

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists

Board Meeting

10:00 a.m., February 16, 2012
Synergy Business Park
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building Room 204
Columbia, South Carolina

NOTE: These minutes are a record and summary of the motions and official actions taken by the Board and of the meeting. A transcript of this meeting providing more detail will be available on the Board's website: www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Geologists

Meeting Called to Order

Vernon Ichimura, PhD., chairman, of Aiken, called the regular meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists to order at 10:03 a.m. Other members present for the meeting included: Charles Gorman, III, vice chairman, of Columbia; and Mark Taylor, of Greer.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator; Theresa Garner, Program Assistant, and Dean Grigg, Assistant General Counsel.

Dr. Ichimura 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 November 30, 2011 and December 12, 2011 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the November 30, 2011 minutes. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve the December 12, 2011 minutes. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks – Vernon Ichimura, PhD.

Dr. Ichimura informed the members of Dr. Warner's resignation effective December 31, 2011. Dr. Warner served on the board for 11 years and was a routine representative at the ASBOG meetings and workshops. Dr. Warner contributed to editing and changing board policies. Dr. Ichimura thanked Dr. Warner for his service and dedication.

Administrator's Remarks – Lenora Addison-Miles

Mrs. Miles reported there are currently 605 geologists registered through June 30, 2013. There are 53 lapsed licenses due to non renewal, and there are six active GIT's. Members were reminded that Statement of Economic Interest forms should be submitted electronically by April 15.

The January 2012 board cash balance was \$118,097.13

Unfinished Business

Request to Qualify for Licensure as a New Applicant

Andrew McThenia

The Board reviewed the additional documentation submitted by Mr. McThenia regarding his professional work experience since his license lapsed on June 30, 2003.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion that Mr. McThenia submit an application packet for consideration as a new registrant. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

New Business

Craig Kennedy, ASBOG

Craig Kennedy, ASBOG president, addressed the board regarding ASBOG initiatives to work with colleges and universities to educate students on the requirements of professional registration. Mr. Kennedy encouraged board member participation in the GSA Southeastern Regional meeting, and ASBOG spring workshop.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve travel for a member to attend the ASBOG meeting in April. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Licensure via Reciprocity/Endorsement

Brian T. Olin

The Board considered Mr. Olin's application for registration by reciprocity. Mr. Olin was registered in North Carolina by ASBOG examinations.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve Mr. Olin's request for licensure. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Stephen R. Miller

The Board considered Mr. Miller's application for registration by reciprocity. Mr. Miller was registered in Virginia by ASBOG examinations. Two of his references were not geologists or engineers.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion that Mr. Miller submit two references from either a licensed professional geologist or a licensed professional engineer. Upon receipt of the references, the request for licensure through reciprocity will be approved. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Licensure via Reinstatement

Lewis Ernest Hill, II

Mr. Hill's license lapsed June 30, 2011. He submitted a complete reinstatement packet.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to Mr. Hill's application. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Ralph Henry Willoughby

Mr. Willoughby's license lapsed June 30, 2005. He submitted a complete reinstatement packet.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve Mr. Willoughby's application. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ASBOG Examination Requests

Miles Patten Atkinson (FG)

Mr. Atkinson submitted an application to take the Fundamentals of Geology examination for certification as a geologist-in-training.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve Mr. Atkinson's request to take the Fundamentals examination. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Eric DeRicco (FG/PG)

Mr. DeRicco submitted an application to take the Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations for registration as a professional geologist.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve Mr. DeRicco's request to take the examinations for registration as a geologist. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

John McIver Law (PG)

Mr. Law submitted an application to take the Practice of Geology examination for registration as a geologist. Mr. Law was certified as a GIT on January 16, 2008.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve Mr. Law's request to take the Practice of Geology examination for registration as a geologist. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

William R. Taylor, Jr. (FG/PG)

Mr. Taylor submitted an application to take the Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations for registration as a geologist.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve Mr. Taylor's request to take the Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations for registration as a geologist. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Nathan Roy Mullens

Mr. Mullens submitted a reapplication to take the Fundamentals of Geology examination. He passed the Practice of Geology examination in March 2010.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve Mr. Mullens' request to take the Fundamentals of Geology examination for registration as a geologist. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Continuing Education Extension Request

J. Charles Ormond, Jr.

Mr. Ormond submitted an additional request for an extension to obtain four remaining hours of continuing education.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion the Board advise Mr. Ormond that once he obtains continuing education he may apply for reinstatement per Section 131-10(B) of the regulations. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

William D. Wood, Jr.

The board previously granted Mr. Wood an extension, due to extenuating financial circumstances, to obtain continuing education. Mr. Wood provided proof of continuing education.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept Mr. Wood's documentation showing proof of continuing education. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Continuing Education Audit (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011)

The Board reviewed continuing education documentation submitted in response to the audit.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Executive Session

The Board did not enter into Executive Session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the S. C. Board of Registration for Geologists is scheduled for May 24, 2012.