

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists**  
**Board Meeting**  
**10:00 a.m., May 25, 2010**  
**Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building**  
**110 Centerview Drive, Room 204**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Jason Terry, chairman, of Charleston, called the regular meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists to order at 10:02 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; Deleon Andrews, Investigator; and Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant.

**A. Public Notice**

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.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Approval of Excused Absences**

All members were present.

**3. Approval of the February 4, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION**

Mr. Gorman made a motion the Board approve the minutes of the February 4, 2010 meeting. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**4. Chairman's Remarks – Jason Terry**

Mr. Terry made no remarks at this time.

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

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated as of May 24, 2010 there are 607 registered geologists through June 30, 2011.

Mrs. Addison-Miles presented the members with a call for nominations for secretary from ASBOG 2011. She noted if the members would like to make a nomination it must be submitted no later than June 1, 2010.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated budget cuts for the last fiscal year resulted in the agency remitting an additional \$10,000,000.00 in funds to the legislature in addition to the required ten percent. She said this year's budget cuts may require additional monies be remitted.

**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.

**6. Executive Session**

**MOTION**

Dr. Ichimura made a motion the Board enter executive session to discuss the ASBOG examination results. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Dr. Warner arrived at 10:11 a.m.

**7. Return to Public Session**

**MOTION**

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

Mr. Terry noted for the record that no official action was taken during executive session.

**MOTION**

Dr. Ichimura made a motion the Board accept the ASBOG examination results. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**8. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business for discussion during this meeting.

**9. New Business**

a. IRC Report – February 11, 2010 and April 7, 2010

Mr. Andrews briefed the Board regarding the February 11, 2010 IRC report and the April 7, 2010 IRC report.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion to approve the February 11, 2010 IRC report and the April 7, 2010 IRC report. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

b. Licensure via Reciprocity and/or Endorsement

i. *Brandon Nicholson Ashby*

On February 3, 2010 the Board received a registered professional geologist via reciprocity and/or endorsement from Brandon N. Ashby. Mr. Ashby was registered in Florida on May 26, 2009 by ASBOG examination. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in geology from Florida State University on May 3, 2003. His file is complete.

**MOTION**

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

ii. *Jack S. Briegel*

On January 4, 2010 the Board received a registered professional geologist via reciprocity and/or endorsement from Jack S. Briegel. Mr. Briegel was registered in Georgia on February 13, 1992 by ASBOG examinations. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in geology on January 10, 1980 from Indiana University and a Master's Degree in geology from Northern Illinois University in May 1983. His file is complete.

**MOTION**

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

*iii. Thomas Hugh Darby, II*

On April 19, 2010 the Board received a registered geologist via reciprocity and/or endorsement from Thomas H. Darby, II. Mr. Darby was registered as a geologist in training (GIT) in December 2007. He was licensed in North Carolina by the ASBOG examinations in December 2008. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in geology from West Virginia University in August 2003 and a Master's Degree in hydrogeology from Clemson in August 2005. His file is complete.

**MOTION**

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

*iv. Philip Lynn Glover*

On January 28, 2010 the Board received a registered professional geologist via reciprocity and/or endorsement application from Philip L. Glover. Mr. Glover was registered as a geologist in Florida on December 5, 2006 by ASBOG examinations. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in geological sciences from Ohio State University in March 1994 and a Master's Degree in geology from the University of Akron in August 2000. His file is complete.

**MOTION**

Dr. Ichimura made a motion to accept Mr. Glover's application. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*v. John Wesley Hargraves*

On April 30, 2010 the Board received a registered professional geologist via reciprocity and/or endorsement application from John W. Hargraves. Mr. Hargraves' application is incomplete as staff has not yet received his transcripts or license verification.

**MOTION**

Dr. Ichimura made a motion to table action on Mr. Hargraves application to the next meeting. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*vi. Marc Vernon Hurst*

On April 14, 2010 the Board received a registered professional geologist via reciprocity and/or endorsement application from Marc V. Hurst. Mr. Hurst was grandfathered in Florida on September 13, 1988 and was registered in Georgia on June 8, 1999, by reciprocity with Florida. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in geology from the University of Georgia on June 11, 1980 and a Master's of Science Degree in geology on December 10, 1984.

**MOTION**

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

*vii. Matthew H. McDuffie*

On November 12, 2009 the Board received a registered professional geologist via reciprocity and/or endorsement application from Matthew H. McDuffie. Mr. McDuffie was registered in Georgia on April 22, 2009 by the ASBOG examinations. He obtained a Bachelor of Science

Degree in ecology from the University of Georgia on December 13, 1996. He also took additional courses at Georgia State University. His file is complete.

**MOTION**

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

- c. ASBOG Examination Request
  - i. *Robert M. Hall, III*

On February 26, 2010 the Board received an application to take the ASBOG exams from Robert M. Hall, III. Mr. Hall is applying to take both ASBOG exams. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in geology from the University of Albany on May 18, 2003. His file is complete.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion to accept Mr. Hall's request to take the examination. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- d. Reinstatement Requests
  - i. *Robert L. Gelinias*

Mr. Gelinias' license lapsed on June 30, 2009. The Board received a complete reinstatement application from Mr. Gelinias on April 20, 2010. In his notarized statement he reflects he reviewed, signed, and sealed two documents as a South Carolina professional geologist between July 2009 and December 2009. He has paid all fees.

**MOTION**

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

- ii. *John William Maddry*

Mr. Maddry's license lapsed on June 30, 2009. The Board received a complete reinstatement application from Mr. Maddry on January 19, 2010. He has paid all fees.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board table John Maddry's reinstatement application pending receipt of a statement regarding practicing in South Carolina during period license lapsed, a detailed statement regarding his continuing education information during the 2007-2009 time period. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- iii. *Denise McCoy*

Ms. McCoy's license lapsed on June 30, 2009. The Board received a reinstatement application from Ms. McCoy on March 10, 2010. In her notarized statement, she identifies two projects under her responsible charge since her license lapsed. She has paid all fees.

**MOTION**

Dr. Ichimura made a motion the Board accept Ms. McCoy's reinstatement application. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- iv. *Ira Stephan Merin*

Mr. Merin's license lapsed on June 30, 2007. On May 7, 2010 the Board received a complete reinstatement application from Ira S. Merin. He has paid all fees.

**MOTION**

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

v. *Michael David Shaw*

Mr. Shaw's license lapsed on June 30, 2000. On November 16, 2009 Mr. Shaw submitted a complete reinstatement application and has paid all fees.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion to accept Mr. Shaw's reinstatement application. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

vi. *Ronald Yarborough*

Mr. Yarborough's license lapsed on June 30, 2009. On January 28, 2010 he submitted a complete reinstatement application and has paid all fees.

**MOTION**

Dr. Ichimura made a motion the Board approve Mr. Yarborough's reinstatement application pending receipt of satisfactory information of eight additional hours of external non-professional development training. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated after reviewing the continuing education audit documents during the February 2010 meeting the Board requested additional information from Christopher Bruce and Brian Carter. There are five registrants for initial review of continuing education documents as a result of asking for an extension to submit the documentation. The Board has not received documents from one registrant, A. Michel Pelletier. She spoke with Mr. Pelletier on January 27, 2010 and sent him an e-mail on May 24, 2010; however, he has not yet responded.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated she had an inquiry from an individual asking if he needed to obtain licensure in order to do geologic consultation. He is planning to advise on minerals by examining old mining areas to determine if they need to be revitalized. The Board determined he does not require licensure as long as he is not expressing himself as a professional geologist, not advertising his services as a professional geologist and his documents are not submitted to any regulatory agencies as part of a permit to open.

**10. Public Comments**

No public comments were made during this meeting.

**11. Adjournment**

The May 25, 2010 meeting of the S.C. Board of Registration for Geologists adjourned at 11:41 a.m.