

**South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists  
Board Meeting Minutes  
July 22, 2025, at 10 a.m. by Virtual Video/Teleconference**

**Meeting Called to Order**

Chairperson Fulmer called the meeting to order at 10:12 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:** Dr. Ichimura moved to adopt the agenda of the July 22, 2025, meeting. Dr. Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Introduction of Board Members and Others**

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

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

**Approval of Excused Absences**

**MOTION:** Chair Fulmer moved that Nina Marshtein' s absence be excused. Dr. Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Dr. Ichimura moved to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2025, meeting. Dr. Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Staff Reports**

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

- The Board currently has 562 active geologists and 58 active in renewal.
- Renewals closed on June 30, 2025, with late renewals closing on December 31, 2025. Any registrant submitting a late renewal will be required to submit the renewal application, renewal fee, late fee of \$150., and proof of continuing education credits.

- After the late renewal closes on December 31, 2025, a random audit of continuing education will be conducted through CE Broker and registrants will have up to 30 days to submit their continuing education documents for review.
- The next Board meeting will be February 17, 2026.

#### **Financial Report**

Mr. Rose stated that the Board had a cash balance of \$289,710.27 as of May 31, 2025.

#### **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).

#### **Application Hearings**

##### **GIT Applications**

##### **1. Mullen, Bailey**

**MOTION:** Dr. Ichimura moved that the Board enter executive session for legal advice at 10:35. Dr. Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Dr. Harris moved that the Board exit executive session at 11:01. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. No actions were taken during executive session.

**MOTION:** Chair Fulmer moved to approve Bailey Mullen's application. Dr. Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

##### **2. Pietkoski, Kaleb**

**MOTION:** Dr. Ichimura moved that the Board enter executive session for legal advice at 11:11. Dr. Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Dr. Harris moved that the Board exit executive session at 11:18. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. No actions were taken during executive session.

**MOTION:** Dr. Harris moved to approve Kaleb Pietkoski's application. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

#### **Virtual Registration Cards for Biennial Renewals**

Mr. Rose brought before the Board the possibility of shifting to virtual renewal cards and certificates and issuing paper certificates only initially and by request of licensees.

**MOTION:** Dr. Harris moved that virtual registration cards be implemented for renewals. Chair Fulmer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **Continuing Education Exemptions**

Mr. Rose brought before the Board information regarding continuing education exemptions utilized by other Boards in the agency. Ms. League stated that to implement a continuing education exemption would require a regulation change. Chair Fulmer stated concerns that a lack of continuing education might be detrimental to the welfare of the public. Dr. Harris stated that without exemption requests from licensees the issue or pressure to implement exemptions, there is no need for action.

#### **Travel Approval for 2025 ASBOG Fall Meeting**

**MOTION:** Dr. Harris moved to approve two board members and one staff member to travel to the 2025 ASBOG Fall Meeting in Salt Lake City, UT, from October 13 through October 18, 2025. Chair Fulmer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **Review and Recommendations for 2026 Board Meeting Schedule**

**MOTION:** Dr. Harris moved to accept February 17 and August 11 as the 2026 Board Meeting Dates. Chair Fulmer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Dr. Harris moved to adjourn. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.