

South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists
Board Meeting Minutes
January 30, 2024 at 10 a.m. by Virtual Video/Teleconference

Meeting Called to Order

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

Staff members present included: Mary League, Esq., Advice Counsel; Johnnie Rose, Board Executive; and Cleve Langdale, Program Coordinator.

Others present included Cortney Glover (Creel Court Reporting).

MOTION: To nominate Susan Fulmer as Acting Vice Chair.
Ichimura/Fulmer/approved.

Statement of Public Notice

Ms. Fulmer 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 will be held virtually. Members of the public who wish to attend may do so at:

<https://scdllr.webex.com/scdllr/j.php?MTID=m23bc7f92dc876d61a51ea8d8cfc4fd2a>

Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: To adopt the January 30, 2024, agenda.
Ichimura/Fulmer/approved.

Introduction of Board Members and Others

Board members, staff, and others participating in the meeting introduced themselves.

Excused Absences

MOTION: To excuse the absence of Nina Marshtein.
Fulmer/Ichimura/approved.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the December 12, 2023, meeting minutes.
Ichimura/Fulmer/approved.

Board Chair Remarks

There were no remarks.

Staff Reports – Johnnie Rose

A. Board Executive’s Report

- The Board has 51 Geologists-in-Training and 570 Geologists actively licensed. Licenses look low due to some Geologists being Active-in Renewal.

- License renewals opened on April 17, 2023 and closed on June 30, 2023. The late renewal period was from July 1 – December 31, 2023, with a late fee of \$150. Licenses not renewed by December 31, 2023, are lapsed and must be reinstated
- Continuing education audits for the reporting period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023 will be held in early 2024. That audit should be prepared for review by the next Board Meeting.
- There are two vacancies on the Board: one public member, and one academic member.
- The Board will receive regular email containing updates regarding the 2nd regular session of the 125th General Assembly which convened Tuesday, January 9th.

B. Finance Report

The Board had a cash balance of \$346,372.09 as of December 31, 2023.

C. Advisory Opinions

Ms. League did not have any advisory opinions.

D. Office of Investigations and Enforcement Report

Mr. Rose stated there was no report from the OIE.

E. Investigative Review Conference Report

Mr. Rose stated there was no report for the IRC.

F. Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report

Mr. Rose stated there are no cases in the ODC.

Old Business

A. IRC Members

Mr. Rose requested that the Board provide recommendations for a Professional Geologists to serve on the Investigative Review Conference. Ms. Fulmer raised questions regarding conflicts of interest/recusal.

New Business

A. GIT Applications

1. Brown, Trevor

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

2. Jones, Austin Coe

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

3. Kubat, Dylan Cole

Susan Fulmer made a motion to accept the application to take the FG exam pending receipt of the notarized Affidavit of Eligibility. Dr. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. Lowe, Emily

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

5. **Martina, Joseph**

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

6. **Yadanza, Derek J.**

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. **Badum, Ryan S.**

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

2. **Elder, Todd**

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

3. **Gathro, Joshua Daniel**

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

4. **Robinson, Graham P.**

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

5. **Smith-Jones, Austin D.**

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

6. **Starr, Kaitlin N.**

Susan Fulmer 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. **Akland, Mark Jonathan**

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

D. Endorsement Application

1. **Beauvais, Candace**

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

2. **Daymond, Phillip**

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

E. Board Travel for 2024 – Johnnie Rose

Susan Fulmer motioned that one Board Member be approved to attend the Counsel of Examiners Spring Workshop. Dr. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Susan Fulmer motioned that one Board Member and one staff member be approved to attend the 2024 ASBOG conference. Dr. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

F. 2024 Exam Schedule – Johnnie Rose

Johnnie Rose informed the Board of the March 15th and October 4th exam dates for 2024. The exam cut off dates are no longer regulated by ASBOG, but are instead in place so that applicants can be approved by the Board Meeting before the exam.

G. Board Meetings for 2025 – Johnnie Rose

Susan Fulmer suggested that approving the dates for 2025 be postponed until the 2025 ASBOG Conference Dates are available.

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 10:48 a.m.