

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists
Board Meeting
10:00 A.M., December 12, 2006
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 111
Columbia, South Carolina

Jason Terry, Chairman, of Charleston, called the regular meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists to order at 10:05 a.m. Other members present for the meeting included: Vernon T. Ichimura, PhD., Vice-Chairman, of Aiken; R. Craig Kennedy, of Columbia; and Richard D. Warner, PhD., of Clemson.

Staff members participating at various times during the meeting included: Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; Lenora Miles, Administrator; and Linda Owens, 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 the August 24, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Dr. Ichimura stated he believes the Board tabled action on the Uniform Electronic Transaction Act. He went on to say he had requested information regarding reciprocity. He went on to say he believes Kentucky was provided an agreement without the Board's knowledge.

Mr. Kennedy stated he believes Mrs. Addison-Miles has attempted to contact Kentucky on several occasion but has not received a response.

Dr. Ichimura stated he would pursue this matter. Mr. Kennedy stated he would work with Dr. Ichimura on this matter.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy moved the Board approve the August 24, 2006 meeting minutes with the amendment. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks – Jason Terry

Mr. Terry stated he would move the meeting along; however, if anyone needs additional time to discuss an agenda item to let him know.

Administrator's Remarks –Lenora Addison-Miles

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated on November 4, 2006 the ASBOG Executive Committee on Finance increased the professional geologist exam fee by \$50, bringing the total cost of the exam to \$200 per candidate. She noted the fee increase would take effect with the October 2008 exam. She went on to state the geologist in training exam fee remains \$150 per candidate per exam. She noted the South Carolina professional geologist exam fee would be \$225.

*Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Sharon Dantzler, Office of General Counsel
Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office*

There were no advisory opinions or legislative updates for the December 12, 2006 meeting.

Financial Update – Barbara Derrick

Ms. Derrick was unable to attend the meeting; however, she did provide budget information to the Board. The Board asked Mrs. Addison-Miles to ask Ms. Derrick to attend the January 23, 2007 meeting.

New Business

1. Licensure via Reciprocity and/or Endorsement

a. *Kenneth Earnest*

Mr. Earnest is currently licensed in California via the California state exam. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geological Sciences from the San Diego State University. His file is missing one personal reference.

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion seconded by Dr. Ichimura and unanimously carried that the Board approve Mr. Earnest for licensure pending receipt of the third personal reference.

b. *Joseph A. Ghiold*

Mr. Ghiold is licensed in Florida via the Florida state exam in 1993. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Master of Science Degree in Geological Science from State University of New York at Binghamton. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura moved the Board accept Mr. Ghiold's license application. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

c. *Brian K. Hutchison*

Mr. Hutchinson is licensed in Florida by the ASBOG exam. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Geological Sciences from the University of Maine at Orono. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura made a motion seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously carried that the Board accept Mr. Hutchison's license application.

d. *Steven S. Jett*

Mr. Jett is licensed in Arkansas via the ASBOG exam. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from the University of Missouri. His file is complete.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy moved the Board accept Mr. Jett's license application. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

e. Michael W. Kohnke

Mr. Kohnke is licensed in Virginia via the ASBOG exam. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from the Freie University of Berlin, Berlin Germany. His file is complete.

Mr. Kennedy noted that the license verification from Virginia indicates Mr. Kohnke took the fundamentals exam, but does not indicate he took the practical exam.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy made a motion seconded by Dr. Warner and unanimously carried that the Board approve Mr. Kohnke for licensure pending verification from Virginia that he took both parts of the ASBOG exam.

f. Eric T. Mosley

Mr. Mosley is licensed in Missouri via the ASBOG exam. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geological Science from the University of Missouri. His file is missing one professional reference.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura moved the Board approve Mr. Mosley for licensure pending receipt of the professional reference. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

g. Margaret M. Ness

Ms. Ness is licensed in North Carolina via the ASBOG exam. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from the University of Akron and a Master of Science Degree in Geology from the University of Toledo. Her file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura made a motion seconded by Dr. Warner and unanimously carried that the Board approve Ms. Ness for licensure.

h. Perry B Waldrep

Mr. Waldrep is licensed in Florida via the state exam and in Georgia via the ASBOG exam. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from the University of Alabama. His file is complete.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated Mr. Kennedy forwarded a postcard brochure to the staff which lists Mr. Waldrep as working for Synterra, which is located at 148 River Street, Suite 220, Greenville. She went on to say Synterra was formerly known as the Fletcher Group. The postcard also states that Mr. Waldrep is licensed in several southeastern states. Mr. Terry stated Mr. Waldrep began working for Synterra on October 2, 2006.

MOTION

Dr. Warner moved the Board approve Mr. Waldrep for licensure. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Discussion ensued in regard to advertising as a registered professional geologist in South Carolina. The Board determined it would send a letter informing Mr. Waldrep the Board is aware of the postcard advertisement. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kennedy stated he would draft a letter to Mr. Waldrep for the Board's review.

i. Paul M. Weaver

Mr. Weaver is licensed in North Carolina by the ASBOG exam. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Geology from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura made a motion seconded by Dr. Warner and unanimously carried that the Board accept Mr. Weaver's application.

j. Robert M. York

Mr. York is licensed Georgia via the ASBOG exam. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from the West Georgia College. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura moved the Board accept Mr. York's application for licensure. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. Licensure via Reinstatement

a. Martha K. Carr

Ms. Carr's license expired on June 30, 1999. She has paid all fees, submitted proof of continuing education and has signed the affidavit indicating she has not worked as a geologist during the time her license has been expired.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy moved the Board approve Ms. Carr's reinstatement. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. ASBOG Examination Scores

Executive Session

Dr. Warner made a motion seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously carried that the Board enter executive session to discuss the ASBOG examination scores.

Return to Public Session

MOTION

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

Mr. Terry noted that no motions were offered or made and no votes were taken during executive session.

ASBOG Examination Scores

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy made a motion seconded by Dr. Warner and unanimously carried that the Board accept the ASBOG examination scores.

Recess

The Board took a ten minute recess at 11:00 a.m. and returned to public session at 11:10 a.m.

Return to Public Session

4. Licensure via Examination

a. *Leslee J. Alexander*

Ms. Alexander has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from the University of Delaware and a Master of Science Degree from the University of South Carolina. She has passed both parts of the ASBOG exam. Her file is complete.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy moved to approve Ms. Alexander for licensure. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

b. *Alex W. Amos*

Mr. Amos holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geology from the College of Charleston. He has passed both parts of the ASBOG exam and his file is complete.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy made a motion seconded by Dr. Warner and unanimously carried that the Board approve Mr. Amos for licensure.

c. *Marie R. Arrant*

Ms. Arrant holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology and a Master of Science Degree in Hydrogeology from Clemson University. She passed the ASBOG fundamental exam in 2001. Her file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Warner moved the Board approve Ms. Arrant's application for licensure. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

d. *Susan E. Block*

Ms. Block holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from the University of Alabama and a Master's of Science Degree in Earth and Planetary Science from the University of New Mexico. She passed the fundamentals exam in 2005. Her file is complete.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy made a motion seconded by Dr. Ichimura and unanimously carried that the Board approve Ms. Block's application.

e. *Michael J. Gunderson*

Mr. Gunderson holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from North Dakota State University and a Master's of Science Degree in Geology from the University of Tennessee. He has taken and passed both ASBOG exams. He became licensed with the Tennessee Board of Geologists earlier this year. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Warner moved the Board approve Mr. Gunderson's application. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

f. *Daniel M. Kennedy*

Mr. Kennedy holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from the New York State College at and has passed both exams. His file is complete.

Mr. Terry noted Mr. Kennedy's name is misspelled on the ASBOG exam results.

MOTION

Dr. Warner moved the Board approve Mr. Kennedy's licensure application. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

g. *John C. McMichael*

Mr. McMichael holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Earth Science from Tennessee State University. He passed the fundamentals exam in 2002. His file is complete.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy made a motion seconded by Dr. Ichimura and unanimously carried that the Board approve Mr. McMichael's application.

h. *Christopher J. Suttell*

Mr. Suttell holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from the State University of New York College at Fredonia. He passed the Practice of Geology exam in March 2006. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Warner moved the Board approve Mr. Suttell's application. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. Geologist-in-Training via Examination

- a. *Owen W. Astwood*
- b. *Julie E. Friddell*
- c. *Patrick W. Lowery*
- d. *Shaun C. Malin*
- e. *Richard A. Mayer, Jr.*

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy moved the Board approve the above geologist-in-training candidates for GIT status. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. Uniform Electronic Transaction Act

After a brief discussion regarding the Uniform Electronic Transaction Act Mr. Kennedy stated he would draft a policy in regard to this matter.

7. Consent Agreement – Erin Palko

Mrs. Addison-Miles briefed the Board in regard to a consent agreement signed by Erin Palko. She noted the agency's attorney stated the counter consent agreement is acceptable since there was not an official investigation and the agency does not have documentation validating the allegation. She went on to say Ms. Palko has paid the fine proposed in the agreement.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura made a motion seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously carried that the Board approve this consent agreement.

Public Comments

There were no public comments made during the December 12, 2006 meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be discussed by the Board at this time, the December 12, 2006 meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists adjourned at 12:10 p.m.