

MINUTES

SC Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation
Board of Geologists
Board Meeting
Monday, June 8, 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

Chuck Gorman, CPA, Board Chair, was present and called the meeting of the South Carolina Board of Geology to order on June 8, 2015, at 10:03 a.m., with a quorum present. Other Board members present were: Dr Vernon Ichimura (via teleconference), and Mark Taylor (via teleconference).

LLR staff members participating in the meeting included: Doris Cubitt, Administrator, Michael Teague, Program Coordinator, Bridgette Goff, Administrative Coordinator, and Stuart Hardwick, Esq, Advice Counsel.

2. Consideration of excuses for absences of Board Members

MOTION

Mark Taylor made a motion that the Board excuse Dr Doug Nelson, from the Board meeting. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion which carried unanimously

3. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION

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4. Approval of March 23, 2015, Board Meeting Minutes

Mark Taylor noted that the minutes need correction to section for Christopher Hamilton's application. It should read that Chuck Gorman moved and Mark Taylor seconded. Mark Taylor made motion to accept minutes as amended as discussed, seconded by Vernon Ichimura. Upon no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

5. Office of Investigation & Enforcement

Doris Cubitt delivered the report from OIE that they had no active cases.

6. Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report

Doris Cubitt delivered the report from ODC that they had no active cases.

7. Chairman's Remarks – Chuck Gorman

Chairman Gorman thanked LLR staff for setting up teleconference and welcomed new LLR team. He also stated that ASBOG headquarters had moved from Columbia to Georgia. He then asked Mark Taylor for his brief of the ASBOG spring meeting.

Mark Taylor stated it was well attended by about 30 participants and that management changes to ASBOG had been thoroughly and carefully addressed. Due to a series of miscommunications with contract held to manage organization, misunderstandings involving money, the Board was not unanimous in its decision to terminate contract. Several long standing ASBOG members resigned over differences due to termination of contract. A secondary objective is to introduce the GIT exam and Fundamentals Exam in college settings to assess how departments are doing at teaching the fundamentals. Also they are making available the data from the exams, by state and by exam category so universities can see how their graduates rank on the exams. The task update was undertaken through 2014, on a five year cycle, it affects what percentage of the exam is dedicated to the various subject areas. Mark Taylor express surprise at how little the exam has changed. The cycle time on the tasks survey can probably be increased. The updates don't reflect much change so that the tests may not be statistically valid.

Doris Cubitt asked if a contract exists with ASBOG as an individual board. Does she need to keep up with the contract and its renewal? None of the board members knew the answer to that question.

8. Administrator's Report

A. Financial Report

Financial report is through end of March, balance \$35795. Mark Taylor expressed concern over the revenue to which Doris responded is normal for boards on a biennial cycle.

B. Licensee update

Doris stated there approximately 638 licensees, 269 have renewed, 348 still need to renew. Board is currently in renewal cycle. Doris also affirmed that renewal notices had been sent and that an e-mail blast could be sent to those who had not yet renewed to remind them of the impending deadline.

C. ASBOG Exam results

Doris reported that on the Fundamentals exam that out of five examinees, four passed, one did not (correction via test report, two passed, three failed). She also reported that on the Practice exam, out of four examinees, only one passed (correction via test report, three passed, one

failed). The Board went into Executive Session to discuss whether they had ability to vote on candidates' scores. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

MOTION

Vernon Ichimura amended original motion to accept the test results, seconded by Mark Taylor. No discussion, motion carried unanimously.

9. New Business

A. Proposed ASBOG Calendar Changes

Doris referred board members to the calendar provided in their packets. ASBOG is moving the date of the spring 2016 exam to March 18, 2016, the Fall meeting is November 11, 2015 in Delaware will field trip immediately after.

MOTION

Mark Taylor made a motion that to send a delegate, to be determined later, to the annual meeting. Vernon Ichimura seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Doris Cubitt asked if Board wanted administrator to attend and they responded that administrators from government agencies usually did not attend.

B. GIT Applications

1. Scher, Erin Leigh

Motion

Mark Taylor made a motion to approve, Vernon seconded, motion carried unanimously for her to take GIT exam

C. GEO Applications

2. Bates, Christian Coleridge

Motion

Mark Taylor made a motion to note that Mr. Bates' application had been previously approved and he is now approved for licensure. Vernon Ichimura seconded, motion carried unanimously.

D. Reciprocity Applications

1. Gerst, Jonathan Daniel

Motion

He is applying by reciprocity from Oregon via national exam. Mark Taylor made a motion to accept the candidate's application, Vernon seconded. After no discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

2. Napoleon, Christopher Ryan

Motion

He is applying by reciprocity from Georgia via national exam, has passed both exams, Mark Taylor made a motion to accept, Vernon seconded. After no discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

3. Sorbello, Donald

Motion

He is applying by reciprocity from Delaware. His license verification does not indicate how his license was obtained and does not contain passing scores from Delaware, one of his former work experiences companies has ceased to exist, but his current employment has signatures. Mark Taylor made a motion to approve his application by reciprocity pending staff's telephone confirmation with Delaware licensing board that Mr. Sorbello passed the ASBOG exam, Vernon Ichimura seconded. Vernon Ichimura noticed one of the candidate's references is AIPG which is not a nationally recognized license, Mark Taylor interjected that AIPG was an attempt to be a national license but couldn't recall how one qualified for that designation. Since reference resides in New York which does not have state licensure, Vernon would accept this reference. After no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously to accept pending confirmation that he passed the ASBOG exam for his Delaware license.

4. Stahl, Andrew

Motion

The candidate is applying by reciprocity from Arizona and is also licensed in North Carolina by reciprocity. Applicant was also a former South Carolina licensee. Vernon Ichimura made a motion to accept, Mark Taylor seconded. After no discussion the motion carried unanimously.

10. Public Comment (No Votes May Be Taken)

No one from the public was present. Members of the public can attend onsite, but not via teleconference.

11. Adjournment

The June 8, 2015 meeting adjourned at 12:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris E Cubitt, CPA

Administrator

Approved at the August 8, 2015, Board Meeting.

Chuck Gorman, Chair