

MINUTES
S. C. Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation
Board of Registration for Geologists
Conference Call Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 22, 2016, 10:00 a.m.
SYNERGY OFFICE PARK, KINGSTREE BUILDING, ROOM 202-02
110 CENTERVIEW DRIVE, COLUMBIA, S.C. 29210

NOTE: These minutes are a record of the motions and official actions taken by the Board and a brief summary of the meeting.

1. **Call to Order** – This meeting is being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act by notice emailed to The State Newspaper; Associated Press; WIS-TV and all other interested persons, organizations or news media. In addition, the notice was posted on the Board’s website and on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the Kingstree Building.
2. **Consideration of excuses for absences of Board Members**
No absent board members
3. **Adoption of Agenda**
Motion
Mark Taylor made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Vernon Ichimura by. The motion carried unanimously
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
Motion
Mark Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2015, Board Meeting pending two corrections as noted to items 9 and 10E:
 - 1) For Item 9 the minutes indicated a vote on Adel Bakr’s Continuing Education with a motion to approve seconded by Vernon Ichimura, but no indication in minutes as to a vote;
 - 2) For Item 10E, it should read that Mark Taylor “made a motion to approve” (an application), not “approved”The motion was seconded by Vernon Ichimura and after no further discussion the motion carried.
5. **Office of Investigation & Enforcement**
No report due to no activity
6. **Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report**
No report due to no activity
7. **Chairman’s Remarks – Chuck Gorman**
Chairman Gorman welcomed Andrew Rogers, newly installed as Assistant Deputy Director. Mr. Rogers is formerly from Office of Disciplinary Counsel.
Chairman Chuck Gorman also welcomed new board member, Duke Brantley, PhD from USC, who currently works at the Earth Sciences Research Institute (ESRI) at USC.
The incumbent board members then introduced themselves:
 - Chairman Gorman works for DHEC, holds a Geology degree from USC and a Master’s from University of Utah.
 - Vernon Ichimura is the board member representing companies. His specialty is groundwater. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in geophysics from University of Hawaii, a Master’s in geology from Washington State, and a PhD in Civil Engineering also from Washington State.
 - Mark Taylor works for SynTerra, has an undergraduate degree in geochemistry from Harvard and a Master’s from University of Michigan.

8. Administrator's Report

A. Financial Report

The Board expressed concern over the expenses allocated to the Board and asked Doris to provide additional information at the June Board meeting. Vernon Ichimura asked to have a comparison of FY13 and FY15 to see what has changed. Doris explained that the process to increase rates has to be approved through Director's office and then a bill has to be filed in Regulations to be passed by the Legislature.

B. Licensee update

There are currently 589 Registered Geologists and 15 Geologists in Training for a total of 604 licensees. Doris received an e-mail about an administrator's workshop November 1, 2016, but she has another obligation at the time. The board could send a staff member if they would like.

ASBOG has put out a white paper about the EPA coal ash disposal rule to show the professionalism of Geologists.

C. Transferring responsibility of proctoring licensing/professional exams

Due to many reasons, mainly liability, LLR wants to have all professional exams proctored by a third-party, such as PSI. Doris had contacted Deana Sneyd at ASBOG and was told ASBOG has no issues with this and that several other states already do this. We currently are charging \$150 for the Fundamentals of Geology exam and \$250 for Practice of Geology exam. Virginia is using PSI, charging \$190 for the Fundamentals of Geology exam and \$290 for the Practice of Geology exam. Pennsylvania is charging \$350 for Practice of Geology exam and \$250 for the Fundamentals of Geology exam. Utah is also using PSI and charging \$190 and \$290 for the the Fundamentals of Geology exam and Practice of Geology exam respectively.

9. Old business

None to be discussed

10. New Business

A. Approval of travel to Spring ASBOG conference

Motion

Vernon Ichimura made a motion to allow Mark Taylor to attend Spring ASBOG conference, Dr. Brantley seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

B. GIT Applications

1. Demille, Richard Lynn

Motion

Mark Taylor made a motion to approve, Vernon Ichimura seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

C. Reciprocity Applications

1. Anderson, Scott Curtis

Motion

Mark Taylor made a motion to approve, Vernon Ichimura seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

2. Dobson, Daniel Cory

The board decided the applicant needs additional documentation from the Florida licensing board.

Motion

Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve the application pending confirmation from Florida Board of Geologists that the applicant passed the ASBOG exam. Mark Taylor seconded the motion, after no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

3. Soban, Jason Randal

Motion

Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve, Mark Taylor seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

4. Strader, Jack Charles

The Board discussed that applicant does not have a Geology degree, but has taken fundamental geology coursework, is currently licensed in GA in 2000 and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture.

Motion

Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve, Mark Taylor seconded, after no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

11. Public Comment

No one from the public was present.

12. Adjournment