

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists**  
**Board Meeting**  
**10:00 a.m., May 17, 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 10:17 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; Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; 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 January 23, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION**

Dr. Ichimura moved the minutes of the January 23, 2007 meeting be approved as presented. Mr. Kennedy 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**

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated renewal notices were mailed on May 4, 2007. She further stated as of today 101 licensees had renewed, of which 96 had renewed on-line.

*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 May 17, 2007 meeting.

**Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business to be discussed during the May 17, 2007 meeting.

## **New Business**

### ASBOG Examination Scores

## **Executive Session**

### **MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously carried, that the Board move into executive session to review the ASBOG examination scores.

## **Return to Public Session to Report on Executive Session**

### **MOTION**

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

Mr. Terry noted for the record that no motions were offered or made during executive session.

### **MOTION**

Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Dr. Warner and unanimously carried, that the Board accept the ASBOG exam scores as presented.

### Licensure via Reciprocity and/or Endorsement

#### *William Schmithorst, Jr.*

William Schmithorst, Jr. is applying for licensure via reciprocity and/or endorsement. He is currently licensed in North Carolina via the state exam in 1992. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Geology from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and a Master of Science Degree in Marine, Earth and Atmospheric Science from North Carolina State University. Staff received additional information after the agendas were mailed.

### **MOTION**

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

#### *Amy VanDercook*

Amy VanDercook is applying for licensure by reciprocity and/or endorsement. She is currently licensed in Virginia via the ASBOG exam. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Sciences and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geosciences from Virginia Tech. Staff received documentation showing an additional six months of work experience after the agendas were mailed.

### **MOTION**

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

### Licensure via Reinstatement

#### *James Cornette*

James Cornette is applying for reinstatement. His license expired on June 30, 2005. He has paid all fees and submitted proof of continuing education.

**MOTION**

Dr. Ichimura moved the Board approve Mr. Cornette for reinstatement. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*Robert L Martin*

Robert Martin is applying for reinstatement. His license expired on June 30, 2006. He has paid all fees and submitted proof of continuing education. He sent a letter indicating he has not practiced geology since his license lapsed; however, the letter was not notarized as required by the statute.

**MOTION**

Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Dr. Warner and unanimously carried, that the Board grant approval of reinstatement upon receipt of a notarized statement that he has not practiced geology since his license lapsed.

Licensure via Examination

*Shaun Malin*

On January 8, 2007 the Board received a professional geologist application from Shaun Malin. Mr. Malin is registered as a geologist in training (GIT). He passed the ASBOG exam in March 2007.

**MOTION**

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

Examination Request

*Randolph Cumbest*

On January 26, 2007 the Board received a professional Geologist application from Randolph Cumbest. Mr. Cumbest is applying to take both the fundamental and practice exams. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from Auburn University, a Master of Science Degree in Geology from the University of Georgia, and a PhD in Geological Sciences from Virginia Tech.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ichimura and unanimously carried, that the Board approve Mr. Cumbest to take the fundamental and practice exams.

*Robert Pender*

On April 6, 2007 the Board received a geologist-in-training application from Robert Pender. Mr. Pender is applying to take the fundamentals exam. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marine Science from Coastal Carolina University.

**MOTION**

Mr. Kennedy moved the Board approve Mr. Pender to take the fundamentals exam. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### David Warren – Review of Education

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated Mr. Warren had submitted an application to sit for the fundamentals exam which the Board reviewed during the January 2007 meeting. The Board denied Mr. Warren's request to sit for the exam at that time. On March 6, 2007 the Board received a letter from Mr. Warren that provided additional information associated with his academic background and to gather information necessary for him to establish a plan to meet the Board's requirements to take the exam.

After a brief discussion on this matter, Mr. Terry agreed to contact Mr. Warren by phone and advise him to contact a local college and research the number of hours he would need to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Geology.

#### ASBOG Call for Nominations 2007

The Board did not make any nominations.

#### Reciprocity Agreements

Mr. Kennedy stated he has spoken with Mrs. Addison-Miles and Dr. Ichimura in regard to this matter. He went on to say discussion included the possibility of accepting grandfathered candidates if the other state had a grandfather program in place prior to South Carolina. He further stated he would continue to work on this matter.

The Board briefly discuss the renewals and continuing education submittals.

Dr. Ichimura asked Mrs. Addison-Miles to include Barbara Derrick in the next meeting to discuss the budget.

#### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments made during the May 17, 2007 meeting.

#### **Adjournment**

The May 17, 2007 meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists adjourned at 12:00 p.m.