

MINUTES
SC Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation
Board of Geologists
Board Meeting
March 23, 2015
SYNERGY OFFICE PARK
KINGSTREE BUILDING, ROOM 108
110 CENTERVIEW DRIVE
COLUMBIA, S.C. 29210

NOTE: These minutes are a record of the motions and official actions taken by the Board and a brief summary of the meeting.

1. Call to Order

Dr. Vernon Ichimura, Board Chair, was present via teleconference and called the meeting of the South Carolina Board of Geologists to order on March 23, 2015, at 10:00 AM, with a quorum present. Other Board members present were: Charles Gorman, Vice Chair (via teleconference); Douglas Nelson, member; and Mark Taylor (via teleconference).

LLR staff members participating in the meeting included: Molly Price (former administrator substituting for Doris Cubitt, Administrator, absent due to prior engagement), Michael Teague, Administrative Assistant, Donnell Jennings (substituting for Mary League, Esq, Advice Counsel, absent due to prior engagement), Bridgette Goff, Administrative Coordinator, and Sharon Wolfe, Chief Investigator of the Office of Investigations and Enforcement.

2. Adoption of agenda.

MOTION

Mark Taylor made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Chuck Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Approval of December 11, 2014, Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Mark Taylor made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Chuck Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Chairman's Remarks

Dr. Ichimura thanked everyone for teleconferencing in and wished everyone a happy new year as this was the first meeting of the new calendar year. He confirmed that Mark Taylor planned to attend the ASBOG conference in Tampa in April, and thanked him for attending on behalf of the board. Molly Price interjected that approval of an attendee for the Tampa conference would appear later on the agenda. Mr. Ichimura remarked that ASBOG administrator Sam Christiano is no longer involved and the interim is Deana Sneyd based out of Atlanta. He also remarked that ASBOG is no longer located in Columbia. Mark Taylor interjected that he has joined the ASBOG Foundation Board.

Dr. Ichimura asked if board members had any conflicts with the next board meeting date, 6/8/15. Doug Nelson confirmed he does have a conflict with that date so will not be able to attend. Neither he nor any other members stated they had conflicts with the remaining dates of 8/6/15 and 12/10/15.

The board discussed whether they should lower the number of CEs. Missouri, which has the next lowest requirement of 28 instead of the current 32 was mentioned as an example. Molly Price suggested they put that on the agenda for the next meeting as new business to allow Board staff to research other states' requirements and Mark Taylor agreed.

5. Administrator's Report (Molly Price Substituting for Doris Cubitt)

Molly Price stated economic interest forms to be completed online by Board members are due by March 30, 2015.

Molly Price asked if the board wanted to make any changes to the CE audit process. If not, the audits will be sent out during the summer for the board to review the audit results at either the 8/6/15 or 12/10/15 meeting. Each board member will get approximately an even number to review. Mark Taylor asked if CE information could be printed out by board members and Molly affirmed it could.

Mark Taylor expressed concern about the financial statement for the board. Molly stated that the Geologists board did not have a problem generating revenue and that boards at LLR are paired together to help sustain each other and sustain staff costs. She also stated there was no change in the fee structure, but that there was a typo "[fees] shall not exceed" was left out making it appear this board charges higher fees than it actually does. A cost analysis was performed last year and the board is charging an appropriate fee.

5. Office of Investigation & Enforcement

A. Molly Price presented for Sharon Wolfe, Chief Investigator who had another engagement that the Board of Geologists had no open complaints.

6. Approval of GIT License Applications

A. Christopher Hamilton

MOTION

Chuck Taylor moved to approve as GIT, Mark Taylor seconded. Chuck Gorman noticed one of the applicant's professional references wasn't registered. Donnell suggested they change the motion to approve pending professional reference. Chuck Gorman made a motion to approve the application pending receipt of professional reference within 60 days; Mark Taylor accepted motion to change, but suggested allowing applicant four months to get professional reference. After this discussion the motion carried unanimously.

B. Amir Haniff

MOTION

Applicant was preapproved by Chairman on 1/15/15, so board was asked to formalize approval for GIT. Chuck Gorman made a motion to approve, Mark Taylor seconded. Mark Taylor then asked what would be the

implication of applicant's permanent residency card expiring this year. Donnell suggested that the applicant be given notice to make sure his permanent residence card is current. Mark Taylor stated he had the impression given the fee marked on the first page the applicant was sitting for GIT. Molly Price stated that Mr. Haniff qualified to apply as PG but chose to apply as GIT at this time. She suggested the board approve him as GIT and if he wants to apply as PG to ask for confirmation concerning his residency status. After this discussion, the motion to approve Mr. Haniff as a GIT carried unanimously.

7. Approval of Reciprocity Applications

A. Richard Keenan

MOTION

Donnell requested that the board discuss the application before making any motions. The board discussed that one of the applicant's references is Deana Snyed, now interim administrator for ASBOG. Mark Taylor made a motion to approve the applicant as a PG as submitted, Doug Nelson seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

B. Erin Stewart

Chuck Gorman made a motion to approve, Doug Nelson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Approval for Travel to ASBOG Conference

Chuck Gorman made a motion to approve Mark Taylor to attend, Doug Nelson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Election of Officers

Mark Taylor nominated Current Vice Chair, Chuck Gorman, for Chair. Doug Nelson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Doug Nelson nominated Mark Taylor to be Vice Chair. Chuck Gorman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. New Business

A. Mark Taylor requested that copies of reciprocity agreements and CEU agreements be placed on the website for board members' use. Molly Price stated that LLR has lists of states with which we have reciprocity but that LLR doesn't have any copies of reciprocity agreements. Molly Price stated that LLR will place a folder on the board's secure site that contains regulations, audits, continuing education policy and reciprocity information.

B. Dr. Ichimura volunteered to continue preapproving Continuing Education for the board.

11. Public Comment

None

12. Adjournment

MOTION

There being no further business to be discussed at this time, Doug Nelson made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Mark Taylor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The March 23, 2015 meeting of the SC Board of Accountancy adjourned at 10:54 AM..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris E Cubitt, CPA
Administrator

Approved at the [insert Date minutes approved] Board Meeting.

Chuck Gorman, Chair