

**South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists
Board Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2023 at 10 a.m. by Virtual Video/Teleconference**

Meeting Called to Order

Chair Nina Marshtein, PG; called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Other Board members present included Dr. Vernon Ichimura, PG, and Susan Fulmer PG. A quorum was present.

Staff members present included Mary League, Esq., Advice Counsel; Johnnie Rose, Administrator; and Sherri Moorer, Administrative Coordinator.

Others present included Sarah Costilow (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 April 25, 2023, agenda.
Ichimura/Fulmer/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 24, 2023, meeting.
Fulmer/Ichimura/approved.

Board Chair Remarks

Mrs. Marshtein congratulated Mr. Rose on his promotion to Board Administrator.

Staff Reports – Johnnie Rose

A. Administrator’s Report

- The Board has 45 Geologists-in-Training and 608 Geologists actively licensed.
 - License renewals opened on April 17, 2023 and will close on June 30, 2023. The late renewal period will be July 1 – December 31, 2023, with a late fee of \$150. Licenses not renewed by December 31, 2023, will lapse and must be reinstated
 - Continuing education audits will be held in early 2024.
 - There has been no traction on H.3515. The agency will monitor this bill and inform the Board legislative contacts if any legislative meetings are scheduled in the 2024 legislative session.
 - There are two vacancies on the Board: one public member, and one academic member.
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B. Finance Report

The Board had a cash balance of \$234,796.03 as of March 31, 2023.

C. Advisory Opinions

Mrs. League did not have any advisory opinions.

D. Office of Investigations and Enforcement Report

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

E. Investigative Review Committee Report

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

F. Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report

Mr. Rose 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. Alexi Allen

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

2. Virginia DeJesus

Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to accept the application to take the FG exam. Susan Fulmer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Ms. DeJesus must submit updated transcripts from the University of South Carolina and be reviewed by the Board for GIT Certification.

B. GEO Applications

1. Anthony Monk

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

2. Sonja Zindars

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

C. Reciprocity Applications

1. Andrew Owens

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

2. **Charles Pastrana**

Mrs. Susan Fulmer made a motion to accept the reciprocity application. Dr. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. Endorsement Application

1. **Timothy Crump**

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

2. **Michael Mastbaum**

Mrs. Susan Fulmer made a motion to accept the endorsement application. Dr. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. **John Sackrider**

Mrs. Susan Fulmer made a motion to accept the endorsement application. Dr. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

E. Reinstatement Application

1. **Kenneth Czoer**

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

2. **David Huff**

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

F. Continuing Education Credits FAQ

Mr. Rose presented the updated Frequently Asked Questions for the website. The new language accurately reflects the 24-hour continuing education requirement.

MOTION: To send an eblast and post an alert on the website reminding licensees of the CE allowances for virtual courses due to COVID.
Fulmer/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.
Ichimura/Fulmer/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.