

State Geospatial Coordinating Board Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 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)
- Boyle, Jeffrey (Designee for PEMA – Director Randy Padfield)
- Califano, Catherine (Designee for DGS – Secretary Reggie McNeil)
- Campbell, William (PA Municipal Authorities Assoc.)
- Cook, Cheryl (Designee for PA Department. of Agriculture – Secretary Russell Redding)
- 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, Jessica Shirley)
- 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)
- Kiger, Bill (PA One Call System)
- Lettiere, Laura (Mifflin County, County GIS Professional Association of Pennsylvania and Service Delivery Task Force Lead)
- Livoti, Joseph (Designee for Suburban Official – Bethany Blackburn)
- 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	Janosik- Nehilla, Valerie
Breese, Connor	Partsch, David
Easton, Joshua	Spayd, James
Guiseppe, Al	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-031424-agenda.pdf](#)
- Meeting materials: [geoboard-031424-presentation.pdf](#)
- Roll Call – Board Members

II. GeoBoard Leadership Team Updates

a. **Data Program Task Force** (Al Guisepp)

The quarterly update was abbreviated to allow more time for implementation task discussions later in the meeting:

Geodetic Working Group

- Presentation at PSLs Annual Conference on BaseMap 2030

Hydrography Working Group

- Submitted multi-state grant application to USGS 3D Hydrography Program for Chautauqua/Conneaut Watershed on Lake Erie

Civic Boundary Working Group

- First ever Statewide BAS in process by DCED as supported by OA GIS

Elevation Working Group

- PEMA Program engaged new QC contractor; imagery deliveries resumed after contract hiatus

b. **Service Delivery Task Force** (Laura Lettiere)

- Metadata Session held March 1, 2024
 - 35 participants
 - Follow up training session scheduled early May
- Seeking champion to lead the GIS Census strategic implementation task

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- GeoBoard County representatives met to discuss the simplification of data exchange and sharing between counties and state agencies. Draft summary document in review.
 - "Focus Point" – Still discussing creation of simple, informational documents as a sub-category of opportunity briefs
 - PASDA Updates:
 - 3D PA Report is in final review
 - Columbia and Montour Counties new data partners
 - Long-time partner Lancaster County now sharing parcel data
- c. **Governance Task Force** (Kevin Eaton)
- GeoBoard reauthorization due by June 30, 2024
 - Strategic Plan Update complete
 - Driven by Implementation Tasks
 - Drone Subcommittee recently established
 - First meeting was February 9
 - Implementation Task Review
 - Communications Plan as primary task for Governance
 - Will be discussed later in the meeting
- d. **Executive Director** (Eric Jespersen)
- Presented overview of reauthorization
 - Senator Lynda Culver to sponsor
 - Will advise Members by email when legislation introduced
- e. **State GIS Coordinator** (Scottie Wall)
- Reported on Geospatial Maturity Assessment
 - PA Lidar and Imagery Program Updates
 - Broad-based survey to gather information on use and access requirements
 - Positive response
 - Survey open until April 1
 - OA GIS Strategic Plan fully drafted, in review

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III. 2023 GeoBoard Annual Report

- 8th Annual Report; the series shows a positive, productive history
- Publication approved by roll call vote of voting members
 - Motion to publish – Boyle; Seconded – Cook
 - Vote tally: 14 affirmative - 0 opposed

IV. Strategic Plan Update

- Original Plan created 2021
- Sustainability, Collaboration and Stewardship remain central themes
- Committee made only minor revisions, still requires final formatting
- Members will vote via email after review of formatted plan

V. Results of Joint Task Force Meeting of February 8 – Implementing the Strategic Plan

The first Joint Task Force meeting of the year is generally a review of the implementation tasks from the previous year, along with adjustments and planning for the coming year. Discussion centered on the following tasks proposed for action:

1. Governance Task Force

Create a communications plan for the GeoBoard. It should address both internal and external communications, as well as technical and non-technical audiences. Components to include:

- Messaging and graphics
- Website and distribution alternatives
- Calendar of events
- Resource needs defined

Estimated Completion Date 6/30/24

2. Leadership Team

Utilize the SSAP Case Study and County Data Sharing Report to build executive support for PA BaseMap 2030.

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3. Service Delivery Task Force

3DPA Demonstration Program will foster innovative uses of PA data in 3D environments by public, private and academic stakeholders. The goal will be to build an incubator type environment for enabling 3DPA on a broader scale that shows the potential for hosting and providing access to 3D data.

Estimated Completion Date 9/30/24

4. Service Delivery Task Force

Increase GIS Community awareness regarding methods of, and responsibility for long-term data access, archive, and security for data elements of PA BaseMap. Subject matter would encompass public and private access requirements, include local government data, and a minimum time frame of 50 years.

Estimated Completion Date 11/30/24

5. Service Delivery Task Force

PA GIS Census development and reporting

Estimated Completion Date TBD

6. Data Program Task Force

Encourage integration of data development and maintenance as the fundamental nature of PA BaseMap 2030

- a) Publish a concise summary of the overall roadmap for publication in a BaseMap 2030 pitch document
- b) Host separate meetings wherein all working groups explore and document data elements and points in which workflows could or should converge to another specific base layer

Estimated Completion Date 12/31/24

7. Data Program Task Force

Actively promote and support interagency involvement in USGS' 3D National Topographic Model (3DNTM), and specifically for sustained investment in 3DEP and for 2025-26 3DHP statewide data creation

Estimated Completion Date 7/31/24

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There were some questions and discussions about each of the individual implementation tasks, mostly signaling acceptance and support. New tasks that arise from member support may be added during the year. Individual working group goals are still in place and will be accomplished as participant time is available.

The implementation tasks will be published on the website when the revised strategic plan is approved and published.

VI. New Business

A County Data Sharing brief is in development by all 6 county representatives on the GeoBoard. Reciprocal sharing and processes to support it are essential to the success of BaseMap 2030.

Topics for June 13 meeting

- 3DHP Story Map
- SSAP Case Study
- Reauthorization celebration or last push

VII. Motion to Adjourn

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

2024 Board Meeting Schedule

• **June 13, 2024**

Note: Members voiced the opinion that we should establish calendar dates for quarterly meetings in Q3 and Q4 in anticipation of reauthorization

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