

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists**  
**Board Meeting**  
**10:00 a.m., December 10, 2009**  
**Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building**  
**110 Centerview Drive, Room 105**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**

**Meeting Called to Order**

Vernon T. Ichimura, PhD., Vice-Chairman, of Aiken, called the regular meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists to order at 10:09 a.m. Other members present for the meeting included: Charles Gorman, III, 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.

A member of the public attending the meeting was Craig Kennedy.

Dr. Ichimura announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC 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 Excused Absences**

Jason Terry, Chairman, of Charleston, was granted an excused absence.

**Approval of the August 6, 2009 and August 25, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

The Board tabled the approval of the minutes to the February 4, 2010 meeting.

**Chairman's Remarks – Jason Terry**

In Mr. Terry's absence, Dr. Ichimura welcomed Mr. Gorman to the Board and thanked Mr. Kennedy for his time and service to the Board.

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

- A. *Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Sharon Dantzer, Office of General Counsel*
- B. *Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office*

There were no advisory opinions or legislative update given during this meeting.

Mrs. Addison-Miles welcomed Mr. Gorman to the Board on behalf of staff and thanked Mr. Kennedy for his time and service to the Board.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated as of December 9, 2009 there are currently 582 registered geologists whose licenses expire June 30, 2011 and 72 geologists who have not renewed licensure. She noted those individuals who have renewed licensure have until December 31, 2009 to renew without having to apply for reinstatement. She went on to say the continuing education audit letters would be mailed in January 2010. She stated there are approximately 16 geologists-in-training (GITs).

## **Executive Session**

### **MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board enter executive session to review the ASBOG exam scores. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **Return to Public Session**

### **MOTION**

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

Dr. Ichimura noted there was no official action taken during executive session.

### **MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board accept the ASBOG scores as presented. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business for discussion during this meeting.

## **New Business**

### a. Report on ASBOG Annual Meeting - Craig Kennedy

Mr. Craig Kennedy briefed the Board on the ASBOG annual meeting.

### b. Licensure via Reciprocity and/or Endorsement

#### i. *Michael T. Christopher*

On February 24, 2009 the Board received a reciprocity professional geologist application from Michael Christopher. Mr. Christopher's application reflects he was originally licensed in Delaware. He applied for licensure to Georgia via reciprocity and/or endorsement from North Carolina; however, he did not indicate on his application that he was licensed in North Carolina. The North Carolina Board of Geologists has verified that Mr. Christopher was granted licensure on August 27, 1987 and that he allowed his license to expire on June 30, 1994. Mr. Christopher's license was granted via the grandfather clause by education and experience. No disciplinary action was taken against his license by the North Carolina Board. Mr. Christopher earned a Bachelor's Degree in geology from Franklin and Marshall College in 1975 and a Master's Degree in geology from East Carolina University in 1979. The Board reviewed this file during the May 2009 and the August 2009 meetings but tabled a decision until information was received regarding his North Carolina licensure history.

### **MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board approve the application. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### ii. *Keith Gilbert*

On November 13, 2009 the Board received a reciprocity professional geologist application from Keith Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert received a Bachelor of Science Degree in geology from Eastern Illinois University in 1982. He was licensed in California in 2001 by the ASBOG exams.

### **MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board approve the application. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

iii. *Diane Gill*

On September 30, 2009 the Board received a reciprocity professional geologist application from Diane Gill. Ms. Gill received a Bachelor of Science Degree in geology from California State University in 1995. She was licensed in California in 2004 by the ASBOG exams.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board approve the application. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

iv. *Thomas Hargett*

On September 22, 2009 the Board received a reciprocity professional geologist application (dated September 15, 2009) from Thomas Hargett. Mr. Hargett received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in geology from the University of Tennessee in 1983. He answered yes to the question asking, "Have you ever been convicted of any felony criminal offense or crime of moral turpitude or is there any criminal charge now pending against you?" Mr. Hargett's statement of explanation reflects he had a felony assault conviction in California in 1999. The charge resulted from property damaged he caused with a motor vehicle and did not result from a physical assault on an individual. All legal requirements from the incident have been fulfilled and the incident did not involve his business or the practice of geology. Mr. Hargett was licensed in California in 1992 by the state exam.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board approve the application. Mr. Gorman seconded the application, which carried unanimously.

v. *Darren Lockhart*

On August 17, 2009 the Board received a reciprocity professional geologist application from Darren Lockhart. Mr. Lockhart was licensed in North Carolina in 2007 by the ASBOG exams. He obtained a Master's of Science Degree in Geoscience from Mississippi State University in 2004. He claims he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geoscience in 1994; however, staff has not received a transcript for his undergraduate degree.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board approve the application pending receipt and review of the undergraduate transcript. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

vi. *Christopher Morie*

On June 9, 2009 the Board received a reciprocity professional geologist application from Christopher Morie. Mr. Morie was licensed in Georgia in 2000 by ASBOG exams. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in geology from the University of Tennessee in 1987 and a Master of Science Degree in geology in 1990 from Memphis State University.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board approve the application. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

vii. *Jennifer Pardy*

On September 14, 2009 the Board received a reciprocity professional geologist application from Jennifer Pardy. Ms. Pardy was licensed in Georgia in 2008 by the ASBOG exams. She obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in geological sciences from the University at Buffalo in 2003 and a Master of Science Degree in 2005.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board accept the application. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*viii. Jonathan Rihs*

On September 29, 2009 the Board received a reciprocity professional geologist application from Jonathan Rihs. Mr. Rihs was licensed in North Carolina by the ASBOG exams in 2003. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in geology from the University of Pittsburgh in 2000.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board accept the application. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*ix. Bryan Sladky*

On July 30, 2009 the Board received a reciprocity professional geologist application from Bryan Sladky. Mr. Sladky was licensed in Pennsylvania in 2002 by ASBOG exams. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in geology from West Virginia University in 1993.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board accept the application. Mr. Gorman seconded the application, which carried unanimously.

*c. Professional Geologist by Examination*

Mrs. Addison-Miles informed the members that Mr. Craig Kennedy had reviewed the next two applications in order to meet the deadline to order the ASBOG exams. The Board is now reviewing the applications for licensure.

*i. Robert Shealy*

On August 5, 2009 the Board received a professional geologist licensure application from Robert Shealy. Mr. Shealy was registered as a GIT in April 2009 and has applied to take the professional geologist exam.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board accept the application. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*ii. Robin L. Smith*

On July 28, 2009 the Board received a professional geologist application from Robin Smith. Ms. Smith is a re-application who is applying to take both exams. She obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in geology from the University of Alabama. She has had to wait a year to re-apply to take the exams.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board approve the application pending passage of exam. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*d. Geologist-in-Training by Examination*

*i. John C. Bryant, Jr.*

On November 29, 2009 the board received a geologist-in-training application from John Bryant, Jr. Mr. Bryant obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in geology from USC in 2007. Staff

notified Mr. Bryant by e-mail on December 8, 2009 that he needed to submit an updated application since the current application is two years old.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board accept the application. Mr. Gorman seconded the application, which carried unanimously.

ii. *April P. Rodgers*

On March 23, 2009 the Board received a geologist-in-training application from April Rodgers. Ms. Rogers obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in geology in 2008 from USC.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board approve the application. Mr. Gorman seconded the application, which carried unanimously.

iii. *Trever Slack*

On August 5, 2009 the Board received a geologist-in-training application from Trever Slack. Mr. Slack obtained a BS in geology from Georgia Southern University in 2006.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board accept the application. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

iv. *Clayton T. Welborn*

On August 10, 2009 the Board received a geologist-in-training application from Clayton Welborn. Mr. Welborn obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in geology from Clemson in 2007.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board approve the application. Mr. Gorman seconded the application, which carried unanimously.

e. Approval of the Proposed 2010 Meeting Dates

The Board reviewed the following proposed 2010 meeting dates.

February 4, 2010                      May 13, 2010                      August 5, 2010                      December 16, 2010

The Board made the following changes to the meeting dates: May 25, 2010, August 19, 2010, and December 9, 2010

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board accept the amended meeting dates for 2010. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Public Comments**

No public comments were made during this meeting.

**Adjournment**

The December 10, 2009 meeting of the S.C. Board of Registration for Geologists adjourned at 12:05 p.m.