

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists
Board Meeting
10:00 AM, December 11, 2007
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 111
Columbia, South Carolina

Meeting Called to Order

Jason Terry, Chairman, of Charleston, called the regular meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists to order at 10:10 a.m. Other members present for the meeting included: Vernon T. Ichimura, PhD., Vice-Chairman, of Aiken; R. Craig Kennedy, of Columbia; and Richard D. Warner, PhD., of Clemson.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator; Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; and Linda Owens, Administrative Assistant.

A member of the public attending the meeting was Scott Yankey.

Mr. Terry announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Board of Registration for Geologists office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree 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

All members were present.

Approval of the August 23, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Dr. Ichimura asked that it be noted that the budget appears to be on track for a balanced budget.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy moved the Board approve the minutes of the August 23, 2007 meeting as amended. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks – Jason Terry

Mr. Terry made no remarks at this time.

Administrator's Remarks –Lenora Addison-Miles

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Sharon Dantzer, Office of General Counsel

Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

There were no advisory opinions or legislative update given during the December 11, 2007 meeting.

Ms. Addison-Miles had no remarks at this time.

Unfinished Business

There was no old business to be discussed during the December 11, 2007 meeting.

New Business

Examination Request

a. Alan Scott Yankey

On July 5, 2007 the Board received an application from Alan Yankey to take the Fundamentals exam as well as the PG exam. Mr. Yankey obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from the University of Kentucky in 1983. His transcript from the University of Georgia reflects he received a Master's Degree; however, his application reflects that he did not receive a Master's Degree. Board records indicate he was issued a Cease and Desist Order for unlicensed practice on June 22, 2007.

Because Mr. Yankey was not present for the presentation of this application he was notified in writing that he was scheduled to appear at this meeting.

Scott Yankey appeared before the Board at this time and offered the following testimony.

Mr. Yankey moved to South Carolina from Illinois, where he was licensed. He was also licensed in Missouri. He was unaware of any infraction of the South Carolina laws. He said the company would typically sign their name with the South Carolina license number. He assumes his signature is the reason for the infraction.

The Board determined its motion from the previous meeting would stand.

b. Lori Leigh Mauldin

On November 26, 2007 the Board received a Registered Professional Geologist application from Lori Leigh Mauldin. Ms. Mauldin received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from Clemson in December 1999. She has applied to take both the fundamentals and practice exams.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura made a motion, seconded by Dr. Warner and unanimously carried, the Board accept the application.

c. Jacob Sarna

On November 13, 2007 the Board received a Registered Professional Geologist application from Jacob Sarna. Mr. Sarna received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from Western Michigan University in April 2000. He was registered/certified in Tennessee in 2001. He has applied to take both exams.

MOTION

Dr. Warner moved the Board accept this application. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

d. David B. Graham

In 2004 David Graham applied to take the Fundamentals exam and was denied by the Board at that time because he did not have enough hours. He has not completed an updated application; however he has supplemented the original application with a transcript and an updated employment verification. He included a note admitting he felt he was short of credit hours when he originally applied in 2004. He is applying to take both exams.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy moved the Board allow him to take both exams. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Licensure via Reciprocity and/or Endorsement

a. Kimberly Caudill

On September 10, 2007 the Board received a Registered Professional Geologist reciprocity application from Kimberly Caudill. She is applying for licensure by reciprocity from North Carolina, where she was granted licensure by ASBOG exam. Ms. Caudill received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from Ohio University in August 1984.

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously carried, the Board approve Ms. Caudill's application.

b. Christopher Foldesi

On September 17, 2007 the Board received a Registered Professional Geologist reciprocity application from Christopher Foldesi. Mr. Foldesi is applying for licensure by reciprocity from North Carolina, where he was licensed by the ASBOG exam. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from Western Carolina University in December 1995 and a Master of Science Degree in Geology from Eastern Carolina University in December 2002.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Dr. Warner and unanimously carried, that the Board approve Mr. Foldesi's application.

c. George Garrett

On June 14, 2007 the Board received a Registered Professional Geologist reciprocity application from George Garrett. Mr. Garrett is applying for licensure by reciprocity from North Carolina, where he obtained licensure by the North Carolina state exam. He is also licensed by reciprocity in Georgia. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Environmental Studies and Geology from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington in December 1979 and a Master of Science Degree in Geological Science from Ohio University in March 1989.

MOTION

Dr. Warner moved the Board approve Mr. Garrett's application. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

d. Raymond Marchant, III

On September 18, 2007 the Board received a Registered Professional Geologist reciprocity application from Raymond Marchant, III. Mr. Marchant is applying for licensure by reciprocity from North Carolina, where he obtained licensure by the ASBOG examination. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from Duke University in May 1982.

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously carried, that the Board approve this application.

e. *Reinhard Ruhmke*

On March 18, 2007 the Board received a Registered Professional Geologist endorsement application from Reinhard Ruhmke. Mr. Ruhmke is applying for licensure by endorsement from California where he was licensed by the state exam. He is licensed in North Carolina by comity with California. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from the San Diego State University in May 1988.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura moved the Board approve this application. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

f. *Qingfeng Tan*

On November 9, 2007 the Board received a Registered Professional Geologist reciprocity application from Qingfeng Tan. Mr. Tan is applying for licensure by reciprocity from North Carolina, where he received licensure by the ASBOG examination. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from the China University of Geosciences in June 1996 and a Master's Degree in Hydrogeology from Clemson University in December 2003. He was registered as a GIT in 2005.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura made a motion, seconded by Dr. Warner seconded and unanimously carried, that the Board approve Mr. Tan's application.

ASBOG Examination Scores

Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy moved the Board enter executive session to discuss the ASBOG exams. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session to Report on Executive Session

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ichimura and unanimously carried, that the Board return to public session.

Mr. Terry noted that no motions were offered or made during executive session.

MOTION

Dr. Warner moved the Board approve the ASBOG exams. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Licensure via Examination

a. *Michael Davis Jordan*

On August 14, 2007 the Board received a Registered Professional Geologist application from Michael Davis Jordan. Mr. Jordan obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Earth and Atmospheric Science from the Georgia Institute of Technology in December 1997 and a Master's Degree in Environmental Studies from the Medical University of SC in June 2000. He passed the ASBOG exams in September 2007.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously carried, that the Board approve this application.

b. Bobby J. Wolf

On May 9, 2007 the Board received a Registered Professional Geologist application from Bobby J. Wolf. Mr. Wolf obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from Clemson University in August 1997. He passed the ASBOG exams in September 2007

MOTION

Dr. Warner moved the Board approve Mr. Wolf's application. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. **Geologists-in-Training via Examination**

a. Thomas Darby

On August 2, 2007 the Board received a Geologist-in-Training application from Thomas Darby. Mr. Darby obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from West Virginia University in August 2003 and a Master's Degree in Hydrogeology from Clemson University in August 2005. He passed the Fundamentals exam in September 2007.

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ichimura and unanimously carried, that the Board approve this application.

b. John Law

On July 22, 2007 the Board received a Geologist-in-Training application from John Law. Mr. Law obtained an Associate's Degree in Science from Midlands Technical College in May 2001, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from USC in August 2003, and a Master's Degree in Professional Science Master from USC in August 2006. He passed the Fundamentals exam in September 2007. His file is missing one reference.

MOTION

Dr. Warner moved the Board approve this application contingent upon receipt of the missing reference. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

c. Michael Stokes

On July 31, 2007 the Board received a Geologist-in-Training application from Michael Stokes. Mr. Stokes obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from the College of Charleston in December 2001. He passed the Fundamentals exam in September 2007.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Dr. Warner and unanimously carried, that the Board approve this application.

Reinstatement Requests

a. Melanie Hill

On October 5, 2007 the Board received a reinstatement application from Melanie Hill. Ms. Hill's license expired on June 30, 2005. She has paid all fees, provided proof of continuing education and provided an affidavit stating she has not practiced geology in South Carolina since her license lapsed.

Mr. Terry recused himself from participating and voting in this matter as he provided a personal reference for Ms. Hill. He turned the meeting over to Dr. Ichimura at this time.

MOTION

Dr. Warner moved the Board approve Ms. Hill's reinstatement application. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Dr. Ichimura turned the meeting over to Mr. Terry at this time.

b. John Westerfield

On June 15, 2007 the Board received a reinstatement application from John Westerfield. Mr. Westerfield's license expired on June 30, 2004. He has paid all fees, provided proof of continuing education and provided an affidavit stating he has not practiced geology in South Carolina during the time his license has been lapsed.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Dr. Warner and unanimously carried, that the Board approve Mr. Westerfield's reinstatement application.

Recess

The Board recessed at 11:25 a.m. and returned to public session at 11:32 a.m.

Return to Public Session

Dr. Warner stated one matter came out of the ASBOG meeting which needed Board discussion. ASBOG is asking for blanket approval of field trip.

7. 2005-2007 Continuing Education Audit

On October 23, 2007 staff conducted a random audit of continuing education for 2005-2007. Fifty-seven records were chosen and of those records four individuals were audited during the 2003-2005 biennium and two have provided documentation. Two individuals asked that they not be audited for this audit. The deadline for submitting proof of continuing education was December 3, 2007.

The Board instructed staff to notify those two individuals who asked not to be audited to provide the appropriate documentation within thirty days.

The Board reviewed the 2005-2007 continuing education documents.

Mr. Kennedy stated he spoke with Mrs. Jan Simpson, Administrator with the Board of Architects, and discussion ensued in regard to appointing a committee to discuss boundaries for both Boards.

Mr. Kennedy stated he spoke to the undergraduate class of geology students at USC.

Public Comments

There were no public comments made during the December 11, 2007 meeting.

Adjournment

The December 11, 2007 meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists adjourned at 12:52 p.m.