

MINUTES
SC Soil Classifiers Advisory Council
Conference Call Meeting
October 27, 2015 at 10 a.m.
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 202-13
Columbia, SC

Call to Order and Introduction of Council Members and All Other Persons Attending

Chairman Fowler called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Other members participating in the call included Dennis DeFrancesco, Vice-Chairman, Bill Smith, John Thorp, and Chris Fincham.

Other persons attending in the office included: Molly Price, Administrator; Sherri Moorer, Program Assistant; Hardwick Stuart, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel; and Nadine Garrett (Creel Court Reporting).

Statement of Public Notice

Mr. Fowler stated that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S.C. Soil Classifiers Advisory Council office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in compliance with §30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Fowler asked for proposed changes to the minutes of the March 10, 2015, meeting. There were none.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the March 10, 2015, meeting. Smith/Thorp/approve.

Staff Reports

1. Mrs. Price told Council there are no cases in the Office of Investigations and Enforcement.
2. Mrs. Price told Council there is no Investigative Review Committee Report.
3. Mrs. Price told Council there are no cases in the Office of General Counsel.
4. Mrs. Price reported that there are currently 46 active licensees in the State. The Council has -\$9,516.34 as of September 30, 2015. She met with Richelle Taylor, the Agency Director, to discuss the budget. They agreed to take items off the debt balance, and indirect agency expenditures will not be taken from the Council. The previous balance was -\$68,708.42, so the Council should be better sustained with these changes. Meeting dates for 2016 are March 8, 2016, and October 11, 2016.

Council Member Reports

Dennis DeFrancesco welcomed Chris Fincham to Council.

Unfinished Business

1. Comity Licensure (Georgia). Mrs. Moorer told Council that the Georgia Board has not returned inquiries from the Department on comity licensure. Individuals applying for licensure must meet the education/experience/examination requirement in our law regardless of how they apply for licensure, so Council reviews applications on a case-by-case basis. The Council agreed to continue reviewing applications on a case-by-case basis.

New Business

1. Continuing Education Audits. The Council reviewed continuing education documentation provided by five individuals randomly selected for audit based on responses to the 2015 license renewals. Mr. Stuart asked Council to clarify if they are giving a total number of hours for an entire workshop, or if they are counting hours based on the courses attended. Council will grant a total number of hours for an entire workshop if it is focused on soils, and will request details on sessions attendees participated in for future audits.

MOTION: To approve continuing education for Alexander Edwin Baldwin.
Smith/Fincham/approved.

MOTION: To approve continuing education for William Fulton. Thorp/Fincham/approved.

MOTION: To approve continuing education for Mark Mann. Smith/DeFrancesco/approved.

MOTION: To approve continuing education for Charles Ogg. DeFrancesco/Thorp/approved.

MOTION: To approve continuing education for Franklin Lewis Williams.
Fincham/DeFrancesco/approved.

2. DHEC Liaison. Mr. Fowler said Lance Brewington emailed him a suggestion to appoint a liaison with the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control. This would facilitate communication between the Council and DHEC. Council proposed Rick Caldwell, Richard Threath, and Roger Owens. Mr. Fincham will be our liaison with DHEC and will coordinate with Mrs. Price and Mrs. Moorer to appoint a liaison to the Council.
3. Proposed DHEC Regulation Changes. Mr. Fincham said he found additional information on the proposed changes to DHEC standards that could affect soil classifiers. The open comment period closed; however, he feels that Council should review the changes and be prepared to respond to them in the 2016 legislative session. Mrs. Price asked Mr. Fincham to forward his information to Mrs. Moorer in the next two weeks. Mrs. Moorer will send the information to the Council members for review and will compile their comments. Mrs. Price will take the comments to the

Director's office so they will be prepared to track this issue during the 2016 legislative session. A Council meeting can be scheduled to discuss the issue, if necessary.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Notice of Next Meeting

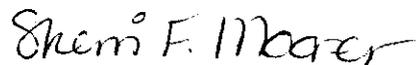
The next meeting of the SC Soil Classifiers Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Room 204, Columbia, SC, and will begin at 10 a.m.

There being no further business:

MOTION: To adjourn. Smith/Thorp/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sherri F. Moorner, Program Assistant