

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists
Board Meeting
10:00 AM, February 7, 2008
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 201-03
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 10:02 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 and Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant.

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 December 11, 2007 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously carried, that the Board approve the minutes of the December 11, 2007 meeting as submitted.

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 updates given during this meeting.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated the ASBOG Council of Examiners Workshop will be held in Cody, Wyoming April 2 – 6, 2008. She went on to say the workshop would be held on Thursday and

Friday and that a field trip would be conducted on Saturday. She further stated ASBOG mailed workshop notices to Dr. Ichimura, Mr. Kennedy, and Dr. Warner.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated the members have received today a memo regarding 2008 Statement of Economic Interests Forms. She went on to say this year the members have the option of completing the form online or printing it to complete and mail directly to the Ethics Commission and that the deadline for filing is April 15, 2008. She noted the members may incur penalties starting at \$100 for failure to file this form by the deadline.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated staff has also distributed to each of the members the Record of Travel statements from the agency's finance office, which details expenses for which they were reimbursed in 2007. If that amount exceeds \$500, a Form 1099 would be mailed to the members. She asked that if the members did not receive the Economic Interests memo or the Record of Travel to let her know by the end of today's meeting.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to be discussed during this meeting

New Business

1. Examination Request

a. *John Horn*

On January 14, 2008 the Board received an application for examination and registration as a professional geologist from John Horn. Mr. Horn has applied to take the fundamental and practice exams. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from Mississippi State University in August 2000. Mr. Horn's application was reviewed by Mr. Kennedy who referred the application to the full Board for lack of geological semester hours received in college.

MOTION

Following a brief discussion regarding this application, Mr. Kennedy moved the Board deny Mr. Horn's request to take the exam due to lack of the required 30 semester hours in geology. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

b. *Heyward Key*

On January 11, 2008 the Board received an application for examination and registration as a professional geologist from Heyward Key. Mr. Key has applied to take the fundamental and practice exams. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Presbyterian College in May 1998. He obtained a Master's Degree in Geology from the University of North Carolina Wilmington in May 2003. Mr. Kennedy reviewed Mr. Key's application and referred the application to the full Board for lack of the required 30 semester hours in geology.

MOTION

Following a brief discussion regarding this application, Dr. Warner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously carried, that the Board deny Mr. Key's request to take the exam due to lack of the required fundamental geology course credit hours.

2. Licensure via Reciprocity and/or Endorsement

a. *Julie Lynne Bennett*

On January 22, 2008 the Board received an application for licensure from Julie Bennett. Ms. Bennett is applying for licensure via reciprocity from North Carolina where she obtained licensure by the ASBOG exam in 2007. She obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from Murray State University in December 1993. Her file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura moved the Board accept Ms. Bennett's application for licensure. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

b. Colleen Clark

On August 24, 2007 the Board received an application for licensure from Colleen Clark. Ms. Clark is applying for licensure via reciprocity from North Carolina where she was granted licensure by the ASBOG examination in 2006. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Geological Sciences from Albion College in June 1986 and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from North Carolina State University in May 1991. Her file is complete.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ichimura and unanimously carried, that the Board accept Ms. Clark's application for licensure.

c. A. Murphy Doty

On November 15, 2007 the Board received an application for licensure from A. Murphy Doty. Mr. Doty is applying for licensure via reciprocity from Florida where he was granted licensure by the ASBOG exam in 2006. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Geology from the University of Delaware in January 1992. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura moved the Board accept Mr. Doty's application for licensure. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

d. Craig D. Neil

On December 11, 2007 the Board received an application for licensure from Craig D. Neil. Mr. Neil is applying for licensure via reciprocity from Maine where he was granted licensure via the Maine written exam in 1990. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Geological Sciences from the University of Maine in December 1982. He also took additional graduate studies. He is licensed in Virginia via reciprocity with Maine. His file is complete.

The Board briefly discussed Maine's negative reply to the question asking if their state exam is equivalent to the ASBOG exam.

MOTION

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

e. Justin Radford

On December 4, 2007 the Board received an application for licensure from Justin Radford. Mr. Radford is applying for licensure via reciprocity from North Carolina where he obtained licensure

by the ASBOG exam in 2007. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from East Carolina University in July 2001. His file is now complete as missing information was received after the agendas had been mailed to the Board members.

MOTION

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

f. Jennifer Thomas

On October 30, 2007 the Board received an application for licensure from Jennifer Thomas. Ms. Thomas is applying for licensure via reciprocity from North Carolina where she was granted licensure by the ASBOG exam in 2006. She obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from the University of Mary Washington in May 2000. Her file is now complete as staff received the outstanding employment verification after the agendas had been mailed to the Board members.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura made a motion, seconded by Dr. Warner and unanimously carried, that the Board approve Ms. Thomas's application for licensure pending receipt of five years of past employment verification.

g. Robert S. Young

On January 8, 2008 the Board received an application for licensure from Robert Young. Mr. Young is applying for licensure via reciprocity from North Carolina where he was granted licensure by the ASBOG exam in 2004. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from The College of William and Mary in May 1987, a Master's Degree in Quaternary Studies from the University of Maine in May 1990, and a PhD in Geology from Duke University in December 1995. Staff contacted Mr. Young by phone on January 31, 2008 in regard to the outstanding official transcript from The College of William and Mary, which has now been received. His file is complete.

MOTION

Following a brief discussion regarding academics, Dr. Ichimura moved the Board accept Mr. Young's application for licensure. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

h. Monica Zeleznik

On January 3, 2008 the Board received an application for licensure from Monica Zeleznik. Ms. Zeleznik is applying for licensure via reciprocity from North Carolina where she obtained licensure by the ASBOG exam in 2006. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geological Sciences from Cleveland State University in 1988. Staff contacted Ms. Zeleznik regarding one missing professional reference and an employment verification from her current employer.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Dr. Warner and unanimously carried, that the Board approve Ms. Zeleznik for licensure pending receipt of the professional reference.

3. Request for Reinstatement

a. *Brian S. Boutin*

On January 28, 2008 the Board received a reinstatement application from Brian Boutin. Mr. Boutin's license expired on June 30, 1997. Staff has received proof of continuing education, an affidavit stating he has not practiced as a geologist in South Carolina in the time his license has been expired, and he has paid all fees. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Warner moved the Board grant reinstatement to Mr. Boutin. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

b. *Timothy Robert McKinsey*

On February 1, 2008 the Board received a reinstatement application from Timothy McKinsey. Mr. McKinsey's license expired on June 30, 2006. He has paid all fees, submitted proof of continuing education and provided an affidavit attesting he has not practiced as a registered geologist since his license expired.

Dr. Ichimura recused himself from participating in the discussion and vote on this applicant as Mr. McKinsey worked under him at one time.

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously carried, that the Board reinstate Mr. McKinsey's license.

4. Continuing Education Review

The Board reviewed documentation from licensees who submitted late renewals, and licensees who submitted additional documentation as requested from the continuing education audit conducted in October 2007.

MOTION

Dr. Warner moved, due to hardships endured by Mr. Martin Johnson, that the Board grant him an extension to May 1, 2008 to obtain documentation regarding his continuing education. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry stated during the Board's review of the continuing education audit documents during the December 2007 meeting Mr. Glenn Miller submitted a letter stating he had been audited during the previous audit and asked that he be exempt from this audit. The Board had directed staff to notify Mr. Miller that his request was denied and that he must submit the documentation; however, the Board determined that this documentation is insufficient.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously carried, that Glenn Miller is to provide the Board with supporting documentation to show proof of his continuing education hours within 30 days, if the documentation is not provided within the specified time frame; his license is to be suspended until such time the documentation is received.

Public Comments

There were no public comments made during this meeting.

Executive Session

The Board did not enter executive session.

Election of Officers**MOTION**

Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Dr. Warner and unanimously carried, that the current slate of officers remain the same.

MOTION

Dr. Warner moved the nominations be closed. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Kennedy's motion regarding the slate of officers carried unanimously.

Adjournment

The February 7, 2008 meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

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