



Natural Scientists Public Minutes

Natural Scientists Board

7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301

Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 9:00 am – 11:00 pm

Members:

Damon Burt, Chair (DB)
Christopher Albert, Vice Chair (CA)
Abigail Fopiano - Absent (AF)
Gregory Howard (GH)
James Long (JL)

Staff:

Elizabeth Eaton, Board Counsel
Charlene Anstead, Board Administrator

I. Call to order

Board Chair Damon Burt opened the meeting at 9:08 am.

II. Approval of public minutes

- a. May 15, 2024

Motion:

Upon motion by CA and seconded by GH, the Board voted to approve the May 15, 2024 public minutes as written.

- b. May 23, 2024 Special Meeting = Rules vote

Motion:

Upon motion by CA and seconded by GH, the Board voted to approve the May 23, 2024 public minutes as written.

- c. July 8, 2024 Special meeting = Rules

Motion:

Upon motion by CA and seconded by GH, the Board voted to approve the July 8, 2024 special rules meeting as written.

III. Public new business

- a. Approved continuing education course list

The Board held a discussion regarding the need for a continuing education course list. A list is not required as it is not stated in Soil/Wetland Scientist rules. No vote was taken as a result.

IV. Rules with Tina Kelley at 9:00 am

- a. Soil 300 - Initial Proposal

Motion:

Upon a motion by GH and seconded by JL, the Board voted to accept Soil 300 Initial Proposal and start the rulemaking process.

V. Non-public session

At 9:42 am, upon a motion by GH and seconded by CA, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to conduct the first non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential Board business and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3 II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.

VI. Seal the Non-Public minutes

Minutes of the Non-Public session are sealed to maintain the privacy of the items discussed in non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c), on the grounds that public disclosure may adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member or render the proposed action ineffective.

VII. Adjourn

The NH Board of Natural Scientists adjourned the August 27, 2024 meeting at 10:38 am.