

**South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists  
Board Meeting Minutes  
July 8, 2021 at 10 a.m. by Virtual Video/Teleconference**

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Vice-Chairman Donald Siron, PG; called the meeting to order at 10: a.m. Other Board members present included: Donald Siron, PG; and Dr. Vernon Ichimura, PG.

Staff members present included: Hardwick Stuart, Esq., Advice Counsel; Johnnie Rose, Program Coordinator; and Sherri Moorner, Program Assistant.

Others present included: Courtney Glover (Creel Court Reporting)

**2. Statement of Public Notice**

Mr. Siron 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 July 8, 2021 agenda.  
Ichimura/Siron/approved.

**4. Introduction of Board Members and Others**

Board members and staff participating in the meeting introduced themselves.

**5. Excused Absences**

**MOTION:** To excuse Nina Marshtein's absence.  
Ichimura/Siron/approved

**6. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the May 20, 2021, meeting, with spelling corrections to Dr. Ichimura's name and minor grammatical corrections.  
Ichimura/Siron/approved.

**7. Board Vice-Chairman Remarks**

There were no remarks.

**8. Staff Reports – Johnnie Rose, on behalf of Pam Dunkin**

**A. Administrator's Report:**

- Please refer licensees or potential licensees to Board staff with questions, comments, or concerns.
  - Please mute yourself during the meeting unless speaking. When speaking, please identify yourself for the record.
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- Pam Dunkin is out of the office, so Johnnie Rose is hosting the meeting in her place.
- There are 38 Geologists-In-Training.
- There are 528 Professional Geologists.
- There are 96 Professional Geologists who have no renewed their licenses to date. These licensees have until December 31, 2021, to submit a late renewal for their license.
- Dr. Duke Brantley has resigned from the Board. Staff will mail him a plaque in honor of his service on the Board. There are currently vacancies for an academic member and a public member. Individuals who are interested in filling the two vacancies on the Board can apply with Kristie Quattrone in the Governor's Office.
- The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 16, 2021. Meetings will be continue to be conducted by WebEx Webinar if there is no opposition from the Board members to continue conducting meetings in this manner.

#### **B. Finance Report**

The Board had a cash balance of \$204,877.94 as of May 31, 2021.

#### **C. Advisory Opinions**

Mr. Stuart reminded the Board that a quorum is a majority of sitting members. Since there are two vacancies on the Board, then two members constitutes a quorum. He reminded the Board to let Mrs. Dunkin and Mr. Rose know if they are unable to attend meetings so staff can ensure that a quorum will be present to conduct future meetings.

#### **D. Office of Investigations and Enforcement Report**

There are no cases in the Office of Investigations and Enforcement.

#### **E. Investigative Review Committee Report**

There was no Investigative Review Committee Report.

#### **F. Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report**

There are no cases in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

### **9. New Business**

#### **A. GIT Applications**

##### **1. William Dennis-King**

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

##### **2. Trenton Howard**

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

##### **3. Corinne Lally**

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

## **B. GEO Applications**

### **1. Erin Benford**

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

### **2. Jason Yonts**

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

## **C. Reciprocity Applications**

### **1. Michael Meares**

Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve the reciprocity application. Donald Siron seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

### **2. Karen Teague**

Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve the reciprocity application pending receipt of verification that her part-time experience is equivalent to five years of full time experience, with staff delegated to issue the license upon receipt of satisfactory information from the employer. Donald Siron seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

### **3. Thomas Herbert**

Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve the reciprocity application pending receipt of license verification forms from two states, with staff delegated to issue the license upon receipt of the completed forms. Donald Siron seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

### **4. Matthew Ginther**

Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve the reciprocity application pending receipt of pending employment verifications, with staff delegated to issue the license upon receipt of the completed forms. Donald Siron seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

## **D. Endorsement Application**

### **1. Dirk Grahl**

Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve the endorsement application. Donald Siron seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

## **10. 2021 ASBOG Administrator's Workshop, Annual meeting, and Fall COE Workshop – Johnnie Rose, on behalf of Pam Dunkin**

The 2021 ASBOG Administrator's Workshop, Annual meeting, and Fall COE Workshop will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas, on October 25-30, 2021. The Governor has lifted the travel ban, so the Board can send two people to this meeting with their current funds. He asked the Board members to notify him if they are interested in attending.

**MOTION:** To request funding for up to two Board members and/or administrative staff to attend this workshop.  
Ichimura/Siron/approved

**11. Executive Session**

The Board did not go into Executive Session.

**12. Public Comments**

There were no public comments

**13. Adjournment**

There being no further business.

**MOTION:** To adjourn.  
Ichimura/Siron/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.