

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists
Board Meeting
10:00 a.m., December 9, 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.

Dr. Warner attended the meeting by conference call.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator; Sharon Dantzler, Assistant General Counsel; Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; Tracey McCarley, Education Coordinator; and Bobby Taylor, Investigator.

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

A. Public Notice

Mr. Terry 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.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Excused Absences

All members were present.

3. Approval of the August 19, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Dr. Warner suggested two changes on page five. He noted Cameron Mace Warlick and Chadwick Lee Wash should show they are applying to taking the practice of geology exams instead of the professional geologist exam.

Dr. Ichimura stated the Board had discussed Mr. Maddy; however, there is no mention of the discussion in the minutes.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura made a motion to approve pending Dr. Warner's correction and pending review of the minutes regarding Mr. Maddy. Dr. Warner seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

4. Chairman's Remarks – Jason Terry

Mr. Terry stated the Board has a full agenda which includes a hearing. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.

5. Administrator's Remarks –Lenora Addison-Miles

Mrs. Addison-Miles presented the members with a news article in reference to a public entity which is being charged for non-notification of a public meeting.

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

No advisory opinions or legislative updates were given during this meeting.

- c. *OIE (Office of Investigations & Enforcement) Report*

No OIE report was given during this meeting.

- d. *OGC (office of General Counsel) Report*

No OGC report was given during this meeting.

- e. *Office of Communications Report*

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated as of December 8, 2010, 631 geologists are registered through June 2011.

6. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business for discussion during this meeting.

7. New Business

Tracey McCarley - LLR Office of Board Services (Financial Information)

Ms. McCarley stated the agency recently converted to a new accounting system which is difficult to read. The agency is currently reformatting the information into a readable format. She asked the members what type of information the Board members would like to have included in the financial report.

The Board asked that the report be in a simple format that includes the number of FTE positions the board supports, revenues, and expenditures.

Application Hearing - John William Maddry (Reinstatement)

This proceeding was recorded by a court reporter to produce a verbatim transcript should one be necessary.

Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion the Board enter executive session to seek legal advice. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

Mr. Gorman made a motion the Board return to public session. Dr. Ichimura 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 deny the reinstatement application at this time based on questions the Board has regarding the application and insufficient information provided by the applicant. Dr. Warner seconded the motion. Mr. Gorman stated the Board needs questions

answered whether he practiced geology as an unlicensed geologist in South Carolina and insufficient professional hours. The motion carried unanimously.

IRC Report – June 15, 2010 (case 2009-1)

Mr. Taylor stated he is recommending dismissal on this case. He briefed the Board regarding the case and noted he has attempted to contact the complainant on several occasions; however he has been unable to contact the individual.

MOTION

Dr. Ichimura made a motion the Board approve the June 15, 2010 IRC report. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ASBOG Annual Meeting Report - R. Craig Kennedy

Mr. Craig Kennedy stated the ASBOG annual meeting was held November 6, 2010 in St. Louis. A number of states were present; however, approximately five states were unable to attend the meeting and two states had proxy representatives present. He stated discussion ensued regarding the budget and how to keep expenses down. He noted ASBOG has no employees but is under contract management to Unicorn Unlimited which has three full time employees and one or two part time employees.

Mr. Kennedy noted Louisiana has passed legislation in regard to registering geologists by the ASBOG exam; however, the legislation did not give any funding. He believes Louisiana is interested in joining ASBOG. He went to say ASBOG has been working with Canada in the possibility of administering the fundamental exam.

Mr. Kennedy stated the ASBOG Foundation is now in place. He noted Darrell Schmidt is now the Foundation's president.

The next Council of Examiners meeting is scheduled to be held in San Diego, CA on April 1-2, 2011. The Council of Examiners workshop is scheduled for November 2-3, 2011 and the annual meeting will be held on November 5, 2011 in San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Kennedy discussed ASBOG exam protocol.

Licensure via Reciprocity and/or Endorsement

Joselyn H. Harriger

On August 4, 2010 the Board received a license via reciprocity and/or endorsement application from Joselyn Harriger. Ms. Harriger obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Science from Slippery Rock University on May 8, 2004. She became licensed in North Carolina via the ASBOG exam on July 1, 2010. Her file is complete.

MOTION

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

Amy Huskey

On March 23, 2010 the Board received a license via reciprocity and/or endorsement application from Amy Huskey. Ms. Huskey obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geoscience from Southeast Missouri State University on August 2, 1996 and obtained a Masters Degree in Geoscience and Hydrogeology from Montana Tech of The University of Montana on December

22, 2008. She was registered in North Carolina by the ASBOG exam on May 9, 2006. Her file is complete.

MOTION

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

Nils W. Thompson

On August 2, 2010 the Board received a license via reciprocity and/or endorsement application from Nils Thompson. Mr. Thompson obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geoscience from Pennsylvania State University in May 1983 and a Masters Degree in geology from Fort Hays State University on July 29, 1988. Staff obtained a Georgia license verification from the Georgia Secretary of State website which indicates Mr. Thompson was registered in Georgia on February 3, 1995 by examination. His file is missing the official license verification.

MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board approve the application pending receipt of the official license verification. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ASBOG Examination Request

Susan Elizabeth Herron (GIT)

On August 6, 2010 the Board received a geologist-in-training application from Susan Herron. Ms. Herron obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marine Science Geology from the University of South Carolina on August 8, 2009. Her file is missing one professional reference.

MOTION

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

8. Public Comments

No public comments were made during this meeting.

9. Executive Session

MOTION

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

Dr. Warner departed the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

10. Return to Public Session

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion the Board return to public session. Dr. Ichimura 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 approve the ASBOG examination results. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

11. Adjournment

MOTION

There being no further business to be discussed at this time Mr. Gorman made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The December 9, 2010 meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

The next meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists is scheduled for February 3, 2011.