

South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists
Board Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2024 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; Susan Fulmer, PG; and Dr. Scott Harris, PG.

Staff members present included: Mary League, Esq., Advice Counsel; Robert Dean, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; Johnnie Rose, Board Executive; and Cleve Langdale, Program Coordinator.

Others present included: Katherine Boone, Court Reporter (Creel Court Reporting).

Statement of Public Notice

Chair 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 with the link provided.

Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: To adopt the July 23, 2024 agenda.
Ichimura/Harris/approved.

Introduction of Board Members and Staff

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

Approval of Excused Absences

There were no absences.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the meeting minutes from the April 23, 2024 meeting.
Harris/Ichimura/approved.

Board Chair Remarks

Chair Marshtein thanked the staff for their service and requested Board members give feedback about any changes that need to be made to the new review process.

Staff Reports

Board Executive's Report

- The Board is still in need of a public member.
- Renewals have ended. The Board has 57 Geologists-in-Training and 588 Professional Geologists actively licensed.
- Feedback on any improvements that may be made to the website would be welcome.

Finance Report

The Board has a cash balance of \$313,401.19 as of May 1, 2024.

Advisory Opinions

There were no advisory opinions.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement Report

There were no cases to report in the Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE).

Investigative Review Committee Report

There were no cases to report from the Investigative Review Conference (IRC).

Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report

There are no cases to report from the Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC).

New Business

GIT Applications

1. Blake, Jonathan

MOTION: Vice Chair Fulmer made a motion to accept the application. Dr. Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Campbell, Riley

MOTION: Riley Campbell appeared before the Board for an Application Hearing. He was not represented by counsel. All persons testifying were sworn in by the court reporter. Application Hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

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

MOTION: To exit executive session. No action was taken during executive session.
Harris/Marshtein/approved.

MOTION: To deny the application due to educational requirements not being met.
Marshtein/Fulmer/approved.

3. Kuhn, Kimberly

Vice Chair Fulmer recused themselves as a work associate of the applicant and exited the meeting.

MOTION: To approve the application.
Harris/Ichimura/approved.

4. Margo, Nicholas

Dr. Harris recused themselves as a faculty member of College of Charleston and exited the meeting.

MOTION: To approve the application.
Marshtein/Ichimura/approved.

5. Maguire, David
MOTION: To approve the application.
Ichimura/Harris/approved.
6. Santangelo, Zachary
MOTION: To approve the application.
Harris/Ichimura/approved.
7. Wright, Brendan
MOTION: To approve the application.
Harris/Fulmer/approved. .

GEO Applications

1. Sweeney, David
David Sweeney appeared before the Board for an Application Hearing. He was not represented by counsel. All persons testifying were sworn in by the court reporter. Application Hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

MOTION: To enter executive session for legal advice.
Fulmer/Harris/approved.

MOTION: To exit executive session. No action was taken during executive session.
Harris/Ichimura/approved.

MOTION: To approve the application.
Marshtein/Ichimura/approved.

2. Morrow IV, Robert
MOTION: To approve the application.
Harris/Ichimura/approved.
3. Syzmal, David
MOTION: To approve the application.
Marshtein/ Harris/approved.

Investigative Review Conference (IRC) Member Recommendation(s)

The Board is vetting licensees that meet the requirements to sit on the Investigative Review Conference.

Application Time-Out Process Guidance

MOTION: Applications will expire after 2 years from their date of initial approval.
Harris/Marshtein/approved.

2025 Board Meeting Dates

The Board will remain holding quarterly meetings via Webex.

Continuing Education Review for Reporting Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023

Board members each reviewed continuing education submissions from a randomly selected group of licensees.

MOTION: Dr. Ichimura made a motion that all continuing education submissions from Sam McKay, Harry O'Brien, William Pirkle, Jeffrey Simonsen, Kendall Taylor, and Clayton Wellborn be accepted, with James Stroud's submission being acceptable after a completed signature is returned. Dr. Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: Chair Marshtein made a motion that all continuing education submissions from Marilyn Hadidian, Kurtis Hausner, Brian Kvam, Simon List, and Jessica Malone be accepted. Vice Chair Fulmer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There was discussion regarding acceptable in-house continuing education. The CE reporting form will be reviewed and revised by staff.

MOTION: Chair Marshtein made a motion to approve John Lopez's continuing education submission. Dr. Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: Vice Chair Fulmer made a motion to approve John Brown's continuing education submission. Dr. Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn.

Harris/Marshtein/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.