

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists**

10:00 a.m., May 26, 2011  
Synergy Business Park  
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building 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 10:05 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; Theresa Garner, Program Assistant, and Sheridan Spoon, Assistant General Counsel.

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.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Excused Absences**

There were no absences to be excused.

**Approval of February 3, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Gorman noted that on page two under "Return to Public Session" second motion, last sentence, Mr. Garner should be Dr. Warner.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve the Minutes as amended. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Chairman's Remarks – Jason Terry**

Mr. Terry stated he recently met with the new Director, Catherine Templeton, who was meeting with all board chair persons. She is trying to better understand, and gain knowledge of what the boards do, their impact, and their purposes.

He said his impression of her was very favorable, and that he appreciated her meeting with him one on one. He stated he felt very positive about the meeting, and thought this would bring good changes for LLR and the boards.

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

Mrs. Miles informed the board members that online renewal reminder notices were mailed out the first week of May. She stated there are 454 geologists that are "active in renewal", and as of May 26, 2011, 183 have renewed online. The April 2011 Cash Balance Report shows the Board has a balance of \$48,154.98.

In March the agency had an internal reorganization which resulted in the elimination of the Office of Licensure and Compliance (OLC), and the Customer Care Center, and the agency also had a reduction in force. All licensing functions have been returned to the board program areas.

Mrs. Miles stated she had received a call for nominations for ASBOG secretary. If the board wishes to nominate someone for this position the completed form along with the nominees resume' must be submitted to ASBOG no later than June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Terry stated when he met with the Director, it was his understanding board travel would be approved by the board administrator, Mrs. Miles said that was correct.

### **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business for discussion during this meeting.

### **Executive Session – ASBOG Examination Results**

Dr. Ichimura made a motion the Board enter into executive session to review the March 2011 ASBOG examination results. Dr. Warner seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

### **Return to Public Session**

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

Chairman Terry noted for the record that no votes were taken during executive session.

### **MOTION**

Dr. Ichimura made a motion to accept the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology and Practice of Geology examination scores. Dr. Warner seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

#### **Licensure via Reciprocity/Endorsement**

#### *Robert Hagemeyer*

Mr. Hagemeyer was registered in Virginia on November 20, 1992 by that state's examination. He obtained a BS degree in geology from Colorado State University on August 10, 1984, and a master's degree in geology from the University of South Florida on April 28, 1988. Staff received an additional employment verification from GeoTrans Inc. on May 23, 2011 verifying 15 years of experience from October 1989 to October of 2004.

### **MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion to approve Mr. Hagemeyer's request for reciprocity pending receipt of a positive third professional reference. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

#### *John Wesley Hargraves (Ratification of email ballot)*

The Board originally reviewed Mr. Hargraves application during the February 3, 2011, meeting, and voted to deny his request based on the fact that South Carolina does not have a reciprocity agreement with Tennessee, and based on the information in his file, he had not passed the ASBOG examinations. Mr. Hargraves later provided supplemental documentation from the Alabama Board indicating that he did pass both ASBOG exams. Staff forwarded the information to the members for reconsideration and the members approved the application by email vote. A ratification of his vote is required for the record.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion to accept the ratified email vote, and approve Mr. Hargraves' application. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Steven Bruce Lucas*

Mr. Lucas was registered in North Carolina on July 14, 1995 by ASBOG examinations. He obtained a BS degree in geology from Appalachian State University on May 12, 1985. Staff received an updated employment verification from Shield Engineering on May 17, 2011 documenting 15 years of work experience from December 1996 to the present.

**MOTION**

Dr. Ichimura made a motion to approve Mr. Lucas for licensure through reciprocity with North Carolina. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Amanda Marie Taylor*

Ms. Taylor was registered in North Carolina on July 1, 2007 by ASBOG examinations. She obtained a BS degree in geology from the University of Omaha, Nebraska on August 15, 2003, and a Masters degree in geology from the University of Columbia Missouri on May 13, 2005.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion to approve Ms. Taylor for licensure through reciprocity with North Carolina. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Licensure via Examination

*Christopher Stang (Ratification of email ballot)*

Mr. Stang obtained a BS degree in geology from the College of Charleston in May of 2001. He passed the Practice of Geology Exam in September of 2007. On February 15, 2011, staff forwarded Mr. Stang's fundamentals exam application for board review so that he would be allowed to sit for the March examination. Mrs. Miles wanted to make sure Mr. Stang could get in for the March examination, since there was a cancellation. By email vote, the board approved the application and allowed Mr. Stang to take the fundamentals examination.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gorman made a motion to ratify the email vote. Dr. Warner seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion to approve Mr. Stang's licensure via examination. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Licensure via Reinstatement

*Kenneth Gillon*

Mr. Gillon's license lapsed June 30, 2007. He submitted a completed reinstatement package, and paid all required fees.

**MOTION**

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

*Dennis J. LaPoint*

Mr. LaPoint's license lapsed on June 30, 2009. He submitted a completed reinstatement package, and paid all required fees.

**MOTION**

Dr. Ichimura made a motion to accept Mr. LaPoint's reinstatement. Dr. Warner seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Natalie Marie Lopez*

Ms. Lopez's license lapsed on June 30, 2002. She submitted a completed reinstatement package, and paid all required fees.

**MOTION**

Dr. Ichimura made a motion to accept reinstatement, pending receipt of adequate supporting documentation from Fugro for the Landmark Surveying Course. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Junior Alan Pinnix*

Mrs. Miles stated Mr. Pinnix's application was incomplete but she needed guidance. The license lapsed in 1999, and he submitted a new application. She said if he is allowed to reinstate he will still owe \$1,680, and must provide proof of 32 hours of continuing education, along with a notarized statement. Since his license lapsed more than five (5) years ago, Mrs. Miles asked if the board will still allow him to be reinstated.

Chairman Terry stated Mr. Pinnix's license had lapsed more than five (5) years ago. He stated it appears Mr. Pinnix is still working in the industry in North Carolina, and has maintained his North Carolina license.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gorman made a motion to table the matter, pending receipt of a completed application, and statement that he has not practiced Geology in South Carolina during the lapsed period. Dr. Warner seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Examination Requests**

*Michael James Jaspers (FG/PG)*

Mr. Jaspers applied to take both ASBOG examinations. He obtained a BS degree in geology from Northern Kentucky University on May 5, 2006.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion to allow Mr. Jaspers to take both the Principles, and Fundamental exams. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*David Oberly (FG)*

Mr. Oberly applied as a GIT to take the fundamentals examination. He obtained a BS degree in geology from the University of South Carolina on August 10, 1996. He included his three (3) professional references.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gorman made a motion to allow Mr. Oberly to take the fundamentals examination. Dr. Warner seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Continuing Education Extension Request**

*John Ormond*

Chairman Terry read Mr. Ormond's letter of request to the board members. Chairman Terry asked Mrs. Miles if she had spoken to Mr. Ormond and asked if he indicated how much time he needed. Mrs. Miles said she had spoken with Mr. Ormond but he did not say how much time he would need.

Chairman Terry stated for the record that in the board policy under procedures for auditing registrants records, item number 6, second paragraph, "the registrant failed to submit registration renewal form and/or CE information (i.e., Continuing Education Submissions form, attendance documentation due biennially) within the proper time frame; consequently, his/her professional registration becomes inactive. Registrant will have until December 31<sup>st</sup> of that year to complete and submit the required documentation and fees (renewal and penalty) or his/her registration will lapse.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gorman made a motion to allow Mr. Ormond until December 31<sup>st</sup> to complete his CEU's for this biennium, at which time he must submit that information to the board for review; before the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline, along with his late fees to be considered for approval in having satisfied his requirements. Those CE hours cannot be used for the next biennial period in 2013. The motion was seconded by Dr. Warner which carried unanimously.

**Continuing Education Discussion**

Chairman Terry stated that he had asked Lenora to place this item on the agenda for discussion because he had received questions and comments from other professional geologists regarding the 12 hour limitation for webinars and other non-attendance type courses.

He asked Lenora what other professional boards have a limitation on online webinars, and her response was none. Chairman Terry stated the premise is the board would have to approve the courses, if the board found the seminars were approved, and the vendors were providing good valuable content for the online courses, then the courses could be counted towards continuing education. Dr. Ichimura said that he would draft a policy and submit to the board for their approval.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Executive Session**

The Board did not enter into Executive Session.

**Election of Officers**

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion to keep the same slate of officers. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Dr. Warner reported he had attended the ASBOG Council of Examiners Workshop in San Diego, and he noticed they had come out with a new blueprint for the Fundamentals and Practice Exams. He stated every five years there is a task analysis, and based on the results adjustments are made.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

The next meeting of the S. C. Board of Registration for Geologists is scheduled for August 18, 2011, Room 204.