

South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 10 a.m. by Virtual Video/Teleconference

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Daniel Brantley, PG; called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Other Board members present included: Nina Marshtein, PG; Donald Siron, PG; and Vernon Ichimura, PG.

Staff members present included: Hardwick Stuart, Esq.; Advice Counsel; Pam Dunkin, Administrator, and Johnnie Rose, Program Coordinator.

2. Statement of Public Notice

Mr. Brantley stated 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. In accordance with the Governor's directives regarding social distancing, the meeting is being held via video and teleconference. Members of the public who wish to attend may do so by telephone or the Internet.

3. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: To adopt the September 10, 2020 agenda.
Ichimura/Siron/approved.

4. See item 1.

5. **Approval of Excused Absences** – No absences

6. **Approval of Meeting Minutes – July 9, 2020**

MOTION: To adopt the July 9, 2020 meeting minutes.
Siron/Marshtein/approved

7. **Board Chairman's Remarks** – Duke Brantley

Mr. Brantley thanked and welcomed everyone to the Board meeting and encouraged everyone to stay safe during the pandemic.

8. **Staff Reports**

- First, I want to say good morning, and I'm glad that everyone is safe during this COVID-19 season, and welcome to another virtual Board meeting! I ask that you all bear with us because this is something that is very new to us as well, but we will get through it. So thank you for having patience with us as we maneuver through together! Just to let you all know, that we are mostly still working from home, but we are business and operation as normal. Definitely, if you all need anything, please reach out to us via email, telephone, text.
- The Board had a cash balance of \$ 151,327.83

- Currently the Board has geologists-31 in-training and 578 geologists actively licensed.
- As a housekeeping note, I'm just reminding all Board members to direct licensees or potential licensees to our office if they have any questions or problems we need to address.
- As Johnnie briefly mentioned at the July Board meeting, the FG and PG exam will now be administered by PSI which is a testing company that the agency is now using for all exams agency wide.
- Today, we have a special guest, Deana Sneyd from ASBOG to answer any questions we may have in regards to ASBOG.
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 17, 2020, and of course because of the Social Distancing guidelines, we will continue to have our Board meetings/committee meetings via WebEx and Conference call. Also, while we are on these WebEx or conference call, please mute your phones while you aren't speaking. However, once you come off of mute, please state your name so that the persons who are transcribing can identify you correctly

9. New Business

A. ASBOG Presentation – Deana Sneyd

- Deana Sneyd from ASBOG introduced herself to the Board and informed the Board if there's anything that ASBOG can do to help better the flow, please let them know.

B. Updates to 2021 Renewals and New CE Requirements

- Mrs. Dunkin reminded the Board of what was accepted at the previous meeting for all continuing education course be taken online due to COVID-19. She informed the Board that a copy of the correspondence has been placed on the secure site for information.

C. GIT Applications

1. Thomas McIlroy

Don Siron made a motion to approve the application to take the FG exam pending correction on application question #7 and signatures on Professional Reference forms. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

2. Sierra Patterson

Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve the application to take the FG exam. Don Siron seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

D. GEO Applications

1. Austin Syms

Vernon Ichimura made a motion to go into Executive Session with staff remaining. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Vernon Ichimura made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

No Votes Were Taken During Executive Session

Nina Marshtein made a motion to approve the application to take the PG exam. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously

E. Reciprocity Applications

1. **Edward Bilington**

Nina Marshtein made a motion to approve the application for Reciprocity. Don Siron seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

2. **Matthew Miller**

Don Siron made a motion to approve the application for Reciprocity. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

3. **Justin Vickery**

Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve the application for Reciprocity. Nina Marshtien seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

4. **Bradley Worley**

Don Siron made a motion to approve the application for Reciprocity. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

F. Endorsement

1. **Bruce W. Speidel**

Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve the application for Endorsement. Nina Marshtien seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

G. Continuing Education and Audit Discussion

The Board conducted a 10% continuing education audit review for the 2017 – 2019 renewal year. Results have been submitted to all licensees either for approval or correction.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn.
Ichimura/Marshtein/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.