

State Geospatial Coordinating Board Meeting
Thursday, November 16, 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

- Bembenick, Matthew (Designee for DGS – Secretary Reggie McNeil)
- Blackmer, Gale (Designee for DCNR – Secretary Cindy Dunn)
- Boyle, Jeffrey Designee for PEMA – Director Randy Padfield)
- Campbell, William (PA Municipal Authorities Assoc.)
- Cook, Cheryl (Designee for PA Department. of Agriculture – Secretary Russell Redding)
- DeMatt, Michael (Chair, Designee for Office of Administration – Secretary Neil Weaver)
- 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)
- 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	Hodder, Howard
Breese, Connor	Partsch, David
Easton, Joshua	Swartz, Gary
Guissepe, Al	

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Staff

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

I. Welcome & Opening Remarks

- Michael DeMatt presided
 - The agenda was presented: [geoboard-111623-agenda.pdf](#)
 - Meeting materials: [geoboard-111623-presentation.pdf](#)
 - Roll Call – Board Members

II. GeoBoard Leadership Team Updates

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

The quarterly update centered on goals reported by each working group during the October 12 Joint Task Force meeting:

Geodetic Working Group Goals

- Adoption of NATRF22
- SPCS legislation target for 2024
- Collaboration on metadata

Remote Sensing/Elevation Working Group Goals

- Remote Sensing Program in place by 2025
- "Data ecosystem" defined and in place by 2026
- By 2030 the Remotely Sensed Data program is the foundation for PA Basemap and 3DPA. It is firmly established and available as the core to all other geospatial creation and development

Hydrography Working Group Goals

- Automated data development expected in 2024
- Preliminary statewide hydro by 2025
- By 2030 the changes and updates will be integrated to effect multiple datasets in unified workflows

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Civic Boundary Working Group Goals

- Successful Statewide BAS in 2024
- Original legal records protected
- Singular boundary alignments by 2028

Parcel Working Group Goals

- Bring connected group together
- Communications/education plan established
- State-level champion identified

Site Structure Address Points Working Group Goals

- Ecosystem wherein county-authored address data supports and is supported by:
 - NextGen911 Core functions
 - Publicly distributed data aggregation

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

- Metadata Session #2: January, 2024
- Counties sending regular data updates for the PA Basemap are Lycoming, Lancaster, Franklin, Adams, Allegheny, Erie, Bradford, Bedford, Venango, Chester, Montgomery, Bucks, Centre
- GeoBoard County representatives will meet in Q1 of 2024 to focus on the simplification of data exchange and sharing between counties and state agencies
- "Focus Point" – Piloting creation of 1-page, simple, informational documents on various topics for the GeoBoard as a sub-category of opportunity briefs
- PASDA Updates:
 - 3D PA Report is being finalized
 - Met with DVRPC about sharing additional data
 - Cambria County Imagery from 2003 to date, as well as planimetrics
 - Statewide contour service available
 - Statewide LAS service in testing

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- PASDA Stats (for fiscal year 2023):
 - PASDA Total Site Hits: 561,410,656
 - Total Site Users: 6,429,635
 - PASDA Downloads: 2,271,083
 - Map Service Requests: 202,873,353
 - PA Imagery Navigator: 12,422,724
 - Penn Pilot/Historic Imagery: 15,454,944
 - PA LiDAR Navigator: 1,972,497
 - PA Mine Map Atlas: 5,073,122
 - PA Flood Risk Assessment Tool: 2,215,522
 - All Imagery Related Services: 73,729,183

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

- GeoBoard reauthorization due by June 30, 2024
- Strategic Plan Update Q1 2024
 - Driven by Implementation Tasks
- Realigned Official Procedures
 - Reviewed by Leadership Team
 - Acceptance vote today
- Special report on State Plane Coordinate System Update
 - No longer a Policy Recommendation
 - Acceptance vote today

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

- Reiterated centrality of strategic plan implementation tasks to quarterly progress
- Encouraged members to engage in task forces and working groups to increase their impact and knowledge
- Provided short update on Sharepoint collaboration site refresh and communications plan

III. Revised GeoBoard Procedures

- Governance Task Force revised GeoBoard Official Procedures to reflect post-pandemic meeting technology changes and to align work products with practices.
- Changes approved by roll call vote of voting members
 - Vote tally: 16 affirmative - 0 opposed

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IV. Special Report on PA State Plane Coordinate System

- August vote on policy recommendation related to legislative initiative in support of geodetic datum shift was tabled for discussion by Leadership Team
- Revised version is a Special Report and now without legislative language:
- Approved by roll call vote of voting members
 - Vote tally: 16 affirmative - 0 opposed

V. BaseMap Roadmap

- Reported on October 12 Joint Task Force presentations
 - Goals as outlined in Data Task Force update
 - Diverse formats and positive outlook
 - Meeting summary in preparation
- Independent Review Panel observations
 - Roadmap would benefit from standard template and tying goals to problem statements
 - Recognize shared goals – consistency, accuracy
 - Need specific messaging to secure champions
- Immediate plans include:
 - Individual working groups continue efforts
 - Data Task Force to establish more detailed roadmap and timeline
 - Messaging will tie goals to increased efficiency, better public safety, and improved equity

VI. New Business

Drone Use Business Topic assigned to Governance Task Force

Topics for March 14 meeting

- 2023 Annual Report
- Revised Strategic Plan
- County Data Sharing Vision
- GeoBoard Reauthorization

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VII. Motion to Adjourn

The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 3:00 P.M.

2024 Board Meeting Schedule

- **March 14, 2024**
- **June 13, 2024**

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