

MINUTES

South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists
Board Meeting
10:00 AM, May 27, 2004
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 111
Columbia, South Carolina

Jason Terry, chairman, of Charleston, called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Other members present included: Richard Warner, Ph.D., of Clemson; Troy Elmore, of Lancaster; Vernon Ichimura, Ph.D., of Aiken; and Craig Kennedy, of Columbia.

Staff members present for the meeting included: Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator; Sharon Dantzler, Deputy General Counsel, LLR-Office of General Counsel; Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; and Barry Moreland, Administrative Assistant.

Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Terry announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Board of Registration for Geologists 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of January 29, 2004 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Dr. Warner moved the Board approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Elmore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks - Jason Terry

Mr. Terry stated he goes into each meeting evaluating each person's time. He indicated should any member want further time to discuss an item to let him know.

Administrator's Remarks -Lenora Addison-Miles

Ms. Miles had no remarks at this time.

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Sharon Dantzler, Office of General Counsel

There were no advisory opinions given during the May 27, 2004 meeting.

Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

There was no legislative update given during the May 27, 2004 meeting.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Kennedy asked if the revised draft policies discussed were approved during the last meeting. Ms. Miles indicated the policies had been approved.

Ms. Miles stated the draft letter to the National Groundwater Association, which was approved during the last meeting, was mailed.

The Board discussed the continuing education audit of Paul Nystrom. Staff had computer records indicating he had eight (8) hours of continuing education to be carried over for the 2001-2003 biennium. He has provided documentation of eight additional continuing education, totaling 16 hours. He is 16 hours short of the required 32 hours of continuing education credit for the 2001-2003 biennium.

New Business

1. Licensure via Reciprocity

a. Christopher J. Voci

Mr. Voci is requesting licensure by reciprocity from Pennsylvania. He holds a BA degree in Geology from Shippensburg University and a MA degree in Physical Science from West Chester University of Pennsylvania.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy moved the Board accept this application. The motion was seconded by Dr. Warner and unanimously carried.

b. Deana S. Sneyd

Ms. Sneyd is requesting her license via reciprocity with Georgia. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the University of Texas and a Master of Science degree from the University of Tennessee. Her file is missing license verification from Georgia.

MOTION

Dr. Warner moved to approve this application pending receipt of the license verification from Georgia. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously carried.

c. Steven L. Shugart

Mr. Shugart is requesting his license via reciprocity with Georgia. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Earth Sciences from Nicholls State College. His file is complete.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ichimura and unanimously carried, the Board accept this application.

d. William T. Henderson

Mr. Henderson is requesting licensure by reciprocity with Georgia. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the University of South Florida. He passed the ASBOG exam in Florida. His file is complete.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy moved the Board approve this application. Mr. Elmore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Licensure via Reinstatement

e. Larry K. Lucas

Mr. Lucas is requesting reinstatement of his PG license #335. The license lapsed in 1993. He has paid \$1,320 to be reinstated in addition to \$150 to be licensed through June 30, 2005. He may not have all 32 hours of continuing education, however, he is asking the Board to approve pending successful completion of the rest of his continuing education.

Mr. Kennedy stated the Board could review the documentation and vote on this matter when all of documentation has been received.

f. Michael L. Gillis

Mr. Gillis is requesting reinstatement of his PG license #1034, which lapsed in 1996. He has paid \$1,225.00 in reinstatement and licensing fees

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Dr. Warner and unanimously carried, that the Board accept the reinstatement application.

g. Keith C. Seramur

Mr. Seramur is requesting reinstatement of his PG license #2064. The license lapsed in 2001. He has paid \$555.00 in reinstatement and licensing fees.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy moved the Board accept the reinstatement application. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ichimura and unanimously carried.

Discussion Items

There were no discussion items at this time.

Public Comments

No public comments were made during the May 27, 2004 meeting.

Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Warner and unanimously carried, that the Board enter executive session.

Return to Public Session to Report on Executive Session

MOTION

Dr. Warner moved the Board return to public session. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry noted for the record that no motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

ASBOG Exam Scores

MOTION

A motion was made by Dr. Warner, seconded by Dr. Ichimura and unanimously carried, to accept the ASBOG exam scores.

Licensure via Examination

a. John E. Charlton

Mr. Charlton is requesting his license via examination. He holds a Master of Science degree in Geology from Mississippi State University. He has passed the ASBOG exam. His file is complete.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy moved the Board accept this application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Elmore and unanimously carried.

b. Terrance D. Livingston

Mr. Livingston is requesting licensure by examination. He has passed the ASBOG examination. His file is missing the education transcript and new employment verification from his last employer. He was employed with Maxim; however, he was laid off in October 2003 and has not yet gained further employment

MOTION

Dr. Warner moved the Board approve the application pending receipt of the transcript. Mr. Elmore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

c. Donald S. Siron

Mr. Siron is requesting his license via examination. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the University of South Carolina. He passed the ASBOG examination. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Warner moved the Board accept this application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously carried.

d. Shawn E. Dolan

Mr. Dolan is requesting his license via examination. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from Boston University. He has passed the ASBOG examination. His file is complete.

MOTION

A motion was made by Dr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously carried that the Board accept this application.

Paul Nystrom

The Board continued its discussion of Mr. Nystrom's continuing education. The Board asked staff to send a letter to Mr. Nystrom, via certified mail, asking for documentation regarding the 32 hours of continuing education, or he may choose to appear before the Board during its next regularly scheduled meeting.

Ms. Dantzler recommended the Board vote to conduct a random ten percent audit of continuing education include authorization for staff to issue cease and desist orders on individuals who have not submitted appropriate documentation until such time the documentation is received. She indicated there are two disciplinary avenues the Board could take for disciplinary matters for submitting a fraudulent renewal application, bring formal charges and bring the individual before the Board and issue a sanction or, for first offense, issue a consent order with a public reprimand and a \$500 fine. She noted that a second offense would require the individual to appear before the Board.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy moved to authorize staff to issue a cease and desist order to Mr. Nystrom, to authorize a release of the cease and desist order should he present the documentation for the 2001-2003 biennium, and to authorize staff not to issue a license when the 2004-2005 renewal is received. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ichimura. The motion carried unanimously following a brief discussion.

Mr. Kennedy stated he received an email from David Sanders in which he is asking that several items be added to the renewal form. Mr. Sanders is requesting that space be provided for carried over continuing education and a space for hours that have been completed for the current year. He has indicated that the space containing the wording on the \$85 fee and the biennium is confusing. Ms. Miles stated that space on the form is limited since the questions on the renewal are required. The Board members would like for the renewal forms contain a space for email addresses.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy moved that staff review incorporating some of those ideas on the renewal forms. The motion was seconded by Dr. Warner and unanimously carried.

Mr. Kennedy stated he had mentioned to Ms. Miles that a letter be mailed to note the correction of the continuing education. Discussion on this matter ensued.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to send a letter explaining the date of the continuing education. The motion died due to lack of a second.

Adjournment

The May 27, 2004 meeting of the SC Board of Geologists adjourned at 11:50 a.m.