

MINUTES
S. C. Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation
Board of Registration for Geologists
Conference Call Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 28, 2016, 10:00 a.m.
SYNERGY OFFICE PARK, KINGSTREE BUILDING, ROOM 204
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** – This meeting is being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act by notice emailed to The State Newspaper; Associated Press; WIS-TV and all other interested persons, organizations or news media. In addition, the notice was posted on the Board’s website and on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the Kingstree Building. Chuck Gorman, Board Chair was present and called the meeting to Order at 10:04 a.m., with quorum present. Other Board members present, Mark Taylor, Vernon Ichimura, Kevin Ryan, and Duke Brantley. Staff present, Wick Stewart, Advice Counsel, Erin Baldwin, Defense Counsel, Doris Cubitt, Board Administrator, Bridgett Goff, Program Coordinator, and Kathy Burgess, Administrative Assistant.
- 2. Consideration of excuses for absences of Board Members**
No absent board members
- 3. Adoption of Agenda**
Motion
Mark Taylor made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Kevin Ryan. The motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes**
Motion
Mark Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2016 Board Meeting pending two corrections as noted to items 8b and 10C (2):
 - 1) For Item 8b the minutes indicated the EPA cold ash disposal and it should read the EPA coal-ash disposal;
 - 2) For Item 10C (2), the minutes repeated the word “from” twice and needs to be corrected.

The motion was seconded by Kevin Ryan and after no further discussion the motion carried.
- 5. Office of Investigation & Enforcement**
No report due to no activity
- 6. Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report**
Erin Baldwin introduced herself to the Board Members as the council for the Board.
No report due to no activity.
- 7. Chairman’s Remarks – Chuck Gorman**
Chairman Chuck Gorman welcomed new board member, Kevin Ryan, who will fill the General Public member seat for the Board. His background includes a previous role as a state representative. The incumbent board members then introduced themselves:
 - Chairman Gorman works for SC DHEC, holds a Geology degree from USC and a Master’s from University of Utah.
 - Vernon Ichimura is the board member representing companies. His specialty is groundwater. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in geophysics from University of Hawaii, a Master’s in geology from Washington State, and a PhD in Civil Engineering also from Washington State.

- Mark Taylor works for SynTerra, has an undergraduate degree in geochemistry from Harvard and a Master's from University of Michigan.
- Duke Brantley represents the Academic seat. He is a research professor at the University of SC. His research is energy related and geophysics.
- Kevin Ryan served a term with the House of Representatives. He has worked for DNR as a law Enforcement officer and now works for the General Assembly as a performance auditor and program evaluator for the Audit Counsel.

Chairman Gorman asked Mark Taylor to give a brief summary on the ASBOG Meeting he attended in the spring. Mark Taylor reported to the Board information that was discussed at the meeting.

8. Administrator's Report

- Financial Report: Doris Cubitt, Administrator for the Board provided the Board detailed Financial Reports from previous fiscal year reports to show a comparison. Doris will research fees with other states and testing fees to see if we are in line with other states licensing and testing fees.
- Licensee Update: There are currently 594 registered Geologist and 16 Geologist in training for a total of 610 licenses.

9. Old Business

- Transferring responsibility of proctoring licensing/professional exams is still in progress and staff will update the Board as new information is received.

10. New Business

A. GEO Applications

1. Richard Dvoracek Anthony

MOTION

Mark Taylor made a motion to accept the application to sit for the exams. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Regina Graziano

MOTION

Vernon Ichimura made a motion to accept the application to sit for the exams. Duke Brantley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. GIT Applications

1. David Joseph Szynal

MOTION

Mark Taylor made a motion to accept the application to take the GIT exam. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Endorsement Applications

1. Joel Hecker

MOTION

Mark Taylor made a motion to accept the application pending verification of the completion of the ASBOG Exam. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Robert S Lee

MOTION

Vernon Ichimura made a motion to accept the application. Duke Brantley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Peter M Niculescu

MOTION

Mark Taylor made a motion to decline the application and advise applicant to take the ASBOG exam or apply for a license with a state we have reciprocity with. Keith Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Reciprocity Applications

1. Candy Elliott

MOTION

Mark Taylor made a motion to approve application by Reciprocity. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. John Robert Maas

MOTION

Duke Brantley made a motion to approve application. Mark Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Thad Alan Slaughter

MOTION

Mark Taylor made a motion to accept the application confirming receipt of his driver's license with picture. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Reinstatement

1. Kent M Coleman

MOTION

Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve application. Mark Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment No Votes may be taken.

11. No one from the public was present.

Adjournment

Chairman Gorman called the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.