

MINUTES
South Carolina Environmental Certification Board
Board Meeting
10:00 a.m. September 8, 2009
Synergy Business Park
Kingstree Building-110 Centerview Drive
Conference Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

I. Meeting Called to Order

William Armes, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the SC Environmental Certification Board to order at 10:03 a.m. Other members present for the meeting included: James Rodgers, Jr., David Baize, David Dew, Dwight Johnson, Drennan Park, Henry Rutland, III, and Elizabeth Williams.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: Sharon Dantzler, Deputy General Counsel; Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant, Dona Ferguson, Administrator; and Theresa Garner, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Armes announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the South Carolina Environmental Certification Board, 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.

Mr. Armes announced the purpose of the SC Environmental Certification Board.

II. Approval of the May 12, 2009 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Johnson made a motion the Board approve the minutes of the May 12, 2009 meeting. Mr. Dew seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Invocation

Mr. Rutland delivered the invocation.

III. Election of Officers

NOMINATION

Mr. Rutland nominated Mr. Armes as chairman. Mr. Johnson seconded the nomination. Mr. Armes was elected chairman by acclamation.

NOMINATION

Mr. Johnson nominated Mr. Rutland as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Dew seconded the nomination. Mr. Rutland asked that his name be removed at this time due to his position. Mr. Johnson nominated Mr. Baize. Mr. Park seconded the nomination. Mr. Baize was elected by acclamation.

IV. Apprentice Program – Sue Schneider, General Manager, Spartanburg Water System

Ms. Sue Schneider made a presentation to the Board regarding an apprentice program. An employer owns and operates an apprentice program and is not obligated to pay the educational process of an apprentice.

MOTION

Mr. Rodgers made a motion that the completion of a registered apprenticeship program approved by the USDOL or the South Carolina technical schools will be accepted as the equivalence of the two years experience necessary to pursue C licensure. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding the apprentice program and the motion.

AMENDED MOTION

Mr. Rodgers amended the motion to state the completion of a registered apprenticeship program approved by the USDOL or the South Carolina technical schools will be accepted as the equivalence of the experience necessary for each level of licensure after D and the completion is demonstrated by submission of a USDOL certificate. Mr. Johnson seconded the amended motion, which carried unanimously.

V. IRC Report

Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. Rutland made a motion the Board enter into executive session to deliberate on disciplinary matters. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

MOTION

Mr. Johnson made a motion the Board return to public session. Mr. Park seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Armes noted for the record that no official action was taken during executive session.

MOTION

Mr. Park made a motion the Board affirm the current IRC committee members. Mr. Dew seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Armes asked that Mrs. Ferguson schedule a training session for the IRC committee. He asked that each member receive an outline of the IRC process

Mrs. Ferguson briefed the Board regarding the July 22, 2009 IRC report.

MOTION

Mr. Park made a motion the Board approve IRC report as presented. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

VI. New Business

A. Connie Huffstetler, Program Coordinator – LLR Customer Care Center

Mrs. Huffstetler briefed the Board regarding the agency's customer care center.

B. Andy Anderson – SCGWA

Mr. Andy Anderson addressed a concern the SCGWA had regarding an item listed on the agency's web site concerning well drillers. He stated the association wants the public to be aware of unscrupulous well drillers and suggested wording which may have been more appropriate.

Mrs. Ferguson noted the article Mr. Anderson referred to originally appeared on the agency's web page four years ago and had been approved by the individual who was the Board chairman at that time.

Mr. Armes noted the Board did not intend to offend anyone or any association. He noted the Board would take Mr. Anderson's remarks under advisement. He asked that Mr. Anderson to submit his remarks in writing.

VII. Program and Committee Reports

Mr. Baize stated the Board had looked at appointing a legislative review process and had appointed a committee during the May 2009 meeting. He noted the committee had not yet had a chance to meet. Mrs. Ferguson will contact the committee to set up a committee meeting.

VIII. Public Comments

There were no public comments made during this meeting.

IX. Adjournment

MOTION

Mr. Rutland made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Park seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The September 8, 2009 meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

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