

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists**  
**Board Meeting**  
**10:00 a.m., February 4, 2010**  
**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 10:06 a.m. Other members present for the meeting included: Vernon T. Ichimura, PhD., Vice-Chairman, of Aiken; 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.

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 Excused Absences**

All members were present.

**Approval of the August 6, 2009, August 25, 2009, and December 10, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION**

Dr. Ichimura made a motion the Board approve the August 6, 2009 and the August 25, 2009 meeting minutes. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board approve the December 10, 2009 meeting minutes. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Chairman's Remarks – Jason Terry**

Mr. Terry welcomed Mr. Gorman to the Board. He expressed his appreciation for the excused absence from the December 10, 2009 meeting.

**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 emailed the members information regarding the Statement of Economic Interest Forms on February 1, 2010. She noted the forms must be submitted to the State Ethics Commission no later than April 15, 2010.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated there are currently 596 geologists registered through 2011. She further stated 65 licenses lapsed effective June 30, 2009. She further stated 66 cease and desist orders dated January 19, 2010 were mailed to those geologists who did not renew their registration.

### **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business for discussion during this meeting.

### **New Business**

#### Licensure via Reciprocity and/or Endorsement

*Michael Gerald Fallon*

On November 18, 2009 the Board received a reciprocity registered professional geologist application from Michael Fallon. Mr. Fallon received a Bachelor of Science Degree in geology from State University of New York at Stony Brook on December 20, 1994. He was registered in Florida on January 14, 2009 by the ASBOG exam. His application is missing one employment verification form which would give him enough experience for registration.

#### **MOTION**

Dr. Ichimura moved to accept pending receipt of proof of employment experience for five years. Dr. Warner seconded, carried unanimously.

*Matthew Ryan Howe*

On December 14, 2009 the Board received a reciprocity registered professional geologist application from Matthew Howe. Mr. Howe received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in geology from Wittenberg University in May 2000. He was registered in Georgia on November 25, 2008 by the ASBOG exam. The file is complete.

#### **MOTION**

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

#### Practice of Geology Examination Requests

*Joseph Allen Goings*

On December 30, 2009 the Board received a registered professional geologist application from Joseph Goings. Mr. Goings received a Bachelor of Science Degree in geology from the University of South Carolina on December 15, 2003. The file is complete and was previously reviewed by Mr. Terry in order to meet the deadline for ordering exams.

#### **MOTION**

Dr. Ichimura made a motion the Board approve Mr. Goings. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*Nathan Roy Mullens*

On January 14, 2010 the Board received an application for the practice of geology examination from Nathan Mullens. Mr. Mullens was approved in 2007 to take the practice of geology exam and is applying to take both exams. The file was previously reviewed by Mr. Terry in order to meet the deadline for ordering exams.

#### **MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board approve Mr. Mullens to take the exam and for licensure pending successful passage of the exam and receipt of the references. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*Chad B. Weaver*

On January 8, 2010 the Board received a practice of geology examination request from Chad Weaver. Mr. Weaver was registered as a GIT in 2006. He is applying to take the Practice exam. The file is missing one reference and was previously reviewed by Mr. Terry.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board approve for Mr. Weaver to take the examination and for licensure pending passage of exam and receipt of the reference. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Fundamentals of Geology Examination Requests**

*Kirk Matthew Ellison*

On January 11, 2010 the Board received a fundamentals of geology examination request from Kirk Ellison. Mr. Ellison received a Bachelor of Science Degree in geology from Clemson University in May 2009. He is applying as a GIT to take the fundamentals exam. His file was reviewed by Mr. Terry in order to meet the deadline for ordering the exam.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board approve Mr. Ellison to take the exam. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*Reid Mobley*

On January 8, 2010 the Board received a fundamental examination request from Reid Mobley. Mr. Mobley is applying as a GIT to take the fundamentals exam. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in geology from USC in December 2008. His file is missing three personal references and was previously reviewed by Mr. Terry in order to meet the deadline for ordering the exam.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner moved to approve Mr. Mobley to take the exam and licensure pending receipt of the three references. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Request for Reinstatement**

*Michael Glowacz*

On January 28, 2010 the Board received a professional geologist reinstatement application from Michael Glowacz. Mr. Glowacz's license lapsed on June 30, 2009. He has submitted a complete reinstatement application. He owes \$512.50.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner moved to approve Mr. Glowacz's reinstatement pending receipt of the reinstatement fee. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*Alberto Gutierrez*

On February 2, 2010 the Board received a professional geologist reinstatement application from Alberto Gutierrez. Mr. Gutierrez's license lapsed on June 30, 2009. He has submitted a complete reinstatement application.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board approve Mr. Gutierrez for reinstatement. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*B. Thomas Houghton*

On January 28, 2010 the Board received a professional geologist reinstatement application from Thomas Houghton. Mr. Houghton's license lapsed on June 30, 2009. His reinstatement application is complete.

**MOTION**

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

*Thomas Newman*

On February 2, 2010 the Board received a professional geologist reinstatement application from Thomas Newman. Mr. Newman's license lapsed on June 30, 2009. His reinstatement application is complete.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board reinstate Mr. Newman's license. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*Craig Lee Sprinkle*

On January 25, 2010 the Board received a professional geologist reinstatement application from Craig Sprinkle. Mr. Sprinkle's license lapsed on June 30, 2009. He has submitted a completed reinstatement application.

**MOTION**

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

*Robert Alan Wyrick*

On January 29, 2010 the Board received a professional geologist reinstatement application from Robert Wyrick. Mr. Wyrick's license lapsed on June 30, 2009. He has submitted a reinstatement application; however, the application is missing a notarized statement indicating if he has or has not worked as a geologist in South Carolina since the license lapsed. He owes the \$212.50 renewal fee and late fee.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board approve Mr. Wyrick's reinstatement pending receipt of the notarized stated that he has not practiced since his license lapsed and payment of the additional \$212.50. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Continuing Education Audit (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2009)

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated a random audit was conducted in January 2010. She further stated 58 registrants were selected for the audit and letters were mailed to those individuals. She went on to say the letter asked that the information be submitted to the office no later than January 29, 2010.

Mrs. Addison-Miles said Mr. Glen Miller has submitted a letter requesting he be waived from the continuing education audit as he was selected during the past three audits. She stated she and

Dr. Ichimura had received phone calls from Mr. Miller regarding this matter. Mr. Terry stated he had also received a call from Mr. Miller. Discussion on this matter ensued.

**MOTION**

Warner made a motion the Board decline Mr. Miller's request for waiver. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

Dr. Ichimura made a motion the Board allow Mr. Miller 30 days to submit the continuing education audit information. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated four individuals are gathering information for submittal. On February 2, 2010 she sent an email to the following individuals who have not submitted the continuing education information.

Ben Foster responded to Mrs. Addison-Miles' email and indicated he was selected in the previous audit and questioned the 'random' audit. He will gather his documents when he returns home.

Mark Filardi responded to Mrs. Addison-Miles' email on February 3, 2010 and indicated he is sending his documents. He noted he did not receive the original audit letter.

David Palmerton responded to Mrs. Addison-Miles' email on February 2, 2010 and indicated it takes longer time to retrieve documents from the three previous years than was allowed. His email further stated the agency's time to respond to the audit was not appropriate. The email further states he runs an office with 10 people, many clients and client demands and notes it is 'an extreme burden to supply education records on a moment's notice.'

Mrs. Addison-Miles presented the members with continuing education information submitted for approval or disapproval.

**Public Comments**

No public comments were made during this meeting.

**Executive Session**

The Board did not enter executive session.

**Election of Officers**

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board retain the current slate of officers. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gorman made a motion the Board close the nominations. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

The February 4, 2010 meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists adjourned at 12:06 p.m.