

**South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists
Board Meeting Minutes
October 14, 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 Mary League, Esq., Advice Counsel; Johnnie Rose, Program Coordinator and Sherri Moorner, Program Assistant.

Others present included 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 October 14, 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 August 11, 2022, meeting.
Ichimura/Marshtein/approved.

Board Chair Remarks

There were no Board Chair remarks.

Staff Reports – Johnnie Rose

A. Administrator's Report

- The Board has 42 Geologists-in-Training and 581 Professional Geologists actively licensed.
- ASBOG administered the final written examination on October 7, 2022. The exam will be administered by computer based testing (CBT) beginning in March 2023.
- The results of the Task Analysis Survey will be relayed at the annual meeting at the end of the month in Wilmington, NC. The results will be sent to the Board once they are released.
- There are three vacant positions on the Board. Mr. Rose has contacted the Governmental Liaison on the vacant positions and re-appointments. He requested that the Board members notify our office if they receive their reappointment.

B. Finance Report

The Board had a cash balance of \$245,926.10 as of August 31, 2022.

C. Advisory Opinions

Mrs. League did not have any advisory opinions.

D. Office of Investigations and Enforcement Report

Mr. Rose stated there are no cases in the Office of Investigations and Enforcement.

E. Investigative Review Committee Report

Mr. Rose stated there is no Investigative Review Committee Report.

F. Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report

Mr. Rose stated there are no cases in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

Board Member Reports

There were no Board member reports.

1. Old Business

A. Regulatory Review

Mrs. League said a regulatory review is required every five years to determine if any regulations need to be repealed, revised, or remain as written. Mr. Rose said the language in 131-10(B)(C) is confusing. Applicants for reinstatement have complained that they do not know how many continuing education hours to report for their reinstatement applications. Mrs. League suggested developing an item under “Frequently Asked Questions” on the website to address this issue. The Board requested that Mr. Rose draft this item for review at the next meeting.

MOTION: To accept regulations as they stand and authorizing the Board Chair to sign a report to that effect.

Marshtein/Ichimura/approved

2. New Business

A. GIT Applications

1. Ryan Badum

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

B. GEO Applications

1. David Heicher

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

2. **Elias Parker, Jr.**

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

C. **Reciprocity Applications**

1. **James Carter**

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

2. **Timothy Daniel**

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

3. **Denise Dixon**

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

4. **Aaron Gross**

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

5. **Michael Haller**

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

6. **Rachel Raines**

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

7. **Mark Stephens**

MOTION: To enter executive session for legal advice.
Marshtein/Ichimura/approved

MOTION: To exit executive session.
Marshtein/Ichimura/approved

MOTION: To request information about Mr. Mark Randall Stephens' licensing from the Florida Board, or from Mr. Stephens if the Florida Board cannot provide information on whether he was grandfathered into licensure or if he took a state-structured examination.
Ichimura/Marshtein/approved

8. **Michael Young**

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

D. Endorsement Applications

1. Ken Guilbeault

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

2. Gregory Hitz

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

3. Franklin Johnson

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

4. James Olson

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

5. William Stephens, Jr.

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

E. Reinstatement Application

1. Chelsea Curl

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

F. Professional References for Geologist-In-Training Application(s)

Mr. Rose asked the Board if Geologists-in-Training can provide character references for their applications. Many applicants have provided references from professors because they do not have adequate work experience to provide professional references. The Board members agreed that it would be acceptable to update the reference form to allow applicants as Geologists-in-Training to provide character references, and that they will accept these references from professors. Mr. Rose will update the form for review at the next Board meeting.

G. 2023 Board Meeting Dates

The Board will meet by WebEx at 10 a.m. on the following dates in 2023:

- January 24, 2023
- April 25, 2023
- July 25, 2023
- October 24, 2023

The Board will return to in-person meetings when additional members are appointed.

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 11:51 a.m.