# South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists Board Meeting Minutes August 11, 2022 at 10 a.m. by Virtual Video/Teleconference

#### **Meeting Called to Order**

Chair Nina Marshtein, PG; called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Other Board members present included Dr. Vernon Ichimura, PG.

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

Others present included, Megan Hicks (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 August 11, 2022, 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 May 12, 2022, meeting.

Marshtein/Ichimura/approved.

#### **Board Chair Remarks**

There were no Board Chair remarks.

#### Staff Reports - Pam Dunkin

#### A. Administrator's Report

- Mary League, Esq. was introduced as the new Advice Attorney for the Board.
- 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 exam will be proctored by Prometric.
- Mrs. Dunkin thanked Mrs. Marshtein and Mr. Ichimura for sending their letter of interest in being reappointed to the Board. There are three vacancies on the Board: one public member, one academic member, and one member from a state agency. Reappointments and new Board member appointments are in progress.

• The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2022. The Board will continue to hold meetings by WebEx webinar until further notice.

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

The Board had a cash balance of \$259,357.48 as of June 30, 2022.

### **C. Advisory Opinions**

Mrs. League 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.

# **Board Member Reports**

There were no Board member reports.

#### 1. Old Business

#### A. CE Broker

Mrs. Dunkin said the agency would like to allow the Boards to decide if CE Broker is mandatory for licensees. Deb Carter gave a presentation to the Board at the May 12, 2022, meeting to describe the services they provide to assist with continuing education documentation, tracking, and audits.

#### **MOTION:** To defer requiring CE Broker at this time.

Ichimura/Marshtein/approved

Mrs. Dunkin asked the Board members if they are comfortable with a 5% audit of licensees who renew their license. The Board members agreed that this is sufficient.

#### 2. New Business

#### A. GIT Applications

#### 1. <u>Jeffrey Britton Hundley, Jr.</u>

Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to accept the application to take the FG exam. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

# 2. Robert Hemphill Morrow, IV

Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to accept the application to take the FG exam. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### 3. Samuel Muller

Nina Marshtein made a motion to accept the application to take the FG exam. Dr. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### 4. Caitlin Marie Reilly

Nina Marshtein recused herself from this application review. Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to accept the application to take the FG exam, which passed unanimously.

#### B. **GEO Applications**

#### 1. Kim Lapszynski

Nina Marshtein made a motion to accept the application to take the FG and PG exams. Dr. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### 2. Brvan Hardin

Nina Marshtein made a motion to accept the application to take the PG exam. Dr. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

# C. Reciprocity Applications

#### 1. Cody Cannon

Nina Marshtein made a motion to accept the reciprocity application. Dr. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

# 2. **Shannon Star George**

Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to accept the reciprocity application. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### 3. Mark Randall Stephens

Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to table this application for reciprocity pending a legal review. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### D. Regulatory Review

Mrs. League said the Agency requires a regulatory review every five years to determine if any regulations need to be revised, amended, repealed, or if they are currently drafted without any burdensome on applicants and/or licensees. Mr. Rose reminded the Board that three sections of the regulations were updated on June 26, 2020: Chapter 131-06 for examinations, Chapter 131-10 for reinstatement and Chapter 131-12 for continuing education.

# MOTION: To return to this topic at the next Board meeting. Ichimura/Marshtein/approved

#### E. ASBOG Task Analysis Survey (TAS)

Mr. Rose said ASBOG is doing a task analysis to ensure that the exam remains in alignment with the profession, and requests that the Board send it to their licensees. Mr. Rose read the verbiage that ASBOG requested the Board send to licensees with a link to the survey. Responses to the survey will go directly to ASBOG.

MOTION: To approve forwarding the ASBOG Task Analysis Survey to the licensed Geologists in the State.

Marshtein/Ichimura/approved

#### **Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session.

#### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

# Adjournment

There being no further business,

**MOTION:** To adjourn.

Marshtein/Ichimura/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.