

**South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists
Board Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2022 at 10 a.m. by Virtual Video/Teleconference**

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chair Nina Marshtein, PG; called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. Other Board member present included Dr. Vernon Ichimura, PG.

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

Others present included Don Siron, PG; Amanda Godfrey (Creel Court Reporting); and Megan Hicks (Creel Court Reporting).

2. Statement of Public Notice

Mrs. Marshtein 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. 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 January 13, 2022 agenda.
Ichimura/Marshtein/approved.

4. Introduction of Board Members and Others

Board members, staff, and others participating in the meeting introduced themselves.

5. Excused Absences

There were no absences.

6. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the July 8, 2021, meeting.
Ichimura/Marshtein/approved.

7. Board Chair Remarks

Mrs. Marshtein thanked Don Siron for his service on the Board. Johnnie Rose presented Mr. Siron with a plaque. Mr. Siron apologized for cutting his term short. Life circumstances necessitated a move to the private sector, so he could no longer serve on the Board. The process to find a State sector replacement is underway. He said it was a privilege to serve in this capacity.

8. Staff Reports – Pam Dunkin

A. Administrator's Report:

- The Board has 39 Geologists-in-Training and 550 Geologists actively licensed.

- Late renewals closed December 31, 2021. Individuals who did not renew by this date must apply for reinstatement of their license.
- Staff have referred the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to the Governor's office to get a replacement for Dr. Siron. There are three vacancies on the Board: one public member, one academic member, and one member employed by a State agency. Applications to serve on the Board can be sent to Kristy Quattrone at kquattrone@governor.sc.gov.
- Board members are required to file their Statement of Economic Interest by noon on March 30, 2022. Filing is still required even if you did not receive financial reimbursement for meetings in 2021 (members must file a statement with a \$0 balance). Notice of filing and financial reimbursement forms were sent to Board members by email on January 6, 2022. Reminder emails will be sent closer to the deadline date.
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2022. The Board will continue to hold meetings by WebEx webinar until further notice.

B. Finance Report

The Board had a cash balance of \$272,388.46 as of November 30, 2021.

C. Advisory Opinions

Mr. Stuart did not have any advisory opinions.

D. Office of Investigations and Enforcement Report

Mrs. Dunkin stated there are no cases in the Office of Investigations and Enforcement.

E. Investigative Review Committee Report

Mrs. Dunkin stated there is no Investigative Review Committee Report.

F. Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report

Mrs. Dunkin stated there are no cases in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

9. New Business

A. GIT Applications

1. Arthur Brown

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

2. Reed Chandler

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

3. Andrew Kopchynski

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

4. Kimberly Kuhn

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

5. **Jacob Lee**
Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve the application to take the FG exam. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
6. **David Szynal**
Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve the application to take the FG exam. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
7. **Brian Walker**
Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve the application to take the FG exam. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

B. GEO Applications

1. **Richard DeMille**
Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve the application to take the PG exam. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
2. **Kerrin Doyle**
Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve the application to take the FG and PG exams. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
3. **Katherine Luciano**
Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve the application to take the FG and PG exams. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
4. **Brian Reibling**
Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve the application to take the FG and PG exams. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
5. **Christopher Slocum**
Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve the application to take the FG and PG with the condition that Mr. Slocum provide an experience verification form upon obtaining seven more months of experience. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
6. **Christopher Stanbery**
Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve the application to take the FG and PG exams. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

C. Reciprocity Applications

1. **Jeffrey Albano**
Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve the reciprocity application. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

2. Chris Cresci

Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to request additional information by providing a resume and any licensing information that Mr. Cresci had prior to his application, to include the waiver in Virginia. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Stuart will prepare an order to request a detailed explanation of Mr. Cresci's job duties and scope of practice, and information on the exam waiver granted to him by Virginia.

3. William Ellison

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

4. Everett Fortner

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

5. Peter Foster

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

6. Joshua Frizzell

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

7. Johnny Johnson

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

8. Christopher Orrell

Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to accept the reciprocity application upon receipt of the completed reference form from Roger Smith. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

9. Heather Reynolds

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

D. Endorsement Application

1. Harvey Alan Cohen

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

2. Jeremiah Santini

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

3. Brandon Stau

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

4. Kyle Zigler

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

10. 2021 ASBOG Administrator’s Workshop, Annual meeting, and Fall COE Workshop Update

Mrs. Dunkin and Mr. Rose participated in this two-day event virtually. ASBOG will transition to a computer-based exam starting in March 2023 for all State Boards. ASBOG has signed a contract with Prometric, so the current contract with PSI must be voided to prepare for the exam transition. The FG and PG exams will still be given twice a year in March and October, and candidates must be Board approved before they can register for the exam at any of the Prometric testing centers in the United States.

A notebook that summarizes all topics for the meeting is available for review. Mrs. Dunkin will forward this notebook to the Board members for potential follow up items.

Mr. Rose encouraged the Board members to volunteer as subject matter experts for ASBOG. This would be a good step toward getting more involved and promoting South Carolina.

11. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

12. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business.

MOTION: To adjourn.
Ichimura/Marshtein/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.