

South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists
Board Meeting Minutes
10:00 a.m., March 18, 2019
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 10:05 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 present included: Susanna Sharpe, CPA, Administrator; Chelsea Buchanan, Program Coordinator; Courtney Wise, Program Assistant; Hardwick Stuart, Advice Counsel; Sharon Wolfe and Rodney Pigford, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; Erin Baldwin, Defense Counsel.

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

3. Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Ichimura made a motion to approve of the meeting's agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Marshtein. The motion carried.

4. Office of Investigation & Enforcement – Rodney Pigford – As of January 1, 2019, zero (0) cases were received. Three (3) cases were closed from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

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

6. Chair Remarks – Duke Brantley thanked everyone for being present.

7. Administrator's Remarks – Susanna Sharpe

- a. **Financial Report**
- b. **Licensee Update**

8. New Business

a. GEO Applications

i. Andrew Baird

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

ii. Brian Bastian

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

iii. Alexander Butler
Mr. Gorman recused himself from this application hearing. Mr. Ichimura made a motion to approve the application to take the PG exam. Ms. Marshtein seconded the motion, which carried.

iv. David J. Ebinger
Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve the application to take the PG exam. Ms. Marshtein seconded the motion, which carried.

b. GIT Applications

i. Kathryn H. Butler
Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve the application to take the FG exam in order to be registered as a GIT. Mr. Ichimura seconded the motion, and it carried.

c. Reciprocity Applications

i. Peter Boyles
Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve of the reciprocity application to be registered as a PG. Mr. Ichimura seconded the motion, and it carried.

ii. Corey N. Buchanan
Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve of the reciprocity application to be registered as a PG. Ms. Marshtein seconded the motion, and it carried.

iii. Michael Fiori
Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve of the reciprocity application to be registered as a PG. Ms. Marshtein seconded the motion, and it carried.

iv. Harry Montell Jones IV
Mr. Ichimura made a motion to approve of the reciprocity application to be registered as a PG. Ms. Marshtein seconded the motion, and it carried.

v. John R. Lopez
Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve of the reciprocity application to be registered as a PG. Mr. Ichimura seconded the motion, and it carried.

vi. Benjamin J. Shivar
Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve of the reciprocity application to be registered as a PG. Ms. Marshtein seconded the motion, and it carried.

d. Endorsement Applications

i. James Anders
Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve the endorsement application to be registered as a PG. Mr. Ichimura seconded the motion, and it carried.

ii. Jamie Cox
Ms. Marshtein made a motion to approve the endorsement application to be registered as a PG. Mr. Ichimura seconded the motion, and it carried.

iii. Joseph A. Lancaster
Chuck Gorman made a motion that Mr. Lancaster's application for licensure as a PG be approved pending completion of one item of a professional reference that was submitted. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried.

e. Reinstatement Applications

i. Andrew Harrison
Duke Brantley made a motion to enter executive session for legal counsel. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Gorman made a motion to exit executive session. Mr. Ichimura seconded the motion and it carried. It is noted that no votes were taken during executive session.

Mr. Gorman made a motion to change Mr. Harrison's reinstatement application to a reciprocity application and for it to be reviewed by the Chairperson for approval upon the office's receipt of a complete experience package and copy of social security card. Mr. Ichimura seconded the motion and it carried.

9. Old Business

a. Discussion of Regulation Drafting Notice

Ms. Sharpe stated that in order for the Board to enter the proposed changes in regulations for 2020 session, the drafting notice will need to be filed in April 2019. Ms. Sharpe also requested she be notified if the Board had any other additions or changes they would like to make.

10. Election of Officers

Mr. Gorman made a motion to remove this item (#10) off the agenda. Ms. Marshtein seconded the motion and it carried.

11. Public Comments (No Votes May Be Taken) – Duke Brantley thanked Mr. Gorman for his service as a Board member and former Board Chair in the event he is not able to attend the next meeting due to his expected replacement on the Board.

12. Adjournment

Duke Brantley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Marshtein. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

The next meeting of the S.C. Board of Registration for Geologists is scheduled for July 12, 2019.