

**South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists
Board Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2026, at 10 a.m. by Virtual Video/Teleconference**

Meeting Called to Order

Chair Fulmer called the meeting to order at 10:02 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. Harris moved to adopt the agenda of the February 17, 2026, meeting. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Introduction of Board Members and Others

Board members in attendance were Susan Fulmer, PG; Dr. Vernon Ichimura, PG; and Dr. Scott Harris, PG. A quorum was present.

Staff members in attendance were Johnnie Rose, Board Executive; Mary League, Advice Counsel; and Cleve Langdale, Program Coordinator.

Approval of Excused Absences

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Harris moved to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2025, meeting. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: Dr. Harris moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2025, meeting. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

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

Mr. Rose reminded Board members that Ethics Filings are due May 31 at noon. He asked Board members to check the updates to the website and provide feedback. The Board currently has 585 active geologists and 68 Geologists in Training. The Board had a cash balance of \$315,276.37 as of January 2026.

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

Delegation of Authority to Board Staff for Reviewing of Continuing Education Credits for Auditing of Compliance

Mr. Rose brought before the Board the possibility of delegating to staff authority to review continuing education credits.

MOTION: Dr. Harris moved that staff review continuing education for auditing of compliance, with credits found to be questionable elevated to an individual Board Member for review. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) Committee on Nominations – Request for Board Member Interest

Mr. Rose brought before the Board information regarding the Association of State Boards of Geology's request for Board Members to volunteer for the committee responsible for nominating ASBOG's secretary. Dr. Harris expressed interest in serving on the committee.

Travel Approval for ASBOG's Spring COE Workshop – April 9-11, 2026, Branson MO

MOTION: Dr. Ichimura moved to approve one board member to travel to the 2026 ASBOG Council of Examiners Workshop in Branson, MO, from April 9, 2026 through April 11, 2026. Chair Fulmer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.