

State Geospatial Coordinating Board Meeting
Thursday, November 21, 2024
1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Meeting Summary

The 11/21/2024 State Geospatial Coordinating Board Meeting was held via virtual teleconference

Attendee List:

Board Members and Designees

Aucker, Jason
Blackmer, Gale
Boyle, Jeffrey
Califano, Catherine
Campbell, William (Bill)
Chalfant, Brian
Cook, Cheryl (AGR)
Darr, Gregory
Dunmire, Gregory
Eaton, Kevin
Lettiere, Laura
Patti, Marc
Piekielek, Nathan
Smith, Justin
Tollett, Deborah
Whitacre, James
Anderson, Damon
Drzyzga, Scott
Gross, Eliza
Hill, Michael D
Hunt, William
Kiger, William
Kelly, Maurie

Additional Attendees

Breese, Connor
Easton, Joshua
Guiseppe, Al
Goeckel, Michael
Swartz, Gary

Janosik- Nehilla, Valerie
Partsch, David
Spayd, James
Wall, Scottie

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I. Welcome & Opening Remarks

- Gale Blackmer presided.
- The agenda was presented & [posted on the GeoBoard Website](#)
- Meeting materials [posted on the GeoBoard Website](#)
- Roll Call – Board Members

II. GeoBoard Leadership Team Updates

a. Data Program Task Force (Al Guiseppe)

Hydrography Working Group

Several Hydrography projects are underway.

- The PA Geological Survey just published a new map for PAHD in the Catawissa area that compares field observations of stream permanence to model results in an effort to refine model classifications.
- The USGS & PA Geological Survey joint funding agreement project in the Lake Erie (HU8) watershed is on track to produce sample hydrography next month.
- USGS, PA Geological Survey, and CivicMapper are collaborating on a hydrography project in Allegheny County centering on the Pine Creek (HU10) watershed. The Data Collaboration Announcement (DCA) application has been submitted to USGS and is pending review.
- The USGS & PA Geological Survey are exploring an urban focused project through Geospatial Products and Services Contracts (GPSC).

Elevation Working Group

- The next Elevation Working Group meeting is December 4th and will feature Drew Lane, Elevation Program Manager, USDA Farm Production and Conservation, to talk about the USDA/USGS Dual

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Sensor Pilot Project

Data Task Force meeting - whiteboard session wrap up & review. Main Themes:

- Breaking Down Data Silos and Strengthening Communication Channels
- Cloud Migration and Parcel Data Integration
- Ensuring Consistent Lidar and Imagery Data Coverage
- Launching a Transportation Data Workgroup
- Civic Boundary Alignment and Documentation Challenges
- Promoting Open Data and Collaborative Governance

b. Service Delivery Task Force (Laura Lettiere)

- The GeoBoard membership voted to accept and publish the PA BaseMap 2030 and 3D PA Report. This report can be found on the GeoBoard website.
- Return on Environment virtual session with Kittatinny Ridge scheduled for December 6th at 10 AM. All are welcome to attend.
- A January virtual panel discussion will highlight 3D and AI. Participants will include:
 - Presenters from Carnegie Mellon, Clark University, OA/OIT
 - CIE and Cambria County working on immersive flood demoA follow-up session planned for February or March of 2025
- PASDA Updates:
 - PEMA imagery has been received for Mifflin, McKean, Cameron and Venango Counties
- In 2025 STF will be looking at:

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- Who provides these services?
- Where are the gaps and what are we missing?

c. Governance Task Force (Kevin Eaton)

- Emerging Technology Subcommittee
 - Emerging Technology Panel Discussion –
 - 2 Confirmed Panelists speaking on:
 - AI/ML efforts in Pittsburgh
 - Environmental Twinning
 - 1/17/25 via Zoom
 - Invitations forthcoming
 - Subcommittee is focusing on AI at this moment will culminate in Special Report in 2025
- Legislative Tracking
 - Act [147](#) of 2024 Updated Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in 911 emergency communication services
- Communications
 - Held initial meeting focused on Communications
 - Setting core concepts for comms plan
 - GeoBoard website updated as PA moved host providers. Further changes expected w/r/t GeoBoard website.

d. State GIS Coordinator (Scottie Wall)

- PA GeoData Hub Site
 - LIVE!

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- 74% PA Agencies have collaborated
- 32% shared & tagged data
- User Guide on how to find & add data into AGO or ArcGIS Pro via the Hub
- Lidar & Imagery Program Page exists now & Hydrography Program Page coming soon
- Link to the PA Commonwealth standards & policies.

- PA Geospatial Center of Excellence
 - Metadata Content Standard
 - Coming Soon – Metadata Best Practice Guide
 - Coming Soon – Accessibility Best Practice Guide
 - In Progress – Authoritative Data Publishing Standard

- Intergovernmental Data Sharing Agreement
 - Base Draft developed with Office of General Counsel
 - Coordination meeting with PEMA is scheduled

- III. Executive Director Update
 - Position posted & currently conducting interviews.
 - Selection will be presented to Board for approval.
 - Selection will then go to Governor for final approval after GeoBoard approval.

- IV. New Business
 - The meeting will resume hybrid meetings in 2025. Venue is changed to the Bureau of Geological Survey at 3240 Schoolhouse Rd, Middletown PA 17057

 - Calendar of 2025 Quarterly & JTF Meetings presented. Invites coming shortly.

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2025 GeoBoard Quarterly Meeting Schedule

- Feb 20, 2025
- May 22, 2025
- Aug 14, 2025
- Nov 13, 2025

On-site location

Bureau of Geological Survey
3240 Schoolhouse Rd, Middletown PA 17057

2025 Joint Task Force Meeting Schedule

- Jan 23, 2025
- April 24, 2025
** 25th WAS TYPO IN MEETING MATERIALS **
- July 10, 2025
- Oct 16, 2025

- Per Bill Kiger - Act 50 has been updated and signed into law as Act 127 of 2024.

V. Motion to Adjourn

Following motion by B. Kiger, seconded by D. Anderson at 2:21 P.M., the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn.