

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Environmental Certification
Board Meeting
10:00 a.m., January 14, 2014
Synergy Business Park
Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

The invocation was given by Mr. Rutland, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Called to Order

William Armes, Chairman, of Simpsonville, called the regular scheduled meeting of the S. C. Environmental Certification Board to order at 10:00 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included: David Baize, of Irmo; Mitch Dew, of Latta; Dwight Johnson, of Jefferson; Jimmy Rodgers, of Greenwood, and Hank Rutland, of Orangeburg.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Theresa Garner, Program Assistant; Georgia Lewis, Advice Counsel; and Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant, OBS.

William Armes announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Board of Environmental Certification 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. A quorum was present.

Section 40-23-40

William Armes stated the purpose of this board is to protect the general public through the regulation of persons engaged in occupations appointed by the legislature for regulation by the board. These occupations are referred to in Chapter 23 collectively as Environmental Systems Operators.

Approval of Excused Absences

MOTION

Mitch Dew made a motion the Board excuse Elizabeth Williams from this meeting. Hank Rutland seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of the November 12, 2013 Minutes

MOTION

Dwight Johnson made a motion the Board approve the November 12, 2013 minutes. Mitch Dew seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Administrator's Remarks – Molly Price

Theresa Garner stated Molly Price is the new administrator for the SC Board of Environmental Certification; however, she is currently on medical leave. Mrs. Price holds a Master's Degree in Environmental Resources and is ready to assist anyone at any time. She is willing to discuss any matter with the board members by phone or email.

Theresa Garner reminded the members that the Statement of Economic Interest forms must be completed and submitted to the State Ethics Commission no later than March 30, 2014, at 12:00 p.m.(No Exceptions) She informed board members that Cathy Hazelwood is the agency and board member contact person with the State Ethics Commission. Travel reimbursement information was given to each member to assist them in completing the Statement of Economic Interest forms.

Mrs. Garner reported the board member reference manual was revised on January 8, 2014 and is located on the board members' secure website. The manual is revised frequently and is a valuable tool for all board members.

The Board's cash balance at the beginning of January 2014 was \$273,995.78.

There are currently 9,045 licensees.

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General

No advisory opinions were given during this meeting.

Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

Georgia Lewis stated the bill regarding the statute changes is being co-sponsored in the Senate. Senator Bennett, of Summerville, will sponsor the bill on the Senate side. Senator Davis, of Beaufort, will be the co-sponsor. Both serve on the Senate LCI Committee which the bill will be referred. Nelson Harwick will be asked to sponsor the bill in the House of Representatives. As the bill moves forward the board members may attend the subcommittee and committee hearings but must do so as members of the profession, not as board members. Holly Beeson will be the speaker on the bill if the agency is requested to speak.

The regulations have begun the 120 day process.

OIE Report-Office of Investigations and Enforcement

There was no report given at this meeting.

OGC Report-Office of General Counsel

There was no report given at this meeting.

New Business

a. Proposed Chapter 10: Fee Placement Options – Advice Counsel

Mrs. Lewis stated Holly Pisarik, Director, of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) has been researching board fees and has been meeting with the boards whose fees needed to be adjusted. Representative Bill Sandifer has agreed to submit Chapter 10 as a new regulation to place the fees for all of the boards under the LLR umbrella. She noted the boards will always have control over the fees even if placed in Chapter 10. She stated the Board has three (3) options: (a) The fees will appear in Chapter 10 only, or (b) The fees will appear in Chapter 10 in addition to the board's individual regulations, or (c) The fees will appear in Chapter 10 with a reference in the board's regulations to Chapter 10 and LLR's website for the board's fees.

MOTION

Mr. Baize made a motion the Board approve placing the fees in Chapter 10, with a reference in the board's regulations to Chapter 10, and LLR's website for the board's fees. Mr. Dew seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

b. Approval of Well Driller Exams & References

Theresa Garner stated the Board had appointed a committee to review the well driller exams and to revise questions as necessary. Elizabeth Williams chaired the committee. Other individuals serving on the committee included Jimmy Rodgers and Mark Whittle. All questions were reviewed, and approved by the committee. The committee also produced a study guide for the exams.

MOTION

The committee made a motion the Board approve sending the questions to Association of Boards of Certification (ABC), and that staff place the study guides on the Board's website. Jimmy Rodgers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Discussion Topics

There were no discussion topics discussed during this meeting.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given during this meeting.

Public Comments

John Young, of the Water Quality Association, questioned the Board regarding Chapter 10. Georgia Lewis explained the chapter and the process.

Executive Session

The Board did not enter into executive session.

Adjournment

MOTION

There being no further business, Mr. Johnson made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Dew seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The January 14, 2014 meeting of the SC Board of Environmental Certification adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

The next meeting of the SC Board of Environmental Certification is scheduled for March 18, 2014, in room 108.