

State Geospatial Coordinating Board Meeting
Thursday, June 13, 2024
1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Meeting Summary

The State Geospatial Coordinating Board Meeting was held via virtual teleconference and on-site at Commonwealth Technology Center in Harrisburg.

Attendee List:

Board Members and Designees

- Bates, Rashaad (Urban Official)
- Blackmer, Gale (Designee for DCNR, Secretary Cindy Dunn)
- Boozel, Kevin (Butler County Commissioner, Gubernatorial appointee)
- Campbell, William (PA Municipal Authorities Assoc.)
- Chalfant, Brian (Designee for DEP - Acting Secretary Jessica Shirley)
- Cook, Cheryl (Designee for PA Department. of Agriculture – Secretary Russell Redding)
- Drzyzga, Scott (Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, GIS Consortium)
- Eaton, Kevin (GeoBoard Chair, Governance Task Force Lead, and Designee for the Secretary of Administration, Neil Weaver)
- Glass, David (Clearfield County Commissioner, CCAP representative)
- Gross, Eliza (United States Geologic Survey Mapping Liaison)
- Hunt, Will (Potter County, APA-PA Chapter)
- Jones, Daniel (Designee for James Whitacre, Gubernatorial appointee)
- Kelly, Maurie (Director PA Spatial Data Access)
- Lettiere, Laura (Mifflin County, County GIS Professional Association of Pennsylvania and Service Delivery Task Force Lead)
- Piekielek, Nathan (Keystone GIS)
- Smith, Justin (Cumberland County, County EMA)
- Warner, Matthew (Designee for Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors)
- Zubek, Scott (Tioga County, Geospatial Expert)

Additional Attendees

Breese, Connor	Kocsis, Stephen
Easton, Joshua	McDonald, Michael
Fehrs, Ellen	Partsch, David
Guiseppe, Al	Spayd, James
Hutchins, Barry	Tollett, Deborah
Janosik-Nehilla, Valerie	Wall, Scottie

Staff

- Jespersen, Eric (Executive Director State Geospatial Coordinating Board, Office of Administration, OIT)

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I. Welcome & Opening Remarks

- Kevin Eaton presided
- The agenda was presented: [geoboard-061324-agenda.pdf](#)
- Meeting materials: [geoboard-061324-presentation.pdf](#)
- Roll Call – Board Members

II. GeoBoard Leadership Team Updates

a. Data Program Task Force (Al Guisepp)

Elevation Working Group

- Reported federal 3DEP investment by NRCS PA Office; 10,000 sq. mi. of QL1 lidar covering 17 counties; replacing oldest lidar data generally

Civic Boundary Working Group

- First ever Statewide BAS successfully completed by end of May deadline; DCED and OA–GIS already meeting to improve process for 2025 report to US Census Bureau

Geodetic Working Group

- Reporting a delay in introduction of legislation to codify the new State Plane Coordinate System. Delay not expected to cause problems even if extended to next legislative session.

Entire Data Task Force to focus in Q3 and Q4 2024 on data integration through support of existing programs like Hazard Mitigation Planning (HMP) and through joint working group sessions on hydrography data architecture.

b. Service Delivery Task Force (Laura Lettiere)

- Metadata Session held May 3, 2024
 - >60 participants
 - Second training session in series
 - [Recording](#) available
- 3D PA Report is in final review

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- Reviewed history of GIS data sharing since creation of statewide agreement in 2018
 - Pace and progress reflect the work involved and set the stage for continued advancements in data sharing
 - Need for updates and prioritization of mutual, controlled data sharing between counties and state was reflected in Joint Task Force meeting held May 9
- Still seeking champion to lead the GIS Census strategic implementation task
- PASDA updates:
 - Finalizing data share from Lebanon County
 - Web-based contour service working great
 - Considering other workshops to follow success of metadata seminars

c. **Governance Task Force** (Kevin Eaton)

- GeoBoard reauthorization due by June 30, 2024
- Strategic Plan 2024 update complete
 - Vote to follow
 - See companion Implementation Tasks for GeoBoard work plan
- Drone Subcommittee abolished in favor of new committee on Emerging Technologies
 - Committee lead is Scott Zubek
 - 3D applications, GeoAI possible topics
- Communications Plan as primary task for Governance after reauthorization

d. **Executive Director** (Eric Jespersen)

- Significant Q2 time investments in:
 - Reauthorization (update later in meeting)
 - Data working groups
- Highlighted importance of Joint Task Force meetings to GeoBoard's overall success and idea exchange
 - Preparing to post JTF workshop summaries on website

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e. **State GIS Coordinator** (Scottie Wall)

- PA Lidar and Imagery Program updates
 - Has been analyzing results of survey on use and access requirements to inform program design
- OA GIS Strategic Plan fully drafted, (in review)
- Reported on development and promotion of PA GeoData Hub site to boost collaboration and access

III. **2024 - 2027 GeoBoard Strategic Plan**

- [GeoBoard-Strategic-Plan-2024-2027 final-draft.pdf](#)
- Publication approved by unanimous tally of voting members
 - Motion to publish – Cook; Seconded – Campbell

IV. **Technical Presentations – PA BaseMap 2030**

- *“Site Structure Address Point (SSAP) Case Study”*
 - Presented by Justin Smith
 - PEMA NG9-1-1 program leadership
 - Highlighted county/state collaboration
- *“PA Hydrography Opportunities”*
 - Presented by Ellen Fehrs
 - DCNR Geological Survey leadership
 - Highlighted state/federal collaboration

V. **GeoBoard Reauthorization Update**

- Sunset June 30, 2024
- Reauthorization legislation is SB1138.
 - Adds 3 new sponsor agencies
 - Some additional independence
- Transition team needed to work with Leadership Team to understand proposed structural changes and related process and procedural changes

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VI. New Business

- Executive Director retiring July 12, 2024
- July 11 Joint Task Force meeting to be focused on Transition planning, and to include appointing a new Executive Director.

VII. Motion to Adjourn

Following motion by Blackmer, seconded by Lettiere at 3:00 P.M., the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn.

2024 Board Meeting Schedule
Pending Reauthorization

Joint Task Force Meetings

July 11
October 10

GeoBoard Quarterly

August 15
November 21

On-site location: 1 Technology Park, Commonwealth Technology Center (CTC), Harrisburg, PA 17110