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Minutes of 07/23/2025

Board Members Present:	Tom Mullen, Chair Kurt Priebe, Vice-Chair Jerry Fairley	**Division Staff Present:**	MiChell Bird, Executive Officer Gus Tate, Legal Counsel Nicole Kenyon, Licensing Supervisor Charlotte Kovac, Board Support Spc. Amanda Lee, Board Support Spc.
Board Members Absent:	Austin Zinsser		

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 AM (MT) by Chair Tom Mullen.

Approval of 04/30/2024 & 02/04/2025 Minutes
A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 30, 2024, and February 4, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

DIVISION BUSINESS
Financial Report: Executive Officer (EO) MiChell Bird provided the 2025 Fiscal Year Financial Report for the Board of Registration of Professional Geologists.

New Survey: EO Bird informed the Board of a revised version of the Board Meeting Evaluation Survey used by Board members to submit feedback on their experiences to the Division.

Open Meeting Law Training: The DOPL 2025 Open Meeting Law Training was presented to the Board by Legal Counsel (LC) Gus Tate.

House Bill 14 Discussion: House Bill 14, The Idaho Code Cleanup Act, requires state agencies to review their titles and chapters of the Idaho Code for unnecessary, obsolete and outdated provisions and provide a report to the Legislature by September 1, 2025. LC Tate reviewed Idaho Code § 54-28 with the Board and noted that if any of the Board's comments affect the overall report, he would follow up with Executive Officer (EO) MiChell Bird to determine the next steps

BOARD BUSINESS
Delegation of Authority: LC Tate presented the draft Delegation of Authority – Mutual Recognition Applicants document to the Board. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Delegation to Act on Behalf of the Board – Mutual Recognition Applications as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officers: A motion was made and seconded to elect Vice-Chair Kurt Priebe as Chair. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to elect Board Member Jerry Fairley as Vice-Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

2026 Board Meeting Calendar: The Board discussed meeting dates for 2026. A motion was made and seconded to schedule Board meetings on February 4, 2026, and July 22, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – APPLICATION(S)
A motion was made and seconded for the Board to enter into executive session under Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law, Idaho Code § 74-106(9). The purpose of the executive session is to discuss documents relating to the fitness of a licensee to obtain or retain a license or registration. Roll call: Chairman Mullen–aye, Vice-Chairman Priebe–aye, and Board Member Jerry Fairley–aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Exit Executive Session: A motion was made and seconded to exit executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION(S) RESULTING FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion(s) re: Application(s): A motion was made a seconded to approve applications 1702120, 1737738, 1464529, 1479953, 1513775, 1524720, 1543483, 1693751 and 1697393 to sit for the Fundamentals of Geology (FG) Exam.

A motion was made and seconded to approve applications 1472695, 1477948, and 1726865 to sit for the Practice of Geology (PG) Exam.

A motion was made and seconded to approve applications 1434958, 1442458, 1512457, 1542634, 1687687 and 1737677 to sit for both the FG and the PG Exams. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Mutual Recognition applications 1498566, 1572674, 1574629, 1624553, 1659196, 1508352, 1653418 and 1569731. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to deny applications 1720464 and 1727051 to sit for any exams. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to continue, with the option to withdraw, applications 1518226. 1581458, 1622472, 1720464, 1721162 and 1727051. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:29 PM.