

MINUTES
South Carolina Environmental Certification Board
Board Meeting
January 27, 2022 via Virtual Video/Teleconference

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Ken Rentiers, of Columbia, called the meeting of the South Carolina Environmental Certification Board to order at 10:08 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included Phillip Thompson-King, of Columbia; Charles Cortez, II, of Pelzer, SC; James Rodgers, of Greenwood; and Sidney K. Tuck, of Spartanburg.

Staff members participating during the meeting included Hardwick Stuart, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel; Pam Dunkin, Board Administrator and Johnnie Rose, Program Coordinator

Others participating included: Miran Tyrrell, Savannah River Site; Jo Ellen Trueblood, WEASC; John Young, and Courtney Glover (Creek Court Reporting).

Statement of Public Notice

Mr. Rentiers announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S.C. Environmental Certification Board Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and on the board website 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. Members of the public who wish to attend may do so by telephone or the Internet.

Invocation

Mr. Thompson-King gave the Invocation.

Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: To approve the agenda of the January 27, 2022 meeting.
Cortez/Thompson-King /approved.

Introduction of Board Members and Others

Board members, Board staff, and visitors were introduced.

Approval of Excused Absences

MOTION: To excuse the absence of Stacy Taylor and Doug Kinard for the January 27th Board meeting.
Cortez/Thompson-King/approved.

Approval of the October 28, 2021 Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the October 28, 2021 meeting.
Tuck/Thompson-King /approved.

Chairman's Remarks – Ken Rentiers

Mr. Rentiers welcomed everyone to the virtual Board meeting. He hopes that we will be able to meet in person soon and when it's safe to do so.

Staff Reports

Mrs. Dunkin gave the Administrator's Report:

- First, I want to say good morning, and Happy New Year! I'm glad to see that everyone is safe and doing well. Again, welcome to another WebEx Board meeting.
- During this meeting, please be sure to mute yourself if you are not speaking. This will help to keep out any background noise which can be disruptive to the meeting; however, if we can hear the background noise, Johnnie will mute you so that we can have a clear recording.
- Also, be sure to identify yourself first before speaking to help those that are taking the minutes.
- Agriculture Meeting
- As of, December 31, 2021, the Board had a cash balance of \$648,107.15. A copy of the cash balance report is included in the meeting handouts.
- Then, finally, as a friendly reminder, to please continue to direct licensees and applicants that come to you with questions or concerns to contact the Board staff. We will be happy to assist them.
- Filing the Statement of Economic Interest forms is required no later than 12:00 p.m. noon on March 30, 2022, to avoid penalties. Notice of filing this form and financial documents showing total reimbursements for 2021 were sent to Board members by email on January 6, 2022. Please contact Johnnie if you did not receive this email and note that you still need to file this form and report \$0 reimbursement even if you did not receive any reimbursements from LLR in 2021. Board staff will send out reminder notices about this to Board Members in February and March.

Advisory Opinions, Office of Advice Counsel

Mr. Stuart said there are no advisory opinions.

OIE Report-Office of Investigations and Enforcement

Mr. Smith stated the Office of Investigations and Enforcement has received one complaint and one is currently under investigation.

IRC Report- Office of Investigations and Enforcements

Mr. Smith reported the Investigative Review Committee Report contains 3 cases for citation. Two cases will be a formal complaint and one will be a Letter of Caution.

MOTION: To accept the January 27, 2022, Investigative Review Committee Report.
Thompson-King/Cortez/approved.

ODC Report-Office of Disciplinary Counsel-Chris Elliot

Mr. Elliott stated there is one case in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

Application Hearings

- a) Mr. Billy Payne appeared before the Board for an Application Hearing. He was not represented by counsel. All persons testifying were sworn in by the court reporter. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.
- b) Mr. Orlander Wheeler appeared before the Board for an Application Hearing. He was not represented by counsel. All persons testifying were sworn in by the court reporter. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.
- c) Mr. Jeffrey Jones appeared before the Board for an Application Hearing. He was not represented by counsel. All persons testifying were sworn in by the court reporter. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.
- d) Mr. Brad Fowler appeared before the Board for an Application Hearing. He was not represented by counsel. All persons testifying were sworn in by the court reporter. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

MOTION: To enter Executive Session for legal advice on the application hearing.
Tuck/Cortez/approved.

MOTION: To exit Executive Session.
Tuck/Thompson-King/approved.

MOTION: To approve Billy Payne to take the 'B' level exam, and he must supply his work experience for the last 5 years from the state of North Carolina.
Thompson-King/Tuck/approved.

MOTION: To approve Orlander Wheeler's application and trainee license.
Cortez/Thompson-King/approved.

MOTION: To approve Jeffrey Jones's application and trainee license.
Tuck/Thompson-King/approved.

MOTION: To approve Brad Fowler’s application and trainee license.
Thompson-King/Cortez/approved.

New Business

- a) **2022 ABC Hybrid Conference Update – Phillip Thompson-King, Pam Dunkin and Johnnie Rose** – There was a lot of great information presented at this conference. First, ABC has now changed their name to WPI (Water Professionals International) with a new look. There were several takeaways, and more information will be sent out at a later date for more updates.

Discussion Topics

No Discussion Topics.

Public Comments

No Public Comments.

Executive Session

The Board did not go into Executive Session.

Adjournment

There being no further business:

MOTION: To adjourn.
Thompson-King/Cortez/approved

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.