

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists
Conference Call Meeting
10:00 AM, August 19, 2010
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 201-21
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 10:02 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 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 May 25, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Dr. Warner noted a correction on page two. He noted the approval of the IRC report shows he made and seconded the motion.

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion the minutes of the May 25, 2010 meeting be approved as amended. 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

Mrs. Addison-Miles made no remarks at this time.

- 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.

- c. *OIE (Office of Investigations & Enforcement) Report*
- No representative was present to make a report during this meeting.

- d. *OGC (office of General Counsel) Report*
- No representative was present to make a report during this meeting.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business for discussion during this meeting.

New Business

Approval of the June 15, 2010 IRC Report

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura made a motion the Board defer this matter to the December 9, 2010 meeting. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Licensure via Reciprocity and/or Endorsement

Donald Mark Allamong

On May 3, 2010 the Board received a license via reciprocity and/or endorsement application from Donald Allamong. Mr. Allamong became registered in Virginia in November 2001 by the ASBOG exams. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree from West Virginia University in May 1983. His file is missing one reference.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated she spoke with the executive assistant who completed the form and was informed he is still employed with the firm.

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion to approve Mr. Allamong for licensure pending receipt of a favorable third reference. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Kristi Renee Barnette

On July 21, 2010 the Board received a license via reciprocity and/or endorsement application from Kristi Barnette. Ms. Barnette became registered in Texas on August 31, 2003 by a grandfather clause in the Texas law. She obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Earth Resources on May 15, 1995 from Texas Christian University and a Master's of Science Degree in Environmental Science from the University of Houston-Clear Lake on May 8, 2001. Her file is complete. Ms. Barnette has not taken the ASBOG exam.

Discussion ensued regarding the written agreement with Texas to accept licensees from that state. The written agreement says individuals licensed in Texas September 1, 2003 and after will meet our requirements and can be accepted for licensure in South Carolina.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion the Board approve Ms. Barnette for licensure. Dr. Warner seconded the motion. The motion failed as no vote was taken.

The Board tabled this matter to later in the meeting.

Stewart Alan Dixon

On May 28, 2010 the Board received a license via reciprocity and/or endorsement application from Stewart Dixon. Mr. Dixon obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from Georgia Southern University on June 9, 1996 and a Master's of Science Degree in Earth Science on August 9, 2002. He is registered in Florida and Alabama by reciprocity with Georgia. His file is missing the Georgia license verification to determine how he became licensed in that state.

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board approve Mr. Dixon for licensure pending receipt of licensure verification from Georgia. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Benjamin Warren Fortson

On June 22, 2010 the Board received a license via reciprocity and/or endorsement application from Benjamin Fortson. Mr. Fortson obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Geoscience Mississippi State University on August 7, 1998. He is registered in Mississippi on April 21, 2009 by ASBOG exam. His file is missing the Florida license verification.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura made a motion to approve Mr. Fortson for licensure. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Matthew Fountain

On June 22, 2010 the Board received a license via reciprocity and/or endorsement application from Matthew Fountain. Mr. Fountain obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biological Engineering from Cornell University on May 30, 2004 and a Master's of Science Degree in Marine, Earth and Atmospheric Science from North Carolina State University on May 13, 2006. He became registered in North Carolina on November 27, 2007 via the ASBOG exams. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura made a motion the Board accept Mr. Fountain for licensure. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Rodney Max Kilgore

On June 21, 2010 the Board received a license via reciprocity and/or endorsement application from Rodney Kilgore. Mr. Kilgore obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from The University of Alabama on May 9, 1992. He became registered in Alabama on July 25, 2005 by the ASBOG exams. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura made a motion the Board accept Mr. Kilgore for licensure. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Joel David Lenk

On April 29, 2010 the Board received a license via reciprocity and/or endorsement application from Joel Lenk. Mr. Lenk obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from East Carolina University on May 10, 1997. He became registered in North Carolina on December 27, 2005 via the ASBOG exams. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura made a motion the Board accept Mr. Lenk for licensure. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Richard Eugene Powell

On May 5, 2010 the Board received a license via reciprocity and/or endorsement application from Richard Powell. Mr. Powell obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from Marshall University on May 9, 1987. He became registered in North Carolina on June 25, 1998 via the ASBOG exams. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board accept Mr. Powell for licensure. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Peter Matthew Thibodeau

On May 24, 2010 the Board received a license via reciprocity and/or endorsement application from Peter Thibodeau. Mr. Thibodeau obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Geology from Rutgers State University of New Jersey in May 1991, a Master's of Science Degree in Geology from the University of Vermont on May 22, 1993, and a PhD in Geology from the University of South Carolina on August 9, 1991. He became registered in North Carolina on December 2, 2005 via the ASBOG exams. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board accept Mr. Thibodeau for licensure. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Christopher Michael Turner

On March 18, 2010 the Board received a license via reciprocity and/or endorsement application from Christopher Turner. Mr. Turner obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Geology from Allegheny College on May 10, 1998 and a Master's of Science Degree in Earth Science from the University of Waterloo on June 14, 2002. He became registered in New Hampshire on December 18, 2009 via the ASBOG exams. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board accept Mr. Turner for licensure. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ASBOG Examination Requests

Thomas Michael Bone (GIT)

On June 27, 2010 the Board received an examination application from Thomas Bone. Mr. Bone obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Clemson University on December 21, 2006. He failed to answer question #12; however, the Office of Licensure and Compliance has notified him that the question must be answered. He is applying as a Geologist in Training (GIT) to take the Fundamentals exam.

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board approve Mr. Bone to take the examination pending a favorable response to question #12. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

William Robert Hays (FG/PG)

Mr. Hayes earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geological Sciences from Ohio University on November 23, 1988. He is applying to take the Fundamentals and the Practice of Geology exams. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura made a motion the Board approve Mr. Hays to take both exams. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Ivan Irizarry (GIT)

On August 2, 2010 the Board received an examination application from Ivan Irizarry. Mr. Irizarry earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Earth & Environmental Science from Furman University on June 2, 2007. He is applying as a Geologist in Training to take the Fundamentals exam.

Dr. Warner noted one of the references states 'no response' to question six. The individual completing the reference states the answer is due to Mr. Irizarry's 'inexperience, not his character.'

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board approve Mr. Irizarry to take the Fundamentals exam. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Lyle H. Lee (FG/PG)

On August 2, 2010 the Board received an examination application from Lyle Lee. Mr. Lee earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Geology from USC on May 7, 2005. He is applying to take the Fundamentals exam and the Practice of Geology exam. He was previously approved to take the Fundamentals exam in 2007, which he did not pass. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion to approve Mr. Lee to take the Fundamentals exam and the Practice of Geology exam. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Matthew Ryan Osborne (PG)

On July 6, 2010 the Board received an examination application from Matthew Osborne. Mr. Osborne is applying to take the Practice of Geology exam. He passed the Fundamentals exam in 2008. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion to approve Mr. Osborne to take the Practice of Geology exam. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Cameron Mace Warlick (FG/PG)

Mr. Warlick obtained a Bachelor of Science exam in Geology from Clemson University on May 6, 1998 and a Master's of Science Degree in Hydrogeology on May 7, 2004. He is applying to take the Fundamentals exam as well as the practice of geology exam. Staff received a reference on August 16, 2010, which was after the agenda packages were mailed to the Board members. His file is now missing one reference.

Mr. Gorman reviewed the reference received after the agendas had been mailed and found the reference to be favorable.

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board approve Mr. Warlick pending the receipt of a favorable third reference. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chadwick Lee Wash (FG/PG)

On June 29, 2010 the Board received an examination application from Chadwick Wash. Mr. Wash obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from USC on August 8, 1998. He is applying to take the Fundamentals exam as well as the practice of geology exam.

Discussion ensued that he has nine hours in geology.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura made a motion the Board deny Mr. Wash the ability to take the exams due to the lack of geologic course work. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

Glenn Miller

The Board reviewed Mr. Miller's continuing education during the May 2010 meeting and determined he needed to submit supporting documentation for the events he claimed. The documentation was submitted to the members for their approval.

Dr. Ichimura stated Mr. Miller has provided very little receipts or the courses were provided at no cost to him.

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board accept the continuing education documentation. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Proposed 2011 Board Meeting Dates

The Board reviewed the following proposed Board meeting dates for 2011.

February 3, 2011 May 26, 2011 August 18, 2011 December 8, 2011

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura made a motion the Board approve the proposed meeting dates. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Kristi Renee Barnette

Mr. Gorman read the letter to Texas regarding the letter of agreement concerning applications for licensure via reciprocity and/or endorsement.

Discussion ensued regarding accepting applicants granted licensure via a grandfather clause and without passage of the ASBOG exams.

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion to deny Ms. Barnette for licensure as a result of her not taking and passing the ASBOG exams. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Public Comments

No public comments were made during this meeting.

Executive Session

The Board did not enter executive session.

Adjournment

The August 19, 2010 meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists adjourned at 10:49 a.m.