

MINUTES

SC Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation

Board of Geologists

Board Meeting

Thursday, August 6, 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, Board Chair, was present and called the meeting of the South Carolina Board of Geology to order on August 6, 2015, at 10:09 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, Bridgette Goff, Administrative Coordinator, and Stuart Hardwick, Esq., Advice Counsel.

2. Consideration of excuses for absences of Board Members

Motion

Postponed to allow Doug Nelson to join conference.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion

Mark Taylor made a motion to amend the agenda to move item #2 to occur just before item #10 Public Comment to allow Doug Nelson additional time to join the conference, seconded by Vernon Ichimura. Upon no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of June 8, 2015, Board Meeting Minutes

Mark Taylor made motion to adopt minutes amended with corrections 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. Chairman Gorman asked a question about status of the Investigative Review Committee (IRC) to which Doris Cubitt responded that to her knowledge that it was active, but had not had any cases since she received the board. Mrs. Cubitt said she would follow up on whether or not the IRC member was still willing to participate if necessary.

7. Chairman's Remarks – Chuck Gorman

Chairman Gorman said he appreciated the e-mail blast that was sent to licensees. Mrs. Cubitt explained that if the Board Members draft informative e-mails they can be sent to licensees. Mr. Hardwick just cautioned them to be careful of content.

8. Administrator's Report

A. Financial Report

Current balance through May, 2015 is \$66,214.82 which has changed due to June renewals.

Licensee update

As of August 6, 2015, we had licensed: 632 Professional Geologists, 13 Geologists-in-Training for a total of 645.

B. ASBOG Exam

Doris reported that upon reading minutes of past two years that Board had not voted on exam grades. Also she had spoken with Deana Sneyd, Director of ASBOG, about the contract. Due to changes at ASBOG, Ms. Sneyd had not been able to locate any paper or electronic copies of a current contract, but expected to have a copy by the December board meeting.

9. New Business

A. GIT Applications

Frank Mitlin

Motion

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

Anthony Monk

Motion

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

Brian Wilker

Motion

Mark Taylor made a motion to approve, Vernon Ichimura seconded. After a discussion that one of the applicant's references had not signed the reference page, motion carried unanimously for applicant to take GIT exam pending Board staff receiving signed reference.

B. GEO Applications

Michael Scott Harris

Motion

Mark Taylor made a motion to accept the application, Vernon Ichimura seconded, motion carried unanimously to accept application for Geology Registration.

Gabrielle Munn

Motion

Vernon Ichimura made a motion to accept the application, Mark Taylor seconded, after discussion that the notary seal was not visible on the board members' copies but was present on the original application, motion carried unanimously to accept application for Geology Registration.

C. Reciprocity Applications

Jonathan Brinson

Motion

Vernon Ichimura made a motion to accept the application, Mark Taylor seconded, motion carried unanimously to accept application for reciprocity.

Jeremy Franz

Motion

Vernon Ichimura made a motion to accept the application, Mark Taylor seconded, motion carried unanimously to accept application for reciprocity.

William Turner

Motion

Mark Taylor made a motion to accept the application, Vernon Ichimura seconded, after discussion about approval by endorsement versus reciprocity and the applicant's references not being registered Geologists or professional Engineers, Mark Taylor amended the motion was made to defer acceptance until applicant secures proper references. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously to defer the application for reciprocity.

10. Consideration of excuses for absences of Board Members (moved from item #2 during agenda approval)

Motion

Vernon Ichimura made a motion to excuse Doug Nelson, Mark Taylor seconded. After discussion about Regulation 131-03(C) pertaining to absences of Board Members, the Board requested Board staff to contact Doug Nelson about his absence and intent to continue participation with the Board, the motion to excuse his absence carried unanimously.

11. 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.

12. Adjournment

The August 6, 2015 meeting adjourned at 10:53.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris E Cubitt, CPA

Administrator

Approved at the December 10, 2015, Board Meeting.

Chuck Gorman, Chair