

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists**  
**Board Meeting**  
**10:00 A.M., January 23, 2007**  
**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: Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator; Barbara Derrick, Budget Director; Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; and Linda Owens, Administrative Assistant.

**Meeting Called to Order**

Mr. Terry noted 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 December 12, 2006 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION**

Mr. Kennedy moved the minutes of the December 12, 2006 meeting be approved. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Chairman's Remarks – Jason Terry**

Mr. Terry made no remarks at this time.

**Administrator's Remarks –Lenora Addison-Miles**

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

*Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office*

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated pursuant to the Board's request the letter drafted by Mr. Kennedy was mailed to Mr. Harry Waldrop on January 4, 2007.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated the Board members received today a copy of the Statement of Economic Interest Form. She further stated the form should be completed and mailed to the State Ethics Commission no later than April 16, 2007. She noted that members could face penalties beginning at \$100 for failure to file the form by the deadline.

*Financial Update – Barbara Derrick*

Ms. Derrick presented the members with a copy of the latest budget figures and briefed the Board on the adjustments made since she spoke with them last year.

### **New Business**

1. Licensure via Reciprocity and/or Endorsement

a. *Steven Aldis*

Mr. Aldis is currently licensed in North Carolina. He was licensed via the ASBOG exam, which he passed in 2003. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology and Geology from the University of Kentucky. His file is complete

**MOTION**

Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Dr. Warner and unanimously carried, that the Board accept Mr. Aldis for licensure.

b. *Fred Portofe*

Mr. Portofe is currently licensed in Florida. He obtained licensure via the Florida state exam, which he passed in 1991. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from Kent State University. His file is complete.

**MOTION**

Dr. Ichimura moved the Board accept Mr. Portofe's application for licensure. The motion was seconded by Dr. Warner and unanimously carried.

c. *Jonathan Shireman*

Mr. Shireman is currently licensed in Alabama. He obtained licensure via the ASBOG exam, which he passed in 2005. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from Humboldt State University and a Master's Degree in Geology from the University of South Carolina. His file is complete.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ichimura and unanimously carried, that the Board approve Mr. Shireman for licensure.

2. Licensure via Reinstatement

a. *Donald Secor, Jr.*

Mr. Secor's license lapsed on June 30, 2003. He has paid all fees and has obtained all required continuing education. He did not include a notarized statement regarding his work while his license was in a lapsed status; however, he did include a letter explaining his activities during that time.

**MOTION**

Dr. Ichimura moved the Board approve Mr. Secor's license for reinstatement. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Examination Request

a. *David A Warren*

Mr. Warren has applied to take the Fundamentals of Geology (GIT) exam. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Environmental Sciences from the University of Virginia.

Mrs. Addison-Miles noted that Mr. Kennedy reviewed the exam applications and, upon his review, referred this application to the Board.

**MOTION**

Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Dr. Warner and unanimously carried, that the Board deny Mr. Warren's request to sit for the exam as a result of not having the required thirty hours of credit hours in geology.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments made during the January 23, 2007 meeting.

**Election of Officers**

Mr. Terry opened the floor for nominations for chairman. Dr. Ichimura nominated Mr. Terry.

Mr. Terry opened the floor for nominations for vice chairman. He nominated Dr. Ichimura for vice chairman.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner moved the nominations be closed. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry was elected chairman by acclamation. Dr. Ichimura was elected vice chairman by acclamation.

**Discussion Items**

Mr. Kennedy stated he has not yet completed the policy on the electronic transmittal of documents. He further stated he wanted to discuss the matter with individuals from UST. He went on to say he hoped to complete the draft within the next month and would forward the draft to the members for review prior to the next meeting.

Mr. Kennedy stated he wanted to review the complete set of policies with the ones he currently holds. The Board asked Mrs. Addison-Miles to e-mail the members with the current Board policies.

Dr. Ichimura stated he had written some notes in regard to reciprocity with Kentucky. He further stated Kentucky and Florida recognizes the credentials of geologists registered in South Carolina as sufficient to qualify for registration. He continued by saying it is almost automatic for a South Carolina registered geologist to become registered in Kentucky. He went on to say if South Carolina would extend some recognition to Kentucky it would all be noted. He said the Board should consider Policy 2.5.2 and the policy that states that if the Board accepts a registered geologist from another state that individual must be registered in that state for five years. Discussion on this matter ensued. Mr. Terry suggested the Board review the list of ASBOG states and offer those states the same endorsement as what the Board would offer Kentucky. Mr. Kennedy suggested contacting the Boards by phone in regard to this matter.

The Board briefly discussed attending the Council of Examiners meeting which will be held in Minnesota March 30-31, 2007. Mr. Kennedy or Dr. Ichimura will attend the meeting.

The Board discussed the ASBOG annual meeting that will be held October 23 – 28, 2007 in Denver, Colorado.

The Board discussed articles to be placed in the newsletters. Dr. Ichimura asked that all articles be e-mailed to him no later than February 9, 2007.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated renewals would be mailed on May 1, 2007.

The Board discussed the possibility of speaking to the graduating class of USC and the College of Charleston.

**Adjournment**

The January 23, 2007 meeting of the SC Board of Registration of Geologists adjourned at 11:35 a.m.