in the letter, she was instructed to send it out. Holtman stated that 8 CECs was the total CECs required by the Consent Order, and that was in addition to a letter of reprimand by the Commissioner.

Board Members' Terms

Maiorano checked with AAG J. Looney and although Board members' terms do not expire, he suggested that they each send a letter to Governor Malloy when he officially becomes Governor expressing their interest in remaining on the Board.

Online Courses

Motion to add to Agenda "Request for Pre-Approval of Continuing Education Credit for Online Courses: Live Webinars and On-Demand Webinars"; Meloy; second Loureiro; passed unanimously. After review of all the submitted information, it was decided to table the motion until the January meeting and have Maiorano arrange a conference call with the course provider, Midwest Geosciences Group. One of the main concerns was accountability and how they could ensure that individuals taking the courses on-line would actually stay at the computer and participate, and not just turn on the computer and walk away.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Adams; second: Holtman; approved unanimously; Chair Ruzicka declared the meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Minutes approved on February 17, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Maiorano
Board Administrator