

**South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists
Board Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2025, at 10 a.m. by Virtual Video/Teleconference**

Meeting Called to Order

Chair Marshtein, PG, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Statement of Public Notice

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 could do so with the link provided:

<https://scdllr.webex.com/scdllr/j.php?MTID=m6b8c180f04a9a64b94835ad9c947da5d>

Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: Mrs. Marshtein moved to amend the agenda to consolidate related application reviews, reducing the need for multiple recusals. Mrs. Fulmer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Introduction of Board Members and Others

Other Board members participating included: Nina Marshtein, PG; Dr. Vernon Ichimura, PG; Susan Fulmer, PG; and Dr. Scott Harris, PG. A quorum was present.

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

Approval of Excused Absences

There were no absences.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mrs. Marshtein moved to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2024, meeting. Mrs. Fulmer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

Board Executive's Report – Johnnie L. Rose, Jr.

Mr. Rose stated that the Board currently has 601 active Professional Geologists and 59 Geologists-in-Training (GITs). License renewals open on April 1, 2025, and close June 30, 2025. Late renewals are accepted until December 31, 2025, with penalties. Board members should expect statements of economic interest reports soon, with a filing deadline of March 31, 2025.

As to date, there are no legislative issues currently pending for the Board. However, the board's legislative contacts will be notified if legislative matters arise.

As of December 31, 2024, the board has an ending cash total of \$253,652.03.

Advisory Opinions

There were no advisory opinions.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement Report

Mr. Rose stated there were no cases to report in the Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE).

Investigative Review Committee Report

Mr. Rose stated there were no cases to report from the Investigative Review Conference (IRC).

Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report

Mr. Rose stated there were no cases to report from the Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC).

New Business

GIT Applications

MOTION: Dr. Harris moved to approve John Gucwa's application to take the FG examination. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: Dr. Harris moved to approve Sedona Edgar's application to take the FG examination. Mrs. Marshtein seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Fulmer was recused during Sedona Edgar's review as they have a business relationship.

MOTION: Dr. Ichimura moved to approve Jackson Hornsby's application to take the FG examination. Mrs. Fulmer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: Dr. Ichimura moved to approve Caroline McCluskey's application to take the FG examination. Mrs. Fulmer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Dr. Harris was recused during Jason Hornsby and Caroline McCluskey's reviews as they were students in his program.

MOTION: Dr. Harris moved to approve Robert Zelaya's application to take the FG examination. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Review and Recommendations of Approval Process for Initial Applications for Geologist-In-Training (GIT) and Professional Geologist (PG)

The Board discussed the possibility of adopting a process similar to the reciprocity and endorsement review for GIT and PG applications. The goal is to streamline application processing, reduce meeting burdens, and expedite applicant approvals.

MOTION: Mrs. Fulmer moved to implement a trial process where GIT and PG applications are reviewed individually by assigned board members, with any concerns referred to full board meetings for discussion. Dr. Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Review and Recommendations of Auditing Process for Continuing Education Credits for Compliance

MOTION: Mrs. Marshtein moved to invite a CE Broker representative to a future meeting to discuss options for auditing continuing education compliance. M. Fulmer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Review and Recommendations of New Board Meeting Schedule

MOTION: Mrs. Marshtein moved to reduce the number of board meetings from four to two per year, scheduled in January and August, aligning with ASBOG examination cycles. Additional meetings may be called as needed. Mrs. Fulmer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Travel Approval for 2025 Spring Council of Examiners (COE) Workshop

MOTION: Dr. Ichimura moved to approve two board members to travel to the 2025 Spring Council of Examiners Workshop. Dr. Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Election of Officers

MOTION: Dr. Ichimura moved to elect Susan Fulmer as Chair. Dr. Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: Dr. Ichimura moved to elect Dr. Scott Harris as Vice Chair. Mrs. Marshtein seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

MOTION: Dr. Harris moved to adjourn. Mrs. Fulmer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.