

**South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists  
Board Meeting Minutes  
July 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, Board Administrator; Cleve Langdale, Program Coordinator, and Robby Dean, Lead Investigator.

Others present included Katherine Boone (Creel Court Reporting).

**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. The meeting is being held virtually. Members of the public who wish to attend may do so by telephone or the Internet. For login information, please email [Contact.Geologists@llr.sc.gov](mailto:Contact.Geologists@llr.sc.gov)

**Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION:** To adopt the July 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 April 25, 2023, meeting.  
Fulmer/Ichimura/approved.

**Board Chair Remarks**

Ms. Marshtein expressed her hope that everyone was prepared for a productive meeting.

**Staff Reports – Johnnie Rose**

**A. Administrator's Report**

- The Board has 46 Geologists-in-Training and 550 Geologists actively licensed. Licenses look low due to some Geologists being Active-in Renewal.
- 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 are two vacancies on the Board: one public member, and one academic member.

## **B. Finance Report**

The Board had a cash balance of \$297,545.25 as of May 31, 2023.

## **C. Advisory Opinions**

Ms. League did not have any advisory opinions.

## **D. Office of Investigations and Enforcement Report**

Robby Dean reported that in May the office began a strategic reorganization meant to streamline the investigative process.

## **E. Investigative Review Committee Report**

Mr. Dean had no report for the IRC.

## **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. Beste, Mikhayla M.**

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

#### **2. Dennis-King, William G.**

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

#### **3. Eastabrooks, Evan P.**

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

#### **4. Huffman, Jr. Andrew E.**

Ms Fulmer recused herself for this application. Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to accept the application to take the FG exam. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **5. Keller-Milliken, Genevieve**

Ms Fulmer recused herself for this application. Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to accept the application to take the FG exam. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **6. McLaughlin, Connor H.**

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

**7. Maher, Samuel**

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

**8. Wright, Kevin**

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

**B. GEO Applications**

**1. Goretov, Sergey V.**

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

**2. Jacobs, Kyle X.**

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

**3. McIlroy, Thomas C.**

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. Beaty, Andrew J.**

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

**D. Endorsement Application**

**1. Meyers, Edward G.**

Dr. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to accept the application contingent upon staff receiving PG and FG exam scores. Susan Fulmer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**E. Continuing Professional Competency Exemption – Regulation 131-12(E)**

**1. Bates, Christian C. – GEO. 2646**

The Board entered Closed Session at

Susan Fulmer made a motion to accept the exemption. Dr. Vernon Ichimura accepted the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board exited Closed Session at 10:44 PM

**F. H.3605 Review of New Legislation – Mary League**

Ms. League advised the Board that changes had been made to the Board's Engine Act. Changes affecting the Board have altered the Formal Complaint Process. Complainants will now have to prove that confidentiality is necessary by proving good cause or their name will be given to the complainant. This will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Additionally, applications may no longer be denied for prior criminal convictions unless they directly relate to the duties and responsibilities of the license. If a license is denied then the Board must articulate a reason why

the criminal conviction relates to the applicant's fitness for duty. Finally, terms that are vague, such as "good character", or that relate to "moral turpitude" may no longer be used in applications, therefore the applications have been changed and must be reviewed by the Board.

**1. Approval of Revised Application Forms- Johnnie Rose**

Susan Fulmer motioned that the revised applications be accepted, Dr. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. Vote on Board Good Cause Designee – Mary League**

Ms League asked the Board to designate a Member to review complaints for Good Cause for Confidentiality for the Formal Complaint Process. Dr. Vernon Ichimura motioned that Chair Nina Marshtein be designated and Susan Fulmer seconded the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.

**G. Board Travel for 2023 – Johnnie Rose**

Susan Fulmer motioned that two board members and one staff member be approved to go to the ASBOG annual meetings in Spokane in October. Dr. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**H. Board Meetings for 2024 – Johnnie Rose**

Susan Fulmer motioned to accept the proposed meeting dates of January 30, April 23, July 23, and October 29. Dr. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business,

**MOTION:** To adjourn.

Fulmer/Icbimura/Approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.