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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

**STATE REGISTRATION BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS, AND GEOLOGISTS**

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Eaton Conference Room

Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs

2525 North 7th Street

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

November 13, 2025

1 State Registration Board for Professional
2 Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists
3 November 13, 2025
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6 BOARD MEMBERS:
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8 Robert P. Kudlawiec, PE-Mining, President
9 Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau
10 of Professional and Occupational Affairs
11 G. Windsor Tracy Jr., PLS, Vice President
12 Lisa Peterson, PE-Electrical, Professional Member
13 Jason Snyder, PE-Civil, Professional Member - Absent
14 John J. Luciani, PE-Civil, PLS, Professional Member
15 Scott Reeser, PLS Professional Member - Absent
16 Joseph McNally, PG, Professional Member
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19 BUREAU PERSONNEL:
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21 Ashley Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel
22 Ray J. Michalowski, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor
23 and Prosecution Liaison
24 Angela L. Solomon, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
25 Kristel Hennessy Hemler, Board Administrator
26 Marc Farrell, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel, Office of
27 Chief Counsel, Department of State
28 Danie Bendesky, Special Assistant for Strategic
29 Initiatives, Department of State
30 Ronald Rouse, Esquire, PA Office of General Counsel
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33 ALSO PRESENT:
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35 Ted Mowatt, CAE, Vice President, Wanner Associates
36 David Davis, Vice President, COT Services, Geo
37 Technology Associates Inc.
38 John Fuehrer II, PE, PLS, Pennsylvania Society of
39 Land Surveyors
40 Don Groesser, Vice President, Civil & Environmental
41 Consultants Inc.
42 Melissa Cannata, Career Certified
43 Rachel Wilbur-Adams, Sargent's Court Reporting
44 Services, Inc.
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6 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
7 at 9:00 a.m., the Board entered into Executive
8 Session with Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board
9 Counsel, for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
10 deliberations and to receive the advice of counsel on
11 matters currently pending before the Board. The
12 Board returned to open session at 10:30 a.m.]

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14 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
15 Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land
16 Surveyors and Geologists was held on Thursday,
17 November 13, 2025. Robert P. Kudlawiec, PE-Mining,
18 President, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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20 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees
21 [Kristel Hennessy Hemler, Board Administrator,
22 provided an introduction of Board members and
23 attendees. A quorum of Board members was not
24 present.]

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1 [Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, reminded
2 everyone that the meeting was being recorded and
3 voluntary participation constituted consent to be
4 recorded.

5 Ms. Goshert also noted the Board entered into
6 Executive Session with Board counsel for the purpose
7 of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations and to
8 receive the advice of counsel.]

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10 Approval of Minutes of the September 18th, 2025
11 meeting.

12 PRESIDENT KUDLAWIEC:

13 Since we do not have a quorum, we will
14 pass over the Approval of Minutes of
15 the September 18th meeting.

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17 Report of the Prosecutorial Division - No Report

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19 Report of Board Counsel

20 [Ashley Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, had a
21 Proposed Adjudication and Order and a Final
22 Adjudication and Order that needed to be voted on by
23 the Board, which would be tabled until the next
24 meeting.

25 Ms. Goshert then addressed the presentation she

1 had previously given on the Sunshine Act. She
2 reiterated to Board members the points of her
3 presentation for the Board to remember. She
4 commented on the necessity of Board member business
5 needing to be handled in a public session as a
6 demonstration of transparency for the work of the
7 Board. She reminded members to contact her with any
8 questions having to do with Board business, including
9 but not limited to, Board eligibility, recusals, et
10 cetera.]

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12 Report of Regulatory Counsel

13 [Marc Farrell, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel, Office of
14 Chief Counsel, reported on the status and progress
15 for the Board's active regulatory packages. He noted
16 the final omitted rulemaking for the engineer interns
17 and decoupling experience requirements from the
18 timing of issuance of a training certificate, 16A-
19 4717.

20 Mr. Farrell commented that this package was
21 currently with the Governor's Office. He stated,
22 once the package is approved by the Governor's
23 Office, it will go to Independent Regulatory Review
24 Commission (IRRC) for approval. This one should be
25 finished within a few months.

1 [Joseph McNally, PG, Professional Member, reported on
2 attending the ASBOG (Association of State Boards of
3 Geology) meeting with Dr. Martin Helmke in October
4 2025 in Salt Lake City, UT. Mr. McNally stated he
5 was the voting delegate for the meeting. He further
6 informed the Board that ASBOG is responsible for
7 preparing and scoring both national exams for the
8 fundamentals of geology and the practice of geology.

9 Mr. McNally stated the ASBOG had switched to
10 computer-based testing over the last few years, and
11 it was working out quite smoothly. Passing both of
12 these exams is required for obtaining a professional
13 geologist license in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania
14 consistently ranks among the top five states with the
15 number of applicants for both exams.

16 Mr. McNally added there were several
17 representatives from various organizations at the
18 meeting including, the Association of Environmental
19 and Engineering Geologists, the Association of
20 Petroleum Geologists, the American Association of
21 Petroleum Geologists, the Geologic Society of
22 America, and the American Geosciences Institute.
23 They provided updates on their work and remarked that
24 some of the work they were doing overlapped with the
25 work that the ASBOG was doing.

1 Mr. McNally continued by stating that was a
2 common consensus amongst the organizations, that
3 there was a growing need for geologists and an
4 anticipated shortage for them coming up in the
5 future.

6 He commented on the fact that the ASBOG was in a
7 strong and sound position financially and anticipated
8 continued growth. He indicated that Dr. Helmke, from
9 Pennsylvania, was nominated and elected as Secretary
10 for ASBOG. From that point as Secretary, he will be
11 starting his progression towards eventually becoming
12 the president of same by the year 2029. Given his
13 new responsibilities and duties, Dr. Helmke has
14 resigned from the Pennsylvania Board.

15 Mr. McNally announced the next COE meeting,
16 (Council of Examiners), and workshop would be held in
17 Branson, Missouri on April 9-11, 2026. The next
18 Pennsylvania annual meeting will be held in
19 Hershey, PA in late October of 2026.

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21 Report of Commissioner - No Report

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23 Report of Board Administrator
24 [Kristel Hennessy Hemler, Board Administrator,
25 reported on an update for their renewals.

1 She stated 90.75 percent of their engineer
2 licensees renewed their license by September 30th.
3 Geologists renewed their licenses at 90.85 percent
4 and surveyors renewed at 92.13 percent.

5 Ms. Hennessy Hemler continued by informing the
6 Board that all of the CE audit letters had been sent.
7 She added they were in process of going through over
8 100 emails recently received.

9 Ms. Hennessy Hemler then offered her
10 congratulations to Dr. Helmke on his new position
11 with ASBOG. She remarked that he had done a
12 wonderful job for their Board. She informed Board
13 members that Dr. Helmke had received a Proclamation.

14 The Proclamation was from the Commonwealth of
15 Pennsylvania Proclamation Department of State Bureau
16 of Professional and Occupational Affairs, the State
17 Registration Board of Professional Engineers, Land
18 Surveyors and Geologists and the Commonwealth of
19 Pennsylvania recognizing Dr. Helmke's commitment to
20 the highest standards of ethics and betterment of the
21 professions.]

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23 Matters for Discussion

24 [Ashley Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, stated
25 Agenda Item No. 9, Department of Environmental

1 Protection's requirements for Certified Professional
2 in Erosion and Sediment Control, would be tabled to
3 coordinate outreach to sister agencies and gather
4 additional information.]

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6 Applications for Review

7 [Ashley Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted
8 Applications at Agenda Items 10, 11, 12 and 13 would
9 be tabled until the next meeting due to a lack of
10 quorum.]

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12 Correspondence

13 [Ashley Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted Item
14 No. 14 was from Pennsylvania Society of Land
15 Surveyors regarding NCEES and its proposed
16 development of a non-boundary exam that may create a
17 licensure pathway for what they are and what they
18 might be intending to call professional surveyors.
19 She announced their own Board understands the
20 concerns raised by Pennsylvania Society of
21 Landsurveyors (PSLS) and will be inviting NCEES to
22 their next meeting.]

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24 Public Comments

25 [John Fuehrer II, PE, PLS, Pennsylvania Society of

1 Land Surveyors, spoke up about his displeasure with
2 PSU, Penn State University, and the work that had
3 gone into obtaining a grant for the survey program
4 there. He voiced that it looked now as if that
5 program was going to cease totally.

6 Mr. Fuehrer stated they had a talk with Dr. Engel
7 who oversees all of the community campuses. He
8 stated she commented that she was ready to totally
9 close the program. Mr. Fuehrer believed her to be in
10 the process of putting a five-person group together
11 to possibly create a new ABET-accredited program that
12 is less stringent. He added, at this time, they are
13 not taking any applications for surveyors as of the
14 new year.

15 Mr. Fuehrer requested the Pennsylvania
16 Registration Board or anyone else that might be in a
17 position to relay to Penn State the harm they are
18 doing to them and to the profession would be
19 advantageous. He feels that an effort needed to be
20 put forth by anyone to encourage Penn State or any
21 other institution to adapt a program.

22 Mr. McNally asked Mr. Fuehrer if another campus
23 might be suitable if the current campus was in danger
24 of closing. Mr. Fuehrer replied this was the intent,
25 but the current person in charge was the one speaking

1 about putting a new ABET program together. It is a
2 whole new program and one in which the individual
3 would have to start all over again.]

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5 [David Davis, Vice President, COT Services, Geo
6 Technology Associates Inc., spoke to the members
7 about his wanting to become a board member. He
8 mentioned Jason Snyder had contacted him to ask if he
9 might be interested in joining the group.

10 Information about the process of applying for
11 board membership was discussed, and Mr. Davis was
12 encouraged to follow up with the process.]

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14 Adjournment

15 [There being no further business, the State Board of
16 Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and
17 Geologists Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m. The next
18 meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2026.]

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists meeting.



Rachel Wilbur-Adams,
Minute Clerk
Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

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10:35	Report of Regulatory Counsel
10:40	Report of Board President
10:41	Report of Board Members
10:44	Report of Board Administrator
10:48	Matters for Discussion
10:48	Correspondence
10:49	Public Comments
10:59	Adjournment