

MINUTES

South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists
Board Meeting
10:00 AM, December 16, 2004
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

Jason Terry, chairman, of Charleston, called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. Other members present included: Vernon Ichimura, Ph.D., vice chairman, of Aiken; Richard Warner, Ph.D., of Clemson; and Craig Kennedy, of Columbia.

Troy Elmore, of Lancaster, was granted an excused absence.

Staff members present for the meeting included: Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator; 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 August 26, 2004 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy moved the Board accept the minutes of the August 26, 2004 meeting. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks - Jason Terry

Mr. Terry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Administrator's Remarks -Lenora Addison-Miles

Ms. Addison-Miles had no remarks at this time.

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

Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

There were no advisory opinions or legislative update given during the December 16, 2004 meeting.

Ratification of Mail Ballot

1. Michael Faris

On August 2004 the Board received an application from Michael Faris to become a registered professional geologist. Since the application was received too late to appear on the agenda for the August 2004 Board meeting staff copied the application, with the pertinent information, and prepared a ballot. Following the meeting Ms. Addison-Miles asked the Board to review the application and cast their vote on this matter on a ballot. The Board reviewed the application prior to departing from the meeting and voted unanimously to grant registration to Mr. Faris.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy moved to ratify the vote on Michael Faris. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ichimura and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to be discussed during the December 16, 2004 meeting.

New Business

1. Licensure via Reciprocity

a. David Y. Reedy, II

Mr. Reedy is requesting licensure via reciprocity with North Carolina. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Master of Science Degree in Geology from Radford University and passed the ASBOG exam in North Carolina. His file is complete

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy moved the Board accept Mr. Reedy's application. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

b. Hartford W. Hight

Mr. Hight is requesting licensure via reciprocity with Georgia. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from Radford University and passed the ASBOG exam in Georgia. His file is complete.

MOTION

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

c. Charles W. Fetter

Mr. Fetter is requesting licensure via endorsement with Indiana and Wisconsin. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from DePauw University and a Master of Science and Ph.D. Degrees from Indiana University. He received his registrations from Indiana and Wisconsin via a grandfather clause by education and experience. He taught at Indiana University for twenty-seven years. He now operates C.W. Fetter, Jr. Associates, a consulting firm and is an expert court witness. He is an internationally recognized expert in hydrogeology and an award-winning author of Applied Hydrogeology. His file is complete.

MOTION

Mr. Terry moved the Board table the discussion on this application until later in this meeting. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously,

d. Richard A. Esposito

Mr. Esposito is requesting licensure via reciprocity with Georgia. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Master of Science Degree in Geology from Auburn University. Georgia has verified he was issued a registration on February 13, 1992 and allowed it to lapse on December 31, 1999. Neither Alabama nor Florida has verified his registration.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy made a motion the Board deny the application. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion. During the discussion on this application it was noted that Mr. Esposito indicated his licenses in the other states are current, however, Georgia has verified his license lapsed on December 31, 1999. Mr. Kennedy stated the letter to Mr. Esposito informing him of the Board's denial of his application should state that Georgia has indicated his license is lapsed and that the Board would entertain his application in January 2005. Mr. Terry amended the motion to state that the Board deny the application due to a lapsed license in Georgia. The amendment carried as did the motion.

e. Scott L. Donovan

Mr. Donovan is requesting licensure via endorsement with California. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geological Sciences from San Diego State University. California has verified he was licensed in 1994 by state examination. His file is complete.

Ms. Miles stated Mr. Donovan contacted her and indicated he had moved to another state and requested his registration fees be returned. When Ms. Miles informed him that the registration fees are nonrefundable, he asked that his application move forward.

MOTION

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

f. Justin D. Ball

Mr. Ball is requesting licensure via endorsement with Pennsylvania. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from the University of Georgia and a Master's of Science Degree in Geology from Washington State University. He passed the ASBOG exam in Pennsylvania. His file is complete.

It was noted during the discussion on this application Mr. Charles Thompson, on his professional reference, answered 'no' to question #8, which asks, "Would you entrust the applicant with the responsibility for an important geological project involving life, health and welfare of the public? (If no, please explain on a separate sheet.)" Mr. Thompson did not give an explanation for his answer.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura moved to approve the application pending receipt of an updated professional reference from Mr. Thompson's answer to question #8 be clarified it was an error. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously carried.

g. John J. Interval

Mr. Interval is requesting licensure via reciprocity with Georgia. He stated on November 19, 2004 that he obtained his license from Georgia by using a Power Point presentation he sent to the Georgia Board of Geology. The presentation was the result of an appeal to the Georgia Board, which had turned down a prior request for licensure. The Board has not received licensure verification from Pennsylvania.

MOTION

Mr. Terry moved the Board deny the application. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. Mr. Terry amended the motion to say the license is denied due to lack of proof of successful passage of ASBOG or an acceptable examination. Mr. Kennedy seconded the amendment. Mr. Terry amended the motion to say the application is denied due to lack of reciprocity with Pennsylvania and lack of proof of successful passage of ASBOG or an acceptable examination. The amended motion was seconded by Dr. Warner and unanimously carried.

2. Request to sit for ASBOG Examination

a. Trevor J. Benton

Mr. Benton is requesting the Board allow him to sit for both the Fundamentals and Principals of Practice exams on March 4, 2005. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Geology from Clemson. He has worked for his employer for four years and seven months and will not have his five years until after the examination. He is also asking for credit for a semester long research course taken while he was a senior at Clemson. He assisted a graduate student in collecting field data associated with her thesis project.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy moved the Board deny credit for the thesis work since he was in college; however, that the Board approve the request to sit for the Fundamentals and Principals of Practice exams on March 4, 2005. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously after a brief discussion regarding the requirement of five years of experience prior to sitting for both exams.

3. CE Pre-Approval Requests

a. Dennis McCaskie

Dennis McCaskie has submitted requests for continuing education courses he offers in the State of Connecticut. Ms. Addison-Miles had submitted the requests to Mr. Terry for his review and approval; however, Mr. Terry was uncomfortable in approving the courses without the full Board's review. The courses are: Processes and Contaminants of the Metal Finishing, Surface Coating, and Dry Cleaning Industries; Processes and Contaminants of Other Light Industries: Electronic and Electric Devices, Textile Processing, and Rubber Processing; Petroleum Products; Pumping-Well Tests of New

England Aquifers and Interpretation using the USGS Program WTAQ.

MOTION

Dr. Warner moved the Board deny the Processes and Contaminants of the Metal Finishing, Surface Coating, and Dry Cleaning Industries; Processes and Contaminants of Other Light Industries: Electronic and Electric Devices, Textile Processing, and Rubber Processing for continuing education credit; however, that the Board approve the Petroleum Products and Pumping-Well Tests of New England Aquifers as continuing education credit. Mr. Kennedy amended the motion to state that Processes and Contaminants of the Metal Finishing, Surface Coating, and Dry Cleaning Industries; Processes and Contaminants of Other Light Industries: Electronic and Electric Devices, Textile Processing, and Rubber Processing be approved as professional development. Dr. Warner seconded the amendment, which carried unanimously. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items

1. ASBOG Annual Meeting Update - Mack Armstrong, NC Board of Registration for Geologists

Mr. Armstrong was unable to attend the meeting, however, Mr. Kennedy presented information to the Board on Mr. Armstrong's behalf.

Public Comments

There were no public comments made during the December 16, 2004 meeting.

Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy moved the Board enter executive session to review the ASBOG exam results and to discuss Mr. Fetter's application. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ichimura.

Return to Public Session to Report on Executive Session

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

ASBOG Exam Results

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura made a motion, seconded by Dr. Warner and unanimously carried, that the Board accept the October 2004 ASBOG examinations.

Licensure by Endorsement - Charles Fetter

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy moved the Board table this matter until Mr. Fetter could provide additional information regarding his licensing history. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ichimura and carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be discussed at this time, Dr. Warner moved the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The December 16, 2004 meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists adjourned at 12:30 p.m.