

MINUTES
SC BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR GEOLOGISTS
TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING

10:00 A.M., December 11, 2014
Synergy Business Park
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 204
Columbia, South Carolina

Meeting Called to Order

Vernon Ichimura, PhD., chairman, of Aiken, called the regular scheduled meeting of the S. C. Board of Registration for Geologists to order at 10:05 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included: Charles Gorman, vice-chairman, of Columbia; Dr. Douglas Nelson, of Conway, and Mark Taylor, of Greer.

Mr. Gorman, noted that he had another meeting scheduled, and would need to leave early. He was excused from the Teleconference, at 10:28 a.m.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Molly Price, Administrator; Donnell Jennings, Advice Counsel, Mary League, Advice Counsel, and Theresa Garner, Program Assistant.

Dr. Ichimura 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 in attendance.

Approval of the August 14, 2014 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept the August 14, 2014 meeting minutes, as presented. Dr. Nelson seconded, the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks-Vernon Ichimura

Dr. Ichimura wished everyone a belated Happy Thanksgiving, and wished everyone Happy Holidays. Chuck Gorman represented the board at the annual ASBOG meeting in November, which was held in Indianapolis. He reported it was a good experience, and he was impressed with the rigor and critiquing of the exams.

He stated next year delegates will have the option to attend in person or via video conference.

Dr. Ichimura thanked Mr. Gorman for attending on behalf of the board.

Administrator's Remarks-Molly Price

Mrs. Price reported there are currently 13 GITS, and 621 Professional Geologists.

The Cash Balance report for November 2014 was \$82,321.87.

The next scheduled ASBOG exam will be given on March 6, 2015.

Mrs. Price confirmed the upcoming 2015 board meeting dates. They are as follows:

Monday, March 23, 2015

Monday, June 8, 2015

Thursday, August 6, 2015

Thursday, December 10, 2015

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel

There were no advisory opinions given.

Legislative Updates

There were no legislative updates to report.

OGC Report-Office of General Counsel

Mrs. Price presented the OGC Report on behalf of Zubin Billimoria. She stated there were currently zero cases across the board.

OIE Report-Office of Investigative Enforcement

Mrs. Price presented the OIE Report on behalf of Sharon Wolfe. She reported that OIE closed one case from January 1, 2014 to December 1, 2014.

New Business

ASBOG Examination Requests

David B. Graham

The board received an application from Mr. Graham on November 13, 2014, to take the Fundamentals of Geology and Practice of Geology examinations for certification as a Registered Professional Geologist. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Earth Science from UNC Charlotte on December 18, 2003. Mr. Graham was previously approved by the board to take the examinations in 2007, but he never did. He paid the required fees, and submitted a new application. His file was complete.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept Mr. Graham's requests to take the Fundamentals and Practice of Geology Exams. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Gabrielle H. Munn

The Board received an application from Ms. Munn on December 1, 2014, to take the Fundamentals of Geology examination for certification as a Geologist-in-Training. She obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the College of Charleston on July 7, 2008, and a Master of Science degree in Geological Sciences from the University of South Carolina on December 12, 2011. Her file was complete.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion to accept Ms. Munn's request to take the Fundamentals of Geology examination, pending providing a notary signature on Page 3 of the Application. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Licensure via Reciprocity/Endorsement

Richard A. Kolb

The Board received an application from Mr. Kolb on September 17, 2014. He was licensed by the North Carolina Board on December 6, 1991, by their written exam and his license will expire on June 30, 2015. He also currently holds a license in Virginia that will expire on August 31, 2015. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from the University of Montana on June 2, 1968, and a Master of Arts Degree in Geology from the University of Texas at Austin on August 15, 1981. His file was complete.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve Mr. Kolb's request for licensure as a geologist via reciprocity North Carolina. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Joseph P. Schaaf

The Board received an application from Mr. Schaaf on October 21, 2014. He was licensed by the California Board on March 3, 1993 by their written exam, and his license will expire on May 31, 2015. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Earth and Space Sciences from the State University of New York, Stony Brook, on December 17, 1980, and a Master of Science degree in Geology from the California State University, Northridge on May 28, 1998. His file was complete.

MOTION

Dr. Nelson made a motion to accept Mr. Schaaf's request for licensure as a geologist via endorsement. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Keil A. Schmid

The Board received an application from Mr. Schmid on August 29, 2014. He was licensed by the Mississippi Board on May 21, 2002, via ASBOG exams, and his license will expire on December 31, 2014. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology Northeastern University on June 20, 1992, and a Master of Science degree in Geology from East Carolina University on December 14, 1996. His file was complete.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept Mr. Schmid's request for licensure as a geologist via reciprocity Mississippi. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Licensure via Reinstatement

Adel A. Bakr

The Board received an application from Mr. Bakr on October 16, 2014. Mr. Bakr's license lapsed on June 30, 2013. He has submitted a notarized statement confirming he has not engaged in the Practice of Geology in South Carolina since his license expired. He submitted proof of continuing education, paid the reinstatement fees, and all current renewal and late fees. His file was complete.

MOTION

Dr. Nelson made a motion to approve Mr. Bakr's request for reinstatement as a professional geologist with the following condition. He must submit clarification, and proof of 32 hours of continuing education for the biennium period of 7/1/2011 through 6/30/2013. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Edward Hirshenson

The Board received an application from Mr. Hirshenson on August 12, 2014. Mr. Hirshenson's license lapsed on June 30, 2013. He submitted a notarized statement confirming he has not engaged in the Practice of Geology in South Carolina since his license expired. He submitted proof of continuing education, and has paid a reinstatement fee, and all current renewal, and late fees. His file was complete.

MOTION

Dr. Nelson made a motion to approve Mr. Hirshenson's request for reinstatement as a professional geologist with the following condition. He must submit proof of an additional (16) hours from the biennium period of 7/1/2011 through 6/30/2013. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Questions regarding type of experience allowed for a PE to perform Geology Work, and what a PE can stamp

- i. Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Practice of Engineering and Practice of Geology

The board reviewed and discussed the Memorandum of Understanding signed in October 1991, regarding Practice of Engineering and Practice of Geology.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

MOTION

Dr. Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the S.C. Board of Registration for Geologists is scheduled for March 23, 2015, in room 204.