

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists
Conference Call Meeting
10:00 A.M., May 14, 2009
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 204
Columbia, South Carolina

Meeting Called to Order

Jason Terry, Chairman, of Charleston, called the regular meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists to order at 10:11 a.m. Other members present for the meeting included: Vernon T. Ichimura, PhD., Vice-Chairman, of Aiken; Craig Kennedy, of Columbia; and Richard D. Warner, PhD., of Clemson.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator and Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant.

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 members were present.

Approval of the February 5, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Dr. Ichimura noted one typographical error on page one.

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2009 meeting. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks – Jason Terry

Mr. Terry stated he appreciates everyone's willingness to participate in a conference call meeting.

Administrator's Remarks –Lenora Addison-Miles

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

Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

No advisory opinions or legislative update were given during the May 14, 2009 meeting.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated the members received a copy of a letter from Mrs. Youmans to Senator Larry Martin regarding funds for the Immigration law.

Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy made a motion the Board enter executive session to discuss the March 2009 ASBOG Examination Results. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board return to public session. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry noted no official action was taken during executive session

ASBOG Exams

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion to accept the March 2009 ASBOG exams. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business for discussion during this meeting.

New Business

A. Office of Licensure and Compliance Contact List

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated a contact list for the Office of Licensure and Compliance was included in the agenda packages. She stated the first page included the administrators for all of the Boards within the agency and the list included the names of all employees involved with the initial and renewal licenses.

B. Licensure via Reciprocity and/or Endorsement

Michael T. Christopher

On February 24, 2009 the Board received a registered professional geologist endorsement application from Michael T. Christopher. Mr. Christopher received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in geology from Franklin and Marshall College in June 1975 and a Master's Degree in science from East Carolina University in 1979. Mr. Christopher was initially licensed Delaware in 1988 by education and in Pennsylvania (by grandfather clause) in 1994. However, he has not taken the ASBOG exam.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy made a motion the Board table the decision to the next meeting and ask for documentation regarding his Georgia license. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Sara Young

On April 23, 2009 the Board received a registered professional geologist endorsement application from Sara Young. Ms. Young received a Bachelor of Science Degree in geology from Florida State University in August 1999. She is currently licensed and in good standing by the Georgia Board of Registration of Geologists via the ASBOG exam and Pennsylvania by reciprocity. Staff received a transcript from the University of Mississippi after packets were mailed to members.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy made a motion the Board accept Ms. Young's application. Dr. Warner seconded the motion. Following a brief discussion the motion carried unanimously.

C. Reinstatements

Ronald Burt

On April 23, 2009 the Board received a reinstatement application from Ronald Burt. Mr. Burt was licensed in 1989 which lapsed on June 30, 2001. He has submitted all fees, an affidavit

showing he has not practiced geology in South Carolina during the time his license has been lapsed, and documentation showing proof of continuing education hours.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura made a motion the Board approve Mr. Burt's application. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Brian Chew

On April 22, 2009 the Board received a reinstatement application from Brian Chew. Mr. Chew was initially licensed in 1987 and his license expired on June 30, 1999. He has submitted an affidavit showing he has not practiced geology in South Carolina during the time his license has been lapsed and only some documentation showing proof of continuing education hours.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura made a motion the Board deny reinstatement as a result of an incomplete application. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Jerry Kubal

The Board has received a reinstatement application dated March 23, 2009 from Jerry Kubal. Mr. Kubal was initially licensed in 1987 and his license lapsed on June 30, 2007. He has submitted an affidavit showing he has not practiced geology in South Carolina during the time his license has been lapsed, documentation showing proof of continuing education hours, and all fees.

The Board noted the documentation Mr. Kubal submitted for continuing education would be for the 2005-2007 biennium.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy made a motion Mr. Kubal submit proof of 32 hours of continuing education for the 2007-2009 biennium for his reinstatement application. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

D. Reciprocity Agreement with Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists

The Board has received a statement of understanding of reciprocity/comity between the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists and the South Carolina State Board of Registration for Geologists which needs approval from the Board.

The Board is interested in entering an agreement with Texas; however, asked that general counsel review the document prior to entering the agreement.

Mr. Kennedy stated he would like to use this document for reciprocity/comity agreements with other states in this area.

E. Newsletter

Mrs. Addison-Miles asked the Board members for articles for a newsletter to be posted on the Board's web page. Mr. Terry asked Mrs. Addison-Miles to gather information on applicants and disciplinary actions. Mrs. Addison-Miles stated staff could use the article written on the exam. Dr. Ichimura would write an article regarding a policy. Discussion ensued regarding OSHA as a continuing education credit.

F. ASBOG – Nominations for Secretary

On February 27, 2009 the board received an electronic mail message from Sam Christiano of ASBOG. Mrs. Christiano's e-mail included an attachment for the Call for Nominations for ASBOG® Secretary for 2010. The deadline for submission of nominations is June 1, 2009.

Discussion on this matter ensued.

The Board nominated Mr. Kennedy as secretary.

Mrs. Addison-Miles asked the Board members if they were aware of any available online courses. Mr. Kennedy stated ITRC offers online courses which may work. The Board noted online continuing education is limited to 12 hours per biennium.

Public Comments

No public comments were made during the May 14, 2009 meeting.

Adjournment

MOTION

There being no further business for discussion at this time, Mr. Terry declared the meeting adjourned.

The May 14, 2009 meeting of the S.C. Board of Registration for Geologists adjourned at 11:15 a.m.