

**South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists
Board Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2021 at 10 a.m. by Virtual Video/Teleconference**

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Nina Marshtein, PG; called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. Other Board members present included: Donald Siron, PG; and Dr. Vernon Ichimura, PG.

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

Others present included: Sean Cary (Creel Court Reporting)

2. Statement of Public Notice

Ms. 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. 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 March 18, 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 Dr. Duke Brantley from the March 18, 2021 Board meeting.
Ichimura/Siron/approved.

6. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the December 17, 2020 meeting with corrections to Board member's title.
Ichimura/Siron/approved.

7. Board Chairman Remarks

No Remarks.

8. Administrator's Remarks – Johnnie Rose, Program Coordinator; on Behalf of Pam Dunkin, Administrator

- As of March 15, Board staff has returned to the office. Staff was able to continue normal operations while working remotely.

- Please mute yourself if not speaking. State name when you do speak so you're identified correctly
- As of 2/28/2021 cash balance \$140,187.08.
- Renewals will open March 22, 2021 and will go through June 30, 2021. Late renewals accepted through December 31, 2021.
- 36 GIT, 612 Geologists licenses.
- Next exam is tomorrow, March 19. 5 takin FG, 7 taking PG.
- ASBOG will have spring council of examiners workshop in person in Madison, WI on April 10. Our travel restrictions are still in place, so we can't send a representative. Next one is scheduled for the fall after the October exam. It's been a few years since SC sent a representative to this workshop, and ASBOG would like to see our representation.
- May 20, 2021 is next Board meeting. Still scheduled to be virtual, but that could change.
- No report from OIE, IRC, ODC.
- File Statement of Economic Interest by March 30 at noon.

9. New Business

A. GIT Applications

1. Hayden Beck

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. Daniel Good

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

C. Reciprocity Applications

1. Andres Acosta

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

2. Brandon Peach

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

3. Eric Reisinger

Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve the reciprocity application. Don Siron seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

D. Reinstatement Application

1. Mark Miesfeldt

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

E. Code of Ethics

Ms. Dunkin informed the Board that there is already a Code of Ethics that was established in Regulation 131-14.

F. 2020 ASBOG Annual Meeting Report – Pam Dunkin

Ms. Dunkin reported that the 2020 calendar year revenue will be less than projected, due to fewer exams administered. March was cancelled & candidates rescheduled for October. There are plans to switch to computer based testing in the near future and Board staff will update you as more information is given.

G. 2021 ASBOG Nominations Committee – Johnnie Rose

Mr. Rose stated that we are trying to get our Board more involved with ASBOG. The Nominations Committee needs to be populated by end of March, with review in April for selection. If a subject expert is interested in serving, contact Johnnie or Pam and they can inform Brenda Hamlick with ASBOG to forward their name for the open slot of Secretary. Only one person per board can be submitted.

MOTION: Donald Siron made a motion to nominate Nina Marshtein for ASBOG Nominations committee. Dr. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

10. Executive Session

The Board did not go into Executive Session.

11. Public Comments

There were no public comments

12. Adjournment

There being no further business:

MOTION: To adjourn.
Siron/Ichimura/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.