



State Geospatial Coordinating Board Meeting
Monday, August 23, 2021
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 CTC 1, CR1 in Harrisburg.

Attendee List:

Board Members and Designees

- Eliza Gross, United States Geologic Survey Mapping Liaison
- Maurie Kelley, Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access
- Frank DeSendi, Designee for Department of Transportation Secretary Yassmin Gramian
- Scott Zubek, Designee for Commissioner Erick Coolidge, Tioga County Commissioner, County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania
- Dave Gilbert, PA Mapping and Geographic Information Consortium
- Howard Hodder, PA Chapter of Management Association for Private Photogrammetric Surveyors
- Cheryl Cook, Designee for Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding
- Matthew Warner, Designee for Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors
- Laura Simonetti, Service Delivery Task Force Lead and GIS Professional Association of Pennsylvania
- John MacMillan, Co-Chair and Designee for the Secretary of Administration Michael Newsome
- Kevin Eaton, Co-Chair, Governance Task Force Lead, and Designee for Secretary of Environmental Protection Patrick McDonnell
- Jeff Boyle, Data Task Force Lead and PA Emergency Management Agency
- Glenn Mohler, Designee for the County Emergency Management Agency
- Scott Drzyzga, Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, GIS Consortium
- Jeff Thomas, Designee for PA Emergency Management Director Randy Padfield
- Gale Blackmer, Designee for Conservation and Natural Resources Secretary Cindy Dunn
- Ken Juengling, PA Turnpike Commission
- Damon Anderson, Designee for Public Utility Commission Chairperson Gladys Brown
- Bill Kiger, Pennsylvania One-Call System
- Lindsay Manning, Designee for PA State Police
- Kevin Boozel, Designee for County Commissioner

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Staff

- Valerie Janosik-Nehilla, Office of Administration, Office of Chief Counsel
- Mary Fulton, Office of Administration, Office for Information Technology
- Eric Jespersen, Executive Director State Geospatial Coordinating Board, Office of Administration, Office for Information Technology
- Jessica Byerly, Office of Administration, Office for Information Technology

John MacMillan, Co-Chair

- Provided opening remarks, conducted roll call, and briefly reviewed the agenda for the Board's meeting.
- Discussed hiring and start of Executive Director, Eric Jespersen.
- Noted that Jeff Boyle will be Data Task Force lead.
- Indicated that the revised Strategic Plan document was approved via email vote and posted on Board web site.
- The agenda was presented: [ATTACHMENT 1 – 8.23.2021 GeoBoard Meeting Agenda](#)
- Board meeting materials: [ATTACHMENT 2 – 8.23.2021 GeoBoard Meeting Materials](#)

Joint Task Force (JTF) Update

- Update provided on strategic plan, Executive Director hiring, task force updates
- New business topic: identify national trends that coincide with Pennsylvania efforts
- Open discussion on Executive Director operating with GeoBoard

Task Force Updates

- Task Force Leads (Jeff Boyle, Laura Simonetti and Kevin Eaton) presented material for each of their related Task Forces groups.
- [ATTACHMENT 2 – 8.23.2021-GeoBoard Meeting Materials \(Pages 5-11\)](#)
 - Data Program Task Force (**Pages 6-7**):
 - New requirements for Pennsylvania 911 centers are under consideration for adoption by PEMA at the September 911 Advisory Board meeting. Requirements include provisions for GIS in support of next generation 911 call delivery
 - Imagery production in progress for 28 counties flown in Spring 2021. Deliveries expected weekly between September 2021 – February 2022.
 - Hydrography - highlights included kickoff of the USGS' Raystown Elevation Derived Hydrography (EDH) Pilot, a 3400 square mile project to create flowpaths to USGS EDH specs; project funded by NRCS PA Office and FEMA Region 3. Notice for awareness also given on a 3D Call to Action for Hydrography as a component of the USGS' National Topography Model; DCNR Geological Survey is actively monitoring progress and direction.

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- Elevation Working Group created a leadership team to meet between quarterly meetings to provide additional direction and focus for the larger group.
- Civic Boundary Working group anticipated progress on the Statewide BAS agreement and reports movement on DCED/DOT information sharing MOU.
- Service Delivery Task Force **(Pages 8-10)**:
 - 59 counties and 1 planning commission have signed data sharing agreements. In the last few weeks, 2-3 counties shared data that had not previously shared any data for the base map. Moving forward, the SDTF will focus on outreach to the counties who have already signed agreements but have not yet shared data. One-on-one virtual meetings will be scheduled with these counties to help answer questions and concerns.
 - 2019/2020 LiDAR has been delivered to PASDA.
 - The SDTF is still seeking input for a follow-up report to the *Special Report on COVID-19*. Please share information on new applications or projects reflecting how your organization is helping to map, manage or help communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - PASDA is creating a report on the PEMA Imagery Project. This report will include information on the specifics about the PEMA imagery data hosted at PASDA.
- Governance Task Force **(Page 11)**:
 - Strategic Plan was successfully adopted by GeoBoard and then visually aligned with the aesthetics of the first iteration of Strategic Plan. Now available on the GeoBoard website
 - Next step – each Task Force will develop their “Implementation Approaches”
 - Template will be provided by Governance Task Force. Expected to be provided to Task Forces by end of Sept
 - House Bill 609 still in Senate – currently out of session until 9/20 so no movement until then. Will continue to monitor.

New Business

- Approach for Executive Director engagement priorities and actions **(Pages 13-15)**:
 - Mr. MacMillan and Mr. Jespersen led a discussion on how the SGCB might take advantage of having an Executive Director. Key points in the discussion centered on pace and prioritization, and in alignment the new strategic plan guidance. It was decided that Mr. Jespersen should participate in all Task Force meetings to provide a basis for prioritization.
 - Mr. Jespersen suggested that he would like to focus the Joint Task Force meetings on the Base Map, as had been their original intent, and that the Quarterly SGCB meetings should include decision making by the SGCB on which components of the vision and progress are ready for expression to the larger community outside the GeoBoard.

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Open Discussion

- Reminders about new business agenda topics and progression through task force groups.
- Board members were encouraged to submit ideas on the Board's website and engage in the process used to prioritize and promote such.

Motion to Adjourn

- **MOTION 2021-04**
By motion of John MacMillan, seconded by Jeff Boyle, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 P.M.

2021 Board Meetings

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

- November 15, 2021 at 1:30 PM Virtual teleconference and on-site