

State Geospatial Coordinating Board Meeting
Thursday, August 10, 2023
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

- Aucker, Jason (Elected Local Government Official - Rural Community)
- Blackmer, Gale (Designee for DCNR – Secretary Cindy Dunn)
- Campbell, William (PA Municipal Authorities Assoc.)
- Drzyzga, Scott (Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, GIS Consortium)
- Eaton, Kevin (Vice-Chair, Governance Task Force Lead, and Designee for the Secretary of Environmental Protection, Richard Negrin)
- Glass, David (Clearfield County Commissioner, CCAP representative)
- Gilbert, Dave (Keystone GIS)
- Gross, Eliza (United States Geologic Survey Mapping Liaison)
- Hill, Mike (Designee for PA State Police Colonel Christopher Paris)
- Hunt, Will (Potter County, APA-PA Chapter)
- Kelly, Maurie (Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access)
- Kiger, Bill (PA One Call System)
- Leitzell, Mark (Designee for Department of Transportation - Secretary Michael Carroll)
- Lettiere, Laura (Mifflin County, County GIS Professional Association of Pennsylvania and Service Delivery Task Force Lead)
- Smith, Justin (Cumberland County, County EMA)
- Warner, Matthew (Designee for Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors)
- Whitacre, James (PA Game Commission, Data Development Expert)
- Zubek, Scott (Tioga County, Geospatial Expert)

Additional Attendees

Anderson, Damon	Swartz, Gary
Andreoli, Beth	Pliszka, Bob
Guisepppe, Al	Wall, Scottie
Jursa, Christopher	

Staff

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

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I. Welcome & Opening Remarks

- Eaton, Kevin (Vice-Chair, Governance Task Force Lead, and Designee for the Secretary of Environmental Protection, Richard Negrin)
 - The agenda was presented: [geoboard-081023-agenda.pdf](#)
 - Board meeting materials: [081023-materials](#)
- a. Roll Call – Board Members
- b. Opening Remarks –Eric Jespersen

II. GeoBoard Leadership Team Updates

a. Data Program Task Force (Al Guiseppa)

NG911

- 38 counties: NG911 Implementation upgrade complete
- Should have statewide address and road centerline data completed August 2024
- SSAP Best Practices Guide
 - PEMA aggregated SSAP is the state standard
 - Data synchronization targets
 - Standard addressing assignment plan

Hydrography

- USFWS Wetland Pilot Project underway in Juniata Basin
- USGS Data Collaboration Announcement includes 3D Hydrography Program grants for the first time

Civic Boundaries

- US Census Boundary Quality Project initiated
 - Compare US Census and PennDOT data
 - Clearfield County selected as test

Imagery/ Elevation

- PEMA Imagery Program Concludes imagery collect cycle

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- 28 counties have had their aerial imagery delivered
- 3DEP – 3D Elevation Program
 - USGS releasing call for action - 5 year update cycles
 - NGAC – Assessment of 3DEP “ecosystem” concept
- Remote Sensing Goal – Statewide imagery and topography program with predictable update cycles and data access

Geodetic

- Working Group prepared Policy Recommendation on State Plane Coordinate System
 - Discussion and possible vote planned this meeting (see notes – vote tabled)

Parcel (County Pros Land Records Committee)

- Goal towards standardized aggregation
- Creating a sample metadata template
- Needs assessment at State agencies

Transportation

- Soliciting interested parties to discuss creation of new working group. Possible themes include
 - Roads
 - Railroads
 - Trails
 - Pipelines

b. Service Delivery Task Force (Laura Lettiere and Maurie Kelly)

- SDTF members prepared the July JTF meeting on expanding data sharing for Basemap 2030
- Center for Immersive Experiences has a new director.
- Planning a metadata workshop for November
 - Date TBD
- Counties sending data updates for the PA Basemap are Bradford, Bedford, Venango, Chester, Montgomery, Bucks and Centre

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- PA Basemap 3D Report –should be completed soon.
- PASDA Updates:
 - Received Cambria, Warren and Greene County PEMA imagery
 - Also received data from SRBC as well as from the Kittatinny Ridge project

c. Governance Task Force (Kevin Eaton)

- Current activities include;
 - GeoBoard reauthorization review
 - Updating Communications Plan
 - Realigning Official Procedures
 - Recruiting for Strategic Plan Update

d. State GIS Coordinator (Scottie Wall)

- Bureau of Geospatial Services
 - Creating Strategic and Tactical Plan
- Geospatial Center of Excellence (GCoE)
 - OA OIT Internal Geospatial Committee
 - Currently drafting standards & governance
- Future Lidar and Imagery Program

e. Executive Director (Eric Jespersen)

- Working with Scott Zubek to realign Official Procedures of the GeoBoard to practices as they have developed over the past few years:
 - i. More remote and hybrid meetings
 - ii. Importance of Strategic Planning
- Reiterated that tasks published on the website as [Implementation Approach](#) guide his workplan.
- Internal and external Communications Plan in progress

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III. Policy Recommendation on State Plane Coordinate System

- Initial presentation of policy recommendation in support of PSLS legislative initiative in support of geodetic datum shift.
 - Tabled For discussion by Leadership Team
 - Potential vote by email discussed

IV. Progress Report on Data Layer Roadmaps

Planning for October 12 Joint Task Force presentations

- Designing virtual Joint Task Force meeting
- Expecting/allowing diverse approaches from each working group

Seeking consolidation team members

- Participate in October 12 JTF
- Concentrate on integration of data layers
- Prepare summary PA BaseMap roadmap for November 16 GeoBoard

V. Expanding Data Sharing Workshop Report

Action Items

- Identify existing programs - HMP, Official Map, MS4, DOT 3D2025 are examples – that could serve as roadmap strategies, building upon the example of addresses from NG911.
- County data sharing agreements should be examined and revisited in light of heightened executive support for simplified interagency sharing when fully defined.
- Study the potential benefits and logic of data layers in PA BaseMap 2030 being designated as Commonwealth Data as that initiative develops.

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VI. New Business

PEMA NG911 GIS Strategic Plan *draft* released

Topics for November 16 meeting

- Results of Joint Task Force Data Roadmaps meeting
- Communications Plan
- Geoboard reauthorization

VII. Motion to Adjourn

By motion of Kevin Eaton, seconded by Bill Kiger, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 3:00 P.M.

2023 Board Meeting Schedule

Meetings dates and times are listed below. Notification will be provided if changes occur.

- November 16, 2023 at 1:30 PM - Hybrid teleconference and on-site
- March and June 2024 Quarterly Meeting Dates TBD

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