

**State Geospatial Coordinating Board Meeting**  
**Monday, November 15, 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 Commonwealth Technology Center 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
- Dave Gilbert, PA Mapping and Geographic Information Consortium (Phone)
- 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
- Ken Juengling, PA Turnpike Commission
- Damon Anderson, Designee for Public Utility Commission Chairperson Gladys Brown
- Bill Kiger, Pennsylvania One-Call System
- Kevin Boozel, Designee for County Commissioner
- William Campbell, Designee for PA Municipal Authorities Association

Staff

- Valerie Janosik-Nehilla, Office of Administration, Office of Chief Counsel
- Mary Fulton, Office of Administration, Office for Information Technology



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- Eric Jespersen, Executive Director State Geospatial Coordinating Board, Office of Administration, Office for Information Technology
- Jessica Byerly, Office of Administration, Office for Information Technology
- Carla Shaw, 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.
- The agenda was presented: [ATTACHMENT 1 – 11.15.2021 GeoBoard Meeting Agenda](#)
- Board meeting materials: [ATTACHMENT 2 – 11.15.2021 GeoBoard Meeting Materials](#)

Joint Task Force (JTF) Update

Mary Fulton and Kevin Eaton guided JTF meeting held on 10/14/2021. [ATTACHMENT 2 – 11.15.2021 GeoBoard Meeting Materials](#) (Page 3)

- An overview of the NSGIC Annual Meeting was provided.
- Eric Jespersen provided a brief update on current GeoBoard and JTF activities.
- Kevin Eaton discussed strategic approach documents and imagery report.
- Service Delivery updates to data sets and data map phases were provided.
- Eric Jespersen will work on business topics and coordinate review of PASDA imagery report.

Task Force Updates

Task Force Leads (Jeff Boyle, Eric Jespersen, Laura Simonetti and Kevin Eaton) presented material for each of their related Task Forces groups. [ATTACHMENT 2 – 11.15.2021 GeoBoard Meeting Materials](#) (Pages 4-12)

- Data Program Task Force (**Pages 5-9**):
  - Formalized goals and objectives to include in-person workshops based on PA base maps.
  - 24 counties have access to spatial interface applications (GIS DataHub).

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- PEMA received 23 applications for \$2.76M to support NG911 GIS.
- Raystown elevation-derived hydrography pilot underway.
- For civic boundaries, DCED/DOT data exchange agreement in place.
- Talk of creating parcel / cadastral steering committee formation.
- **Service Delivery Task Force (Pages 10-11):**
  - As of November 15<sup>th</sup>, 59 counties and 1 planning commission have signed data sharing agreements.
  - Special report of COVID-19 is nearly complete.
  - PEMA Imagery Project report is available to the GeoBoard. Adams County imagery is complete; Franklin County will be next.
  - Draft implementation goals for Service Delivery Task Force created.
- **Governance Task Force (Page 12):**
  - Strategic Plan implementation approach templates were distributed to each Task Force.
  - Response documents due to Governance Task Force by December 25, 2021 and the Governance Task Force will release the document for new year.
  - HB 609 – No significant change in status since 5/5/2021 when referred to Senate Committee for Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.
  - Geospatial census opportunity is being discussed. Information gathering and evaluating activities are in progress.

**Executive Director Engagement**

Approach for Executive Director engagement priorities and actions **(Pages 13–15)**

- John MacMillan and Eric Jespersen led the discussion regarding the direction of the SGCB by building on the established Strategic Plan, involving all task forces and holding spring workshops.
- Membership should be seeking opportunities to carry messages to external partners – counties, municipalities and townships.

**New Business (Page 16)**

- Barry Hutchins informed the group of the NENA joint meeting that was held during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of November 2021. Version 2 of data model soon to be released in 3D.
- Next Joint Task Force meeting is 2/10/2022 with 2/1/2022 the deadline for topic submission.

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**Guided Discussion (Pages 17-18)**

- Connecting with counties for information or data sharing opportunities.
- Risk versus consequence management: what coordination opportunities exist to provide the best data to those in risk management?
- Are we getting data and information to the decision makers?
- Captured ideas / suggestions for data follow:
  - Is there a role in terms of acquiring data or building data that would support infrastructure efforts? For example, broadband data, electric car charging stations.
  - PASDA suggested an application that would include a companion story map, link to data, resources, and highlight gaps about "Infrastructure in PA: challenges, opportunities and goals".
  - Spatial data rendering and analysis likely needed for identifying underserved and unserved broadband internet areas and, potentially, addresses. Was any of this information gathered in the NG911 GIS survey or does PUC have relevant information?
  - PASDA has some academic partners but it would be an efficiency opportunity if state agencies that contract with universities and colleges required that such data is shared back.
  - NextGen911 relies heavily on using spatial data.
- GIS Talent
  - Retain / develop GIS knowledge and talent in-state including K-12 and post-secondary.
  - California University contacted PEMA for information on incorporating NG911 into their GIS curriculum. PEMA has been assisting with these efforts and is willing to offer the same to other institutions. Scott Drzyzga indicated that Shippensburg University may be another relevant institution.

**Open Discussion (Page 19)**

- Upcoming Events:
  - Central PA GIS Day, November 17, 2021
  - State GIS Conference – June 13 to 15, 2022
  - Base Map workshops – in progress

**Motion to Adjourn**

• **MOTION 2021-05**

By motion of John MacMillan, seconded by Bill Kiger, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 2:59 P.M.



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2022 Board Meetings

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

- March 17, 2022 at 1:30 PM      Virtual teleconference and on-site
- May 26, 2022 at 1:30 PM      Virtual teleconference and on-site
- August 11, 2022 at 1:30 PM    Virtual teleconference and on-site
- November 17, 2022 at 1:30 PM   Virtual teleconference and on-site