

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists
Board Meeting
10:00 A.M., August 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 10:00 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 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.

Approval of Excused Absences

All Board members were present.

Approval of the May 17, 2007 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy moved the minutes be approved as presented. 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

There were no advisory opinions or legislative update given during the August 23, 2007 meeting.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated there are currently 551 active geologists registered through 2009. She further stated lapsed license letters were mailed on August 17, 2007 to 81 registrants that have not renewed. She noted 452 registrants utilized the online renewal process.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated the ASBOG annual meeting will be held October 23-28, 2007 in Denver, Colorado. She believes Dr. Warner is planning to attend that meeting.

Budget Update – Barbara Derrick

Ms. Derrick briefed the Board on the budget. The budget appears to be on track for being balanced.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business for discussion.

New Business

1. Licensure via Reciprocity and/or Endorsement

a. Bobby J. Beaman

Bobby J. Beaman is licensed in North Carolina via the ASBOG exam in 1996. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Earth Science from UNC-Charlotte and a Master's Degree in Geology from USC. Page three of the original application was returned to Mr. Beaman for completion.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Dr. Warner that the Board accept the application. Dr. Ichimura amended the motion to state the Board accept the application pending receipt of page three. The motion and the amendment carried unanimously.

b. Donald M. Coberley

Donald M. Coberley is licensed in Oregon via the ASBOG exam in 1999. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Geology from Humboldt State University and a Master's Degree in Geological Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines.

MOTION

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

c. Warren T. Dean

Warren Dean is licensed in Virginia via the ASBOG exam in 2000. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from Radford University and a Master's Degree in Geology from Texas A & M University.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Dr. Warner and unanimously carried, that the Board approve Mr. Dean's application.

d. Tomilson Fort, III

Tomilson Fort is licensed in Georgia via the ASBOG exam in 1990. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Geology from Franklin and Marshall College and a Master's Degree in Geologic Engineering from the University of Missouri. Page three of Mr. Fort's application was returned for completion.

MOTION

Dr. Warner moved the Board approve Mr. Fort's application pending receipt of page three. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

e. Steven Jarvis

Steven Jarvis is licensed in Georgia via the ASBOG exam in 2004. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from the University of West Georgia in 1998.

MOTION

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

f. John Lair

John Lair is licensed in North Carolina via the ASBOG exam in 2006. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from UNC-Wilmington in 1994. Page three of his application was returned for completion and the completed page has been received by staff.

MOTION

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

g. Eva Moore

Eva Moore is licensed in California via the ASBOG exam in 2007. She obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from Oregon State University in 1999.

MOTION

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

h. Sean K. Patrick

Sean K. Patrick is licensed in North Carolina via the ASBOG exam in 2001. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from the University of Maryland in 1990.

MOTION

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

2. **Examination Request**

a. James Weeg

On July 26, 2007 the Board received an application from James Weeg to take the Professional Geologist (PG) exam. He passed the Fundamentals exam in 2003. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology in 2003 and a Master's Degree in Environmental Studies in 2005 from the College of Charleston. His work experience appears to be lacking three-fourths (3/4) of a year during his undergraduate studies and there is a question regarding his Master's Degree.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura made a motion, seconded by Dr. Warner and unanimously carried, that the Board accept Mr. Weeg's application to take the exam.

b. Robert Workman

On August 6, 2007 the Board received an application from Robert Workman to take the PG exam. Mr. Workman passed the Fundamentals exam in 2003. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology from Covenant College in 1993 and a Master's Degree in Hydrogeology from Clemson University in 2007. Mr. Workman appeared before the Board in August 2003 regarding his work experience and education.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura moved the Board accept Mr. Workman's application to take the PG exam. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

c. Alan Scott Yankey

On July 5, 2007 the Board received an application from Alan Yankey to take the Fundamentals exam as well as the PG exam. Mr. Yankey obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from the University of Kentucky in 1983. His transcript from the University of Georgia reflects he received a Master's Degree; however, his application reflects that he did not receive a Master's Degree. Board records indicate he was issued a Cease and Desist Order for unlicensed practice on June 22, 2007.

Mr. Kennedy stated Mr. Yankey was caught signing his name as a professional geologist to documents without being properly registered within South Carolina. He went on to say a complaint was subsequently filed and a Cease and Desist Order was filed.

MOTION

Dr. Warner moved the Board approve Mr. Yankey's application to take the exams. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion. Mr. Kennedy moved to amend the motion to state prior to granting final approval to allow Mr. Yankey take the examinations with the condition that he consent to discipline in the form of a penalty for the unlicensed practice. Dr. Warner seconded the amendment. The motion and the amendment carried unanimously.

Because Mr. Yankey was not present for the presentation of this application, he can also request a reconsideration of this application at the next meeting.

3. **Reinstatement Waiver**

a. Douglas Wyatt

On July 11, 2007 the Board received a professional geologist application from Douglas Wyatt. Mr. Wyatt's license expired on June 30, 1994. He originally applied for reinstatement in December 2003. During the January 29, 2004 meeting the Board reviewed and approved his reinstatement application upon payment of the required fees. He was notified of the Board's decision; however, he failed to respond and failed to submit the required fees. He has now submitted an application as a reciprocal applicant. The information was returned to him along with a copy of the original letter mailed in 2004 explaining the reinstatement requirements. He is asking that the Board vacate its original decision of 2004 and allow him to enter the state as a reciprocal applicant.

Policy 2.5.1 states:

Reciprocity agreements are only intended for first time applicants and are not intended for former registrants seeking reinstatement.

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ichimura and unanimously carried, that the Board deny Mr. Wyatt's application for reciprocity in accordance with Policy # 2.5.1.

Mr. Kennedy will draft letter informing Mr. Wyatt of the Board's decision. The letter will caution Mr. Wyatt in regard to placing 'PG' after his name since he is not currently licensed in South Carolina.

4. **Reinstatement**

a. David Randall

On May 8, 2007 the Board received a reinstatement application from David Randall. Mr. Randall's license expired on June 30, 2005. He has paid all fees and provided proof of continuing education.

MOTION

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

5. **Continuing Education Waiver / Exemption**

a. David Devoe

On June 20, 2007 the Board received a renewal notice from David Devoe. Mr. Devoe is requesting a waiver/exemption from continuing education due to medical reasons. Mr. Devoe suffers from multiple sclerosis and has been disabled since December 2002. He has not worked as a geologist since 2001, but plans to maintain his license indefinitely on the off chance that some day his condition improves so that he can practice again.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy moved the Board approve waive Mr. Devoe from obtaining continuing education. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

b. Julian Green

On May 23, 2007 the Board received a letter from Julian Green seeking the Board's approval of a temporary waiver or extension of continuing education. In June 2006 Mr. Green's son died in China where he was a graduate student working in his research area. Mr. Green underwent double bypass heart surgery in September 2006.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Dr. Warner and unanimously carried, that the Board grant a continuing education extension for Mr. Green to June 2008.

c. Carol Jantzen

On June 7, 2007 the Board received a letter from Dr. Carol Jantzen seeking the Board's approval of exempting her from continuing education credits from the 2005-2007 biennium,

grant continuing education equivalents for work completed, or allow her to make up the continuing education credits during the 2007-2009 biennium.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated Ms. Jantzen has not yet submitted a renewal notice.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy moved the Board acknowledge receipt of Ms. Jantzen's request and upon review of her documentation the Board has determined she has met the 32 credits of continuing education and has fulfilled that requirement. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. Continuing Education Approval

a. Adel Bakr

On July 30, 2007 the Board received a letter from Adel Bakr asking the Board to consider granting extra continuing education to six attendees of his workshops who shared their expertise in areas relevant to the subject matter with the other attendees.

Dr. Ichimura stated the Board should accept the documentation as information.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated the information would be filed with the course that has already been approved.

7. Newsletter

The Board reviewed and made corrections to the draft newsletter.

8. Reciprocity Agreements

Mr. Kennedy stated he has been discussing the reciprocity agreements with Dr. Ichimura; however, it is not a burning issue at this time. He went on to say there are individuals who have become registered in his/her state by a grandfather clause in that state's statute and are attempting to become registered without taking an examination in South Carolina. He noted they are working on an agreement with those states to recognize that class. He said they are working on a shared understanding that if the Board takes an enforcement action against such an individual the information would be shared with the other state(s) in which that individual is licensed.

Mr. Kennedy stated they are discussing an agreement in regard to continuing education. He went on to say if another state approves a continuing education, then South Carolina would accept that approval.

9. ASBOG Foundation Proposed Bylaws

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated the proposed bylaws for ASBOG would be on the agenda during the October ASBOG meeting being held in Denver, Colorado. She further stated ASBOG would like for the representatives to vote on the bylaws.

Discussion on the proposed bylaws ensued.

10. 2008 Proposed Meeting Dates

The Board reviewed the proposed meeting dates of:

January 31, 2008 May 22, 2008 August 21, 2008 December 11, 2008

Dr. Ichimura asked that the January 31, 2008 meeting be changed and Dr. Warner asked that the December 11, 2008 meeting be changed.

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ichimura and unanimously carried, that the Board approve the 2008 meeting dates as amended.

The 2008 meeting dates are:

February 7, 2008 May 29, 2008 August 21, 2008 December 9, 2008

Public Comments

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

Executive Session

The Board did not enter executive session.

Adjournment

The August 23, 2007 meeting of the S.C. Board of Registration for Geologists adjourned at 12:27 p.m.