

**BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTISTS, WETLAND PROFESSIONALS, AND GEOLOGISTS MEETING MINUTES**

**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

The Virginia Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists held a public hearing on February 24, 2025, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR), 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, to receive public comment on proposed amendments to the regulations governing Professional Soil Scientists, as part of the general regulatory review, which were published in the Virginia Register on February 10, 2025, in Volume 41, Issue 13.

Board staff present:  
Kathleen Nosbisch, Executive Director  
Jhustyna McBride-Dunn, Regulatory Operations Administrator  
Donna Divers, Administrative Coordinator

Ms. Nosbisch began the public hearing at 10:00 a.m. and read an introductory statement regarding the purpose and rules of the hearing.

**Commencement of Public Hearing**

**Public Comment Period** – There was no public comment. (transcript attached.)

**Public Comment Period**

There being no further comment, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

**Adjournment**

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Justin T. Brown, Chair

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Brian P. Wolford, Secretary

1 COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
2 DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL & OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION

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4 BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTISTS,  
5 WETLAND PROFESSIONALS, AND GEOLOGISTS

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7 IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING  
8 HEARD BEFORE: KATE NOSBISCH

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10 FEBRUARY 24, 2025

11 10:00 A.M.

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14 9960 MAYLAND DRIVE

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APPEARANCES:

BOARD DESIGNEE:

Kate Nosbisch, Presiding

STAFF: Jhustyna McBride-Dunn, Regulatory Operations  
Administrator;  
Donna Divers, Administrative Coordinator.

1 MS. NOSBISCH: Good morning. I am Kate  
2 Nosbisch, Executive Director of the Board for  
3 Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland  
4 Professionals, and Geologists.

5 This is a public hearing, being held at  
6 the Department of Professional and Occupational  
7 Regulation in Richmond, Virginia.

8 This hearing is held pursuant to 54.1-310  
9 of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of  
10 receiving public comments on proposed  
11 amendments to the Board for Professional Soil  
12 Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and  
13 Geologists regulations governing professional  
14 soil scientists.

15 The general review of the regulations  
16 governing professional soil scientists was  
17 published in the Virginia Register in -- on  
18 February 10, 2025, in Volume 41, Issue 13.

19 A few ground rules before we begin: The  
20 Board will receive comments from any member of  
21 the public who wishes to speak.

22 Comments will be limited to 5-minutes. If  
23 you have not signed-up to speak and wish for  
24 your testimony to be heard today, please sign  
25 your name on the sign-in sheet at this time.

1 Anyone may speak in rebuttal to the comments of  
2 another speaker, and those comments will also  
3 be limited to 5-minutes.

4 I will call for rebuttal comments when all  
5 speakers on the sign-up sheet have finished.  
6 The panel may ask speakers questions or request  
7 clarification of a statement; however, this is  
8 not the proper forum for questions to the  
9 Board.

10 If you have questions for the Board,  
11 please forward them in writing to the Board by  
12 email, fax, or regular mail. Any speaker who  
13 wishes to provide a written statement, in  
14 addition to their oral testimony, may do so and  
15 the written statement will be marked as an  
16 exhibit for this hearing.

17 Written comments not presented at this  
18 hearing will be accepted at the following  
19 address: Board for Professional Soil  
20 Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and  
21 Geologists, care of Department of Professional  
22 and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland  
23 Drive, Suite 400, Richmond, Virginia, 23233.

24 Comments may also be sent via fax to (866)  
25 465-6206 or by email at:

1 BPSSandWP@dpor.virginia.gov. Written comments  
2 will be accepted by the Board until 5:00 p.m.,  
3 April 11, 2025.

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5 \*\* Off record at 10:02 A.M.\*\*

6 \*\* Back on record at 10:30 A.M.\*\*

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8 MS. NOSBISCH: Since there is no one in  
9 attendance today to provide comments on this  
10 regulation, I declare this public hearing  
11 closed. Thank you.

12 (Hearing concluded.)  
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## 1 CERTIFICATE OF COURT REPORTER

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3 I, Alayna Jennifer  
4 Whitlock, hereby certify that I was the Court  
5 Reporter at the Public Hearing for the Board for  
6 Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals,  
7 and Geologists, heard in the County of Henrico,  
8 Virginia, on February 24, 2025, at the time of the  
9 hearing herein.

10 I further certify that  
11 the foregoing transcript is, to the best of my  
12 ability, a true and accurate record of the testimony  
13 and incidents of the hearing herein.

14 Given under my hand  
15 this 24th day of February, 2025.

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18 Alayna Jennifer Whitlock

19 Alayna Jennifer Whitlock, Court Reporter  
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