

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists

Board Meeting

10:00 a.m., May 24, 2012

Synergy Business Park

110 Centerview Drive, Kingtree Building Room 202-02

Columbia, South Carolina

NOTE: These minutes are a record and summary of the motions and official actions taken by the Board and of the meeting. A transcript of this meeting providing more detail will be available on the Board's website: www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Geologists

Meeting Called to Order

Vernon Ichimura, PhD., chairman, of Aiken, called the regular meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists to order at 10:02 a.m. Other members present for the meeting included: Charles Gorman, III, vice chairman, of Columbia; and Mark Taylor, of Greer.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator; Theresa Garner, Program Assistant, and Sara McCartha, Advice Counsel.

Dr. Ichimura announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC Board of Registration for Geologists office, Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Excused Absences

There were no absences to be excused.

Approval of the February 16, 2012 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the February 16, 2012 minutes as amended; to include the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks – Vernon Ichimura, PhD.

Dr. Ichimura stated Mark Taylor attended the Geological Society of America (GSA) Southeastern Regional meeting in Asheville, North Carolina. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Gorman attended the Clemson Hydrogeology Symposium.

Mr. Taylor reported ASBOG is encouraging academic institutions to consider using the Fundamental exam for assessment of competency in conjunction with their college curriculum.

Administrator's Remarks – Lenora Addison-Miles

Mrs. Miles reported on the total number of licensees, cash balance reports for March and April 2012, and the Insurance Reserve Fund class to be held on September 14, 2012.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

New Business

ASBOG Examination Results (Executive Session)

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion to enter into Executive Session to review the ASBOG examination results. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion to return to open session. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which carried unanimously. It was noted for the record that no votes or actions were taken while in Executive Session.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion to accept the ASBOG exam scores. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Licensure via Reciprocity/Endorsement

Richard C. Conolly

The Board considered Mr. Conolly's application for registration by reciprocity. Mr. Conolly was registered in Virginia by grandfather provision.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve Mr. Conolly's request for licensure. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Stanley William Golaski, III

The Board considered Mr. Golaski's application for registration by endorsement. Mr. Golaski was registered in California by ASBOG examinations.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept Mr. Golaski's request for licensure via endorsement. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Michael Patrick Hays

The Board considered Mr. Hays' application for registration by reciprocity. Mr. Hays was registered in North Carolina by ASBOG examinations.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion to accept Mr. Hays' request for licensure via reciprocity. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

William L. Regenthal

The Board considered Mr. Regenthal's application for registration by reciprocity. Mr. Regenthal was registered in North Carolina by ASBOG examinations.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion to accept Mr. Regenthal's request for licensure via reciprocity. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Michael Maurice Sonderman

The Board considered Mr. Sonderman's application for registration by endorsement. Mr. Sonderman was registered in Indiana by ASBOG examinations.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept Mr. Sonderman's application for licensure by endorsement. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Grant Lawrence Ohland

The Board considered Mr. Ohland's application for registration by endorsement. Mr. Ohland was registered in California by state examination.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept Mr. Ohland's application for registration by endorsement. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Licensure via Reinstatement

Albert Ray Frommel

Mr. Frommel's license lapsed June 30, 2011. He submitted a complete reinstatement packet.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to reinstate Mr. Frommel's license. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Kenneth Charles Summerour

Mr. Summerour's license lapsed June 30, 1999. He has been attempting to reinstate since 2008. He submitted an updated application packet and proof of CE's for the July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009 period.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve the reinstatement of Mr. Summerour's license on the condition that he provide proof of CE's for the July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011 period. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ASBOG Examination Requests

Jennifer C. Meek (FG)

Ms. Meek submitted an application to take the Fundamentals of Geology examination for certification as a geologist-in-training.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to allow Ms. Meek to take the Fundamentals examination. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Ratification of Mail Ballots

Catherine Allison Bailey

The Board originally considered Ms. Bailey's application for registration by reciprocity on February 16, 2012 and voted by mail ballot to approve her for registration. Ms. Bailey was registered in Georgia by ASBOG exams.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to ratify Ms. Bailey's request for registration by reciprocity. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Johanna Marie Teschner

The Board originally considered Ms. Teschner's application for registration by reciprocity by e-mail dated February 28, 2012. Ms. Teschner was registered in North Carolina by ASBOG exams.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to ratify Ms. Teschner's application for registration by reciprocity. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Continuing Education Audit (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011)

Ihor Kunasz

During the February 16, 2012 meeting, the Board reviewed Mr. Kunasz's CE documentation and determined there was inadequate documentation and insufficient proof of training. Mr. Kunasz was notified of the deficiency, and his response indicated he will not need his certification.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to suspend Mr. Kunasz's license based on the lack of CE credit documentation. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Lawrence Mattila

Mr. Mattila failed to respond to the original audit request. He was sent a follow-up letter via certified mail. He provided a written statement regarding his situation.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to defer action until the August 16, 2012 meeting, allowing Mr. Mattila additional time to provide sufficient documentation, and his current contact information. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Letters of Caution and Dismissal

The Board was asked to determine whose signature they would like on Letters of Caution and Dismissals.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion that the Board Chairman will sign Letters of Caution and Dismissals. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Electronic Signatures and Seals

The Board reviewed the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act based on an inquiry regarding geologists using electronic seals and signatures on documents in South Carolina. The Board asked Mrs. Miles to obtain additional information from the Secretary of State's Office regarding the process.

National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG)

Call for Nominations ASBOG Secretary 2013

The Board should submit any nominations for ASBOG Secretary 2013 by June 9, 2012.

Council of Examiners (COE) Workshop Report

Mr. Taylor gave a report on the ASBOG COE Workshop.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the S. C. Board of Registration for Geologists is scheduled for August 16, 2012.