

MINUTES

SC Department of Labor, Licensing, & Regulation
Board of Registration for Geologists

Board Meeting

Thursday, September 27, 2018
SYNERGY OFFICE PARK
KINGSTREE BUILDING, ROOM 204
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

Duke Brantley, PG, Chair, was present and called the meeting of the South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists to order on September 27, 2018, at 10:16am, with a quorum present. Other Board members present were: Chuck Gorman, PG, Nina Marshtein, PG, and Vernon Ichimura, PG, joining by conference call. LLR staff members participating in the meeting included: Susanna Sharpe, Assistant Administrator, Chelsea Buchanan, Program Coordinator, Courtney Wise, Administrative Assistant, Mary League, Advice Counsel, filling in for Hardwick Stuart, Advice Counsel, Sharon Wolfe, Office of Investigations and Enforcement, and Erin Baldwin, Defense Counsel.

2. Consideration of Excuses for Absences of Board Members

No Board members were absent.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion

Chuck Gorman made a motion to adopt the agenda. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion

Chuck Gorman made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2018 and July 2018 meetings. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. Office of Investigation Report

Sharon Wolfe presented the report, which stated that two cases have been closed since January 1, 2018.

6. Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report

Erin Baldwin stated that there is only one open case pending action.

7. Chairman's Remarks

Filling in for Kevin Ryan following his resignation to pursue a promotion, Duke Brantley, Vice Chair, thanked everyone for being there and expressed his willingness to step into the role of Chair should the Board elect him.

8. Administrator's Report

Assistant Administrator Susanna Sharpe presented the financial report and licensee updates for information. There were no questions or concerns. She also reiterated that Administrator Doris Cubitt is retiring and that today is her last day in the office. Mrs. Cubitt stopped by prior to the meeting to make the announcement and say goodbye to Board members.

9. New Business

A. Reciprocity Applications

1. Donald Hurdle

Motion

Chuck Gorman made a motion to approve the application for reciprocity. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

B. Endorsement Applications

1. Brittany Johnson

Motion

Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve the application for licensure by endorsement. Chuck Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

C. Revised Application Forms

Susanna Sharpe presented revised application forms that staff found had been created in 2015 but had never been adopted or used. She explained that staff had reviewed them and felt that they would simplify the application process by having a form for each category of applicant.

Motion

Chuck Gorman made a motion to approve the new applications. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

10. Old Business

A. Consideration of Kenneth Lauber's Request for Removal of Conditions

Motion

Vernon Ichimura made a motion to go into executive session for legal advice. Chuck Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Motion

Chuck Gorman made a motion to come out of executive session. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. It should be noted that no votes were taken during executive session.

Motion

Chuck Gorman made a motion to grant removal of the conditions on Mr. Lauber's PG license. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

B. CE Audit

The Board continued the 2015-2017 CE audit.

Motion

Vernon Ichimura made a motion to amend prior Board policy to reflect that up to 12 hours of Hazwoper OSHA refresher courses may be allowed to count as CE hours per biennium. Chuck Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

11. Election of Officers

Motion

Chuck Gorman made a motion to elect Duke Brantley, PG, as Chair, and Nina Marshtein, PG, as Vice Chair. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

12. Adjournment

Motion

With no further business to be discussed at this time, Chuck Gorman made a motion to adjourn the September 27, 2018 meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists at 12:35pm. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.