

MINUTES
South Carolina Environmental Certification Board
Board Meeting
October 27, 2022
Conference Room 105

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Ken Rentiers, of Columbia, called the meeting of the South Carolina Environmental Certification Board to order at 10:00 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included Phillip Thompson-King, of Columbia; Stacy Taylor, of Columbia; Doug Kinard, of Prosperity; James Rodgers, of Greenwood; Sidney K. Tuck, of Spartanburg; and Van Ward of Florence.

Staff members participating during the meeting included Hardwick Stuart, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel; Maurice Smith, OIE and Enforcement; Chris Elliott, Office of Disciplinary Counsel; Pam Dunkin, Board Administrator; Johnnie Rose, Program Coordinator; and Tiar Williams, Administrative Assistant.

Others participating included: David Baize, WEASC/SCAWWA; Jason Fell, SCWSA; Jim Matthews, OLE, Inc.; Ronald Swearingen, SCGWA; Miran Tyrrell, Savannah River Site; and Katherine N. Boone (Creel 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. Sidney K. Tuck gave the invocation.

Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: To approve the agenda of the October 27, 2022 meeting.
Tuck/Cortez/approved.

Introduction of Board Members and Others

Board members, Board staff, and visitors were introduced.

Approval of the July 21, 2022 Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the July 21, 2022 meeting.
Thompson-King/Cortez/approved.

Chairman's Remarks – Ken Rentiers

Mr. Rentiers welcomed everyone to the meeting, and hoped for a productive meeting.

Staff Reports

Mrs. Dunkin gave the Administrator's Report:

- We have been working on recruiting Board members, and as of right now, we are awaiting the Governor's Office to finalize appointments and reappointments. As you all can see, we have a new Board member, William Van Ward. We'll be formally introduced to him in just a moment. Again, if you have not sent in your request to be re-appointed, please send your request to: kquattrone@governor.sc.gov. and cc: Johnnie on that, so that he can follow up on these request(s).
- If you know of any licensees that would like to assist in processes such as the IRC, please reach out to me our Johnnie so we can make contact with them.
- 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.
- Our next Board meeting will be Tuesday, January 24th in room 105.

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 Report received 17 complaints since January 1, 2022 to October 27, 2022. Ten cases are active investigations, and 14 cases are closed.

IRC Report- Office of Investigations and Enforcements

Mr. Smith said the Investigative Review Committee Report contains two case pending for citations.

MOTION: To accept the October 18, 2022 Investigative Review Committee Report.
Tuck/Thompson-King/approved.

ODC Report-Office of Disciplinary Counsel-Chris Elliot

Mr. Elliott stated there are two cases pending in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

Application Hearings

- a) Mr. Elijah Davis appeared before the Board for an Application Hearing. He was not represented by counsel. All persons testifying were sworn in by court reporter. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary
- b) Mr. Matthew Fields 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 into a Closed Hearing.
Thompson-King/Tuck/approved.

- c) Ms. Jammie McLean appeared before the Board for an Application Hearing. She 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.
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MOTION: To exit Closed Session.
Thompson-King/Tuck/approved.

- e) Mr. Dennis Townsend's application was deferred to January's meeting due to absence from the meeting.
- f) Mr. Austin Webb 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.
Thompson-King/Tuck/approved.

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

Mr. Rentiers stated no action was taken in Executive Session

MOTION: To approve Elijah Davis's application and trainee license.
Cortez/Taylor/approved

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

MOTION: To approve Jammie McLean applications and trainee licenses.
Thompson-King/Kinard/approved.

MOTION: To approve Austin Webb's application and trainee license.
Taylor/Cortez/approved.

Regulation Committee

Mr. Rose stated the Regulation Committee met and identified the proposed regulations to be modified. The committee will be meeting in the upcoming months to draft the proposed revisions to be presented to the Board.

MOTION: To accept the proposed changes to modify Chapter 51.
Tuck/Thompson-King/approved.

Exam Committee

Mr. Rose stated South Carolina is using the 2017 Standardized ABC exam. After research, it was noted there is an updated 2019 Standardized ABC exam.

MOTION: To move to use the 2019 Standardized ABC exam, and to work with staff and the Exam Review Committee to properly evaluate the 2019 Standardized ABC exam.
Thompson-King/Taylor/all.

New Business

CE Broker Presentation

Deb Carter introduced CE Broker to the Board. The Board wants to get stakeholders' s feedback before moving forward. This item will be deferred to the January 2023 meeting.

College Credits for Work Substitution – Johnnie Rose

Mr. Rose would like to get clarification on the usage of college level science courses that could be used in place of the one year experience requirement.

This item was referred to the Regulation Committee.

Board Travel for 2023 – Pam Dunkin

- liC23 (WPI)– January 10-13, 2023 – Clearwater Beach, FL
- Decision Makers Summit – January 24-27, 2023 – Isle of Palms

MOTION: To approve two Board members and two Staff members to attend conferences
Thompson-King/Tuck/approved

2023 Board Meeting Dates – Pam Dunkin

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, April 25, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, July 25, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, October 24, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

These dates will be modified and sent to the Board.

Discussion Topics

There was no discussion topics.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Executive Session

The Board did not go into Executive Session.

Adjournment

There being no further business:

MOTION: To adjourn.
Cortez/Tuck/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.