

South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists
Board Meeting Minutes
10:00 a.m., December 13, 2018
Synergy Business Park
Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 204
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

1. Meeting Called to Order

- a. 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.
- b. Chair Duke Brantley, PG, called the meeting of S.C. Board of Registration for Geologists to order at 10:10 a.m., with a quorum present. Other Board members participating in the meeting included:
 - ❖ Chuck Gorman, PG
 - ❖ Nina Marshtein, PG
 - ❖ Vernon Ichimura, PG

Staff members presented included: Susanna Sharpe, CPA, Administrator; Chelsea Buchanan, Program Coordinator; Courtney Wise, Administrative Assistant; Hardwick Stuart, Advice Counsel; Rodney Pigford, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; and Erin Baldwin, Defense Counsel.

2. Approval of Excused Absences – N/A (No Board members were absent)

3. Adoption of Agenda

Duke Brantley made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ichimura. The motion carried.

4. Introduction of Director Emily Farr

Ms. Sharpe introduced Director Emily Farr to the Board. Director Farr thanked the Board for their work and announced the upcoming release of the new LLR website that is set to launch summer of 2019.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2018

Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve of the minutes from the September 27, 2018 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ichimura. The motion carried.

6. Office of Investigation & Enforcement – Rodney Pigford – As of December 8, 2018, three (3) cases were conducted. All were closed and there are currently no active cases.

7. Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report – Erin Baldwin – There is one (1) open case that is pending review for drafting.

8. Chair Remarks – Duke Brantley thanked the other Board members for being present.

9. Administrator's Remarks – Susanna Sharpe

- a. Financial Report
- b. Licensee Update

10. New Business

a. GEO Applications

i. James T. Darden

Mr. Ichimura made a motion to approve the application to take the PG exam. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried.

ii. Nicole Pikorchemny

Mr. Ichimura made a motion to approve the application to take the PG exam. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried.

iii. Ashleigh Thrash

Mr. Ichimura made a motion to approve the application to take the PG exam. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried.

b. GIT Applications

i. Jacob W. Lee

Ms. Marshtein made a motion to approve the application to take the FG exam in order to be registered as a GIT. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried.

ii. Brian Reibling

Ms. Marshtein made a motion to approve the application to take the FG exam in order to be registered as a GIT. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried.

iii. William Vesely

Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve the application to take the FG exam in order to be registered as a GIT. Ms. Marshtein seconded the motion, which carried.

iv. Charles Wenner

Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve the application to be registered as a GIT as a result of his successful completion of the FG exam in another state. Ms. Marshtein seconded the motion, which carried.

c. Reciprocity Applications

i. Stanley H. Harts

Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve the reciprocity application to be registered as a PG. Ms. Marshtein seconded the motion, which carried.

d. Endorsement Applications

i. James P. Larkin

Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve the endorsement application to be registered as a PG pending the receipt of the Florida license verification. Ms. Marshtein seconded the motion, which carried.

e. Select Committee to Draft Proposed Changes to Regulations

Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve the drafted proposed changes to the regulations. Ms. Marshtein seconded the motion, which carried.

A request was made for the office to contact all Registered Geologists via email to welcome comments and gauge licensees' interest in participating on the committee.

11. Public Comments (No Votes May Be Taken) There were no public comments.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Gorman to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Ms. Marshtein. The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

The next meeting of the S.C. Board of Registration for Geologists is scheduled for March 18, 2019.