

Part 3

Board of Utah Geological Survey

79-3-301 Board of Utah Geological Survey created.

- (1) There is created within the department the Board of the Utah Geological Survey.
- (2) The board is the policymaking body for the survey.

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 344, 2009 General Session

79-3-302 Members of board -- Qualifications and appointment -- Vacancies -- Organization -- Meetings -- Financial gain prohibited -- Expenses.

- (1) The board consists of seven members appointed by the governor, with the consent of the Senate.
- (2) In addition to the requirements of Section 79-2-203, the members shall have the following qualifications:
 - (a) one member knowledgeable in the field of geology as applied to the practice of civil engineering;
 - (b) four members knowledgeable and representative of various segments of the mineral industry throughout the state, such as hydrocarbons, solid fuels, metals, and industrial minerals;
 - (c) one member knowledgeable of the economic or scientific interests of the mineral industry in the state; and
 - (d) one member who is interested in the goals of the survey and from the public at large.
- (3) The director of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration is an ex officio member of the board but without any voting privileges.
- (4)
 - (a) Except as required by Subsection (4)(b), members are appointed for terms of four years.
 - (b) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (4)(a), the governor shall, at the time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length of terms to ensure that the terms of board members are staggered so that approximately half of the board is appointed every two years.
 - (c) No more than four members may be of the same political party.
 - (d) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the replacement shall be appointed for the unexpired term by the governor with the consent of the Senate.
- (5) The board shall select from its members a chair and such officers and committees as it considers necessary.
- (6)
 - (a) The board shall hold meetings at least quarterly on such dates as may be set by its chair.
 - (b) Special meetings may be held upon notice of the chair or by a majority of its members.
 - (c) A majority of the members of the board present at a meeting constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.
- (7) Members of the board may not obtain financial gain by reason of information obtained during the course of their official duties.
- (8) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:
 - (a) Section 63A-3-106;
 - (b) Section 63A-3-107; and
 - (c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

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79-3-303 Responsibilities of board.

The board has the following responsibilities:

- (1) establish and review policies, programs, and priorities;
- (2) review and recommend budgets;
- (3) assess the needs of the community with regard to development and use of geologic resources;
- (4) keep the director advised concerning survey policies; and
- (5) enact rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, that are necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

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