

**South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists
Board Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2022 at 10 a.m. by Virtual Video/Teleconference**

Meeting Called to Order

Chair Nina Marshtein, PG; called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Other Board members 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 Deb Carter, CE Broker and Sean Cary, Creel Court Reporting.

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.

Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: To adopt the May 12 agenda.
Ichimura/Marshtein/approved.

Introduction of Board Members and Others

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

Excused Absences

There were no absences.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the January 13, 2022, meeting, with a correction to Mr. Siron's title.
Ichimura/Marshtein/approved.

Board Chair Remarks

There were no remarks from the Board chair.

Staff Reports – Pam Dunkin

A. Administrator's Report:

- Mrs. Dunkin told the Board members to refer any contact from licensees or potential licensees to Board staff.
- The Board has 39 Geologists-in-Training and 563 Geologists actively licensed.
- The ASBOG Exams will be computer-based beginning with the March 2023 administration. The contract for the exam was awarded to Prometric, who will have a demonstration on May 18, 2022. She and Mr. Rose will attend this demonstration and will give the Board an update at the next meeting.

- There are three vacancies on the Board: one public member, one academic member, and one member from a state agency. Applications to serve on the Board should be sent to Kristy Quattrone at kquattrone@governor.sc.gov. Mrs. Dunkin asked Ms. Marshtein and Mr. Ichimura to resend their letter of intent to continue Board service to the Governor's office, and copy Mr. Rose on the message.
- The handouts included a draft copy of a newsletter to post to the Board website. Mrs. Dunkin asked the Board members to contact Mr. Rose with any changes or additions as soon as possible. They would like to post the newsletter on May 16, 2022.
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2022. The Board will continue to hold meetings by WebEx webinar until further notice.

B. Finance Report

The Board had a cash balance of \$265,307.45 as of March 31, 2022.

C. Advisory Opinions

Mr. Stuart did not have any advisory opinions.

D. Office of Investigations and Enforcement Report

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

E. Investigative Review Committee Report

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

F. Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report

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

Board Member Reports

There were no Board member reports.

New Business

A. GIT Applications

1. Sean Matthew Allwurden

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. Michael R. Coleman

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. Tyler Andrew Wyatt

Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve the application to take the PG exam upon receipt of the completed reference from Howard Frank. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

C. Reciprocity Applications

1. **Thomas Causey**

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

2. **Jonathan Grubbs**

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

3. **James Weston Mize**

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

4. **Brian Odom**

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

5. **Kelley A. Smith**

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

6. **John Charles Stone**

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

7. **Michael Shane Sisco**

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

8. **Ryan Kyle Walker**

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

9. **Nicholas Alan Williams**

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

D. Endorsement Application

1. **Victor G. deWolfe III**

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

2. **John Ryan**

Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to deny the endorsement application because it is non-ASBOG, and SC does not have a reciprocity agreement with Mississippi. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

3. Olaf Westphalen

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

E. Reinstatement Application

1. Tracy Diane Jones

Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve the application for reinstatement upon receipt of a notarized statement that she has not engaged in the practice of Geology during the time that the license was lapsed, and to delegate staff authority to issue the license upon receipt of the statement. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

F. CE Broker Presentation – Deb Carter

Deb Carter made a presentation of the services offered by CE Broker. LLR contracted with CE Broker five years ago to create a CE tracker system, and that contract was recently renewed. The system offers licensees a variety of services for storing and tracking their continuing education activities. Ms. Carter is meeting with staff to tailor the system to work with each Board, and to integrate it with our licensure system. The goal is to reduce the amount of review and paperwork handled by staff and the Board for audits. The Board tabled this discussion for the next meeting.

G. Board Travel – Pam Dunkin

Mrs. Dunkin said that the ASBOG Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 25-29, 2022, in Wilmington, NC.

MOTION: To approve one Board member and one staff member to attend the ASBOG Annual meeting. Ichimura/Marshtein/approved

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business,

MOTION: To adjourn.
Ichimura/Marshtein/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.