### NEW JERSEY SITE REMEDIATION PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARD

#### **FINAL**

# **APRIL 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

#### 4:00 PM

### Meeting held via Microsoft Teams

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#### **Board Members:**

#### Present

Phil Brilliant
Michele Christina
Lawra Dodge
Joann Held
Jeffrey Hoffman
Mark Pedersen
Michael Renzulli
Peter Strom
Ira Whitman

### Absent

Kathi Stetser

#### Others Present

Board Staff Dana Haymes Board Staff Victoria Glean DAG Nielsen Lewis

### Members of the Public that were present:

Candace Baker, Christopher Dailey, Dick Katz, Marlene Lindhardt, David Morris, Randy Shuler, Charles Stebbins, Bill Schnitzerling, Rebecca Hollender, Timothy Mangold, William Call

## **Proceedings**

- Meeting called to Order at 4:01 PM by Chairperson Mark Pedersen
- Mark Pedersen read the Statement of Adequate Public Notice of the meeting required by the Open Public Meetings Act.
- Mark Pedersen introduced new Board Member Michele Christina, representing the business community in the State.
- Roll Call:

Phil Brilliant - Present Michele Christina - Present Lawra Dodge - Present Joann Held - Present Jeffrey Hoffman - Present - Present Mark Pedersen Michael Renzulli - Present Kathi Stetser - Absent Peter Strom - Present Ira Whitman - Present

A quorum of the Board was in attendance.

## • Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes

o Motion by Mark Pedersen to approve the March 7, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion seconded by Jeff Hoffman.

#### Roll Call Vote:

Phil Brilliant - Yes

Michelle Christina - Abstain due to absence Lawra Dodge - Abstain due to absence

Joann Held - Yes
Jeffrey Hoffman - Yes
Michael Renzulli - Yes
Kathi Stetser - Absent
Peter Strom - Yes
Ira Whitman - Yes
Mark Pedersen - Yes

The Motion to approve the minutes was carried.

o Motion by Mark Pedersen to approve the March 7, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes of the Closed Session.

Motion seconded by Phil Brilliant.

#### Roll Call Vote:

Phil Brilliant - Yes

Michelle Christina - Abstain due to absence Lawra Dodge - Abstain due to absence

Joann Held - Yes
Jeffrey Hoffman - Yes
Michael Renzulli - Yes
Kathi Stetser - Absent
Peter Strom - Yes
Ira Whitman - Yes
Mark Pedersen - Yes

The Motion to approve the minutes was carried.

## • Chairperson's Report

Mark Pedersen welcomed new Board Member Michele Christina and invited each Board Member to introduce themselves and welcome her to the Board.

#### • Executive Director's Report

Dana Haymes reminded Board Members to submit their acknowledgement of the receipt of the Uniform Ethics Code and Plain Language Guide, confirmation of ethics training, and completed Outside Employment Questionnaire if they have not already done so.

#### Committee Reports

#### Audit Committee – Ira Whitman

Ira Whitman reported that the Board has selected 6 LSRPs for audit for the month of April 2022.

Ira Whitman stated that it has been noted by the Committee in conducting audits that at times LSRPS have failed to make the notifications required by N.J.A.C. 7:26I-6.8(b) and (c) that timeframes may not be met when the project is in direct oversight or in the stages of development of an Administrative Consent Order. LSRPs should be aware that even when a case is in direct oversight or when an Administrative Consent Order is being negotiated that they should still pay attention to timeframes, and make notifications of timeframes that may

be missed as required by N.J.A.C. 7:26I-6.8(b) and (c). LSRPs should regularly consult the Case Tracking Tool on Dataminer to be up to date on all timeframes for their cases.

Ira Whitman reported that the Board has selected six LSRPs for audit for the month of April 2022.

The following audits are reported as complete and concluded:

## **Auditee Selected July 2021:**

Kevin Davis - 573636

### **Auditee Selected October 2021:**

Robert Dooley - 591424

### **Auditees Selected January 2022:**

Andrew Basehoar – 837642 Jacob Surowiecki – 587217 Bradley Musser – 784082

## **Auditees Selected February 2022:**

Brett Crowthers – 834280 Marissa Dreher – 836774 Stephen Scott – 837323 Adam Stretz – 746652

#### **Auditees Selected March 2022:**

Timothy Rutka – 782890

## Continuing Education – Lawra Dodge

Lawra Dodge reported that the following Continuing Education Program has been approved by the Continuing Education Committee to be offered both in-person and via AVLF:

TITLE	PROVIDER	DATE	CECs	PROPO
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NJDEP Field Sampling Procedures	NJDEP	March 31, 2022	1.5 Technical	2022-
Manual Chapter 2 Training	SRWMP			013
	and LSRPA			

#### • Finance Committee – Michael Renzulli

Michael Renzulli reported that for the 2022 budget (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022), the Board is on target with respect to money budgeted to spend. That will get slightly better due to the reduction in salary costs because of the Executive Director vacancy. The revenue is based on fees collected from 700 LSRPs. Most fees were collected in December 2021. Approximately 50 LSRPs did not renew their licenses, therefore, the budget projection of fees collected from 700 LSRPs may be overly optimistic by about 50 LSRPs. The 2022 budget projected a shortfall of \$129,000.00 which would be taken out of the carry-over, but the carry-over is being eroded. The carryover is presently approximately \$250,000.00. It is necessary to maintain a minimum carryover of \$20,000.00 - \$250,000.00 for unexpected expenses such as litigation costs. The Committee has made contact with the Office of Fiscal Services and Contract Administration and is talking about ideas to control costs.

#### • Licensure Committee – Kathi Stetser

Jeff Hoffman reported for Kathi Stetser that Candidates have been notified and are in the process of registration for the LSRP Exam to be held, as scheduled, on April 28, 2022.

All LSRPs due for license renewals have submitted applications, and no further applications for license renewal are expected in 2022.

The Licensure Committee would like to be included in the motion to enter closed session to discuss an issue with an application for License Renewal.

## • Outreach Committee - Peter Strom

Peter Strom reported that the Board Website has been updated with a Frequently Asked Questions Section to guide LSRPs, Persons Responsible for Conducting Remediation and the General Public in use of the Board Website and to answer common questions.

Peter Strom requested that Michele Christina provide a short biography and photo for inclusion on the Board Website.

#### • Rules Committee – Joann Held

Joann Held stated that there is no report today but hopes to have a report next month.

#### • Professional Conduct Committee – Phil Brilliant

 Motion by Phil Brilliant to enter closed session to discuss Complaints 013-2020, 005-2021, and the Licensure Committee matter regarding an application for license renewal.

Motion seconded by Mark Pedersen.

All present voted yes.

The Motion was carried.

Open session resumed at 6:30 PM

O Motion by Phil Brilliant, in the matter of Complaint 013-2020, to find the subject in violation of N.J.A.C. 7:26I-6.3(a) and N.J.A.C. 7:26I-6.3(d) and to notify the subject through correspondence under signature of the Board chairperson of the Board's intent to proceed with formal disciplinary action unless the LSRP and Board settle this matter by the LSRP's agreement to not apply for license renewal or apply for a new license.

Motion seconded by Joann Held.

#### Roll Call Vote:

Phil Brilliant -YesMichele Christina -Yes - Yes Lawra Dodge Joann Held - Yes Jeffrey Hoffman -YesMike Renzulli -YesKathi Stetser - Absent Peter Strom - Yes

Ira Whitman — Abstain due to technical difficulties

Mark Pedersen – Yes

The motion was carried.

The subject of the complaint is Robert Koto, LSRP #586789

Motion by Phil Brilliant, in the matter of Complaint 005-2021, to find the subject in violation of N.J.A.C. 7:26I-6.25(a)2 and N.J.A.C. 7:26I-6.8(c), and to notify the subject through correspondence under signature of the Board chairperson of the Board's intent to assess a penalty of \$1,000.00 through formal disciplinary action unless settlement is reached, and to authorize the Professional Conduct Committee settlement review team to negotiate a settlement within the parameters discussed in closed session, and if no settlement is reached, to proceed with formal disciplinary action.

Motion seconded by Jeff Hoffman.

#### Roll Call Vote:

Phil Brilliant -YesMichele Christina -YesLawra Dodge -YesJoann Held -YesJeffrey Hoffman - Yes -YesMike Renzulli Kathi Stetser - Absent Peter Strom -Yes

Ira Whitman — Abstain due to technical difficulties

Mark Pedersen – Yes

The motion was carried.

The subject of the complaint is Ron Dooney, LSRP #577384

## Ongoing Business

Phil Brilliant inquired whether there was any update on the hiring of a new Executive Director. Mark Pedersen reported that the posting is now closed, and applications have been received and are being reviewed. Applications were received from inside the Department and from other State Agencies.

#### • New Business

None.

# • Next Board Meeting

Motion by Mark Pedersen to cancel the April 18, 2022 meeting of the Board.

Motion seconded by Michael Renzulli.

All present voted yes.

The Motion was carried.

The next Board Meeting will be May 2, 2022.

#### Public Comments

Marlene Lindhardt, LSRPA, asked about A901 licenses. LSRPs are exempt from getting the A901 license, but LSRP employers are not exempt. Please explain the A901 requirements with respect to LSRPs. Mark Pedersen responded that the SRPL Board does not have

authority over this program, and questions should be directed to Janine MacGregor and Michael Hastry.

Candace Baker, LSRPA, asked about timeframe extensions. Mark Pedersen responded that if a timeframe extension is received and a new timeframe has been established, then the notice that a timeframe will not be met does not need to be sent for the old timeframe.

David Morris, LSRPA, stated that the Board is enforcing the notification requirements in abundance, and it is unfortunate that so many LSRPs are in violation. Does the notification actually affect protectiveness, and does the DEP respond to the notification? It does not seem to be a useful requirement if the DEP does not respond. Also asked about the A901 requirements.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.