

**MINUTES**  
SC Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation  
Board of Geologists  
**Board Meeting**  
Thursday, December 10, 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 December 10, 2015, at 10:04 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 (via teleconference), Bridgette Goff, Administrative Coordinator, and Hardwick Stuart, Esq., Erin Baldwin Advice Counsel.

**2. Consideration of excuses for absences of Board Members**

**Motion**

No absent Board members. Mention of Dr. Doug Nelson officially resigning via email notification.

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion**

Mark Taylor made a motion to adopt the agenda; additional discussion took place in reference to adding the ASBOG template of information for reciprocity to the agenda. Hardwick Stuart advised against adding to the agenda and explained that items cannot be added to the agenda at the last minute without it being an issue, or matter of life and death. In the present discussion it was decided that the board would have a brief conference call, perhaps in late January 2016, to discuss the ASBOG information. The motion to adopt the agenda was seconded by Vernon Ichimura.

**4. Approval of August 6, 2015, Board Meeting Minutes**

Mark Taylor made motion to approve minutes, seconded by Vernon Ichimura. Upon no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**5. Office of Investigation & Enforcement**

Bridgette Goff stated that the Office of Investigations has no cases before them at the present time.

**6. Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report**

Erin Baldwin introduced herself to the Board. Discussed that she has moved back to this board and is excited about doing so, and anticipates that this move will be a long term move. Chairman Gorman and Erin carried further discussion in reference to the individual or persons that should be involved in the reviewing of all Geology cases. Bridgette Goff added to the discussion that the Geology Board still has an individual for that purpose. However, there has not necessarily been a need to utilize them in that capacity. Erin proceeded to explain the investigative committee process, and confirmed that the Board still does have someone in place for that purpose if necessary.

**7. Chairman's Remarks – Chuck Gorman**

Chairman Gorman gave special thanks to Dr. Doug Nelson for his service and participation on the Board. He discussed the difficulty of obtaining individuals from academia with a PG to participate on the Board. Chairman Gorman mentioned that the board presently has a quorum with the three (3) board members. Additionally, discussion took place of the importance of each member being present for all Board meetings, and to please let the Board know if a Board member will not be able to attend. Upon further discussion, Chairman Gorman thanked Stuart Hardwick for advising him that under the present circumstances there is a quorum if only two (2) members attend the meetings.

Chairman Gorman also thanked Doris for sending out the informative E-blast.

Chairman remarks concluded.

**8. Administrator's Report**

Doris Cubitt discussed that the E-blast did go out. However, there was not a lot of feedback from the E-blast. Ms. Cubitt also discussed that she has made contact with LLR liaison that communicates with the Governor's office about appointments. She noted that LLR liaison is presently working with the Governor's office to fill both vacant positions on the board. Bridgette indicated to Ms. Cubitt that an email was already sent to the communications office about the public position on the board.

## **A. Financial Report**

Doris Cubitt mentioned that the current financial report has been given to the board members for their review. Once reviewed, if there are any questions in regards to the report Ms. Cubitt welcomed questions and concerns.

### **Licensee Update**

Doris turned the meeting over to Bridgette to provide the board with an update on the number of the licensees.

Bridgette was unable to provide the numbers for the licensee update as she has been experiencing IT problems all week.

Licensee information was provided after the break for executive session.

## **9. Old Business**

### **Adel Bakr's**

Review and consideration of Adel Bakr's application.

Discussion took place in reference to acceptance of Mr. Bakr's CEU. Mark Taylor and Vernon find his CEU submission challenging. There was great concern that the CEU submissions are CEUs that Mr. Bakr has taught as a part of his job. It also appears that he has submitted duplicate courses.

Hardwick suggested that the board go into executive session. ( No Time Available )

Vernon moved that the Board go into executive session. ( No Time Available )

Mark Taylor moved to come out of executive session. ( No Time Available )

Chairman continued the discussion.

### **Motion**

Mark Taylor motioned to approve the application. Vernon seconds the motion to accept Mr. Bakr's application. The motion carries unanimously with no further discussion.

## 10. New Business

### A. GIT Applications

Gregory Storm Caldwell

**Motion**

Vernon Ichimura moved to accept Mr. Caldwell's GIT application. Mark Taylor seconds the motion to accept. Chairman discussed that the "Attestation" section "C" should be signed. Vernon Ichimura amended the motion to accept Mr. Caldwell's GIT application with all required documents to be signed. Mark Taylor seconds the amended motion, motion carried unanimously for applicant to take GIT exam.

Zachery Joseph Downes

**Motion**

Mark Taylor made a motion to approve, Vernon Ichimura seconds the motion to approve, after discussion of the professional reference that stated "no." The Board concluded that the signing party inadvertently wrote the wrong word in the blank space. Motion carried unanimously for applicant to take GIT exam.

Anthony Hermon

**Motion**

Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve; Mark Taylor seconds the motion to approve. No further discussion, motion carried unanimously for applicant to take GIT exam to become Geologist.

### B. GEO Applications

Christina L. Blaszkiewicz

**Motion**

Mark Taylor made a motion to accept the application; Vernon Ichimura seconds the motion to accept. No further discussion, motion carried unanimously for applicant to take Geology exam to become Professional Registered Geologist.

Suama Bolden

**Motion**

Mark Taylor made a motion to accept the application, Vernon Ichimura seconds the motion to accept. After discussion that the applicant is applying to take both portions of the exam, Mark Taylor amended the motion to allow applicant to take both Fundamentals and Practice of Geology Exam. Motion carried unanimously to accept.

Donald E. Jones

**Motion**

Mark Taylor made a motion to accept the application to take both portions of the exam, after discussion that the applicant is a CPG which is not recognized, and the concern of the applicant being self employed. Mark Taylor amended the motion to allow applicant to take both Fundamentals and Practice of Geology Exam. Vernon Ichimura seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously to accept.

James M. Martin

**Motion**

Vernon Ichimura made a motion to accept the application; Mark Taylor seconds the motion to allow the applicant to take both Fundamentals and Practice of Geology Exam. Motion carried unanimously to accept application.

**C. Reciprocity Applications**

Bennett Brooke

**Motion**

Mark Taylor made a motion to accept and approve the application with conditions; Vernon Ichimura seconds the motion to approval with conditions. The application is missing some signature pages. Once the signature pages are provided the applicant can receive licensure via reciprocity. Motion carried unanimously to accept application for reciprocity.

William Keith Rice

**Motion**

Vernon Ichimura made a motion to accept the application; Mark Taylor seconds the motion to accept. Motion carried unanimously to accept application for reciprocity.

**D. Endorsement Applications**

Troy Donald Bussey., Jr

**Motion**

Mark Taylor discussed and requested clarification of endorsement. After discussion of endorsement versus reciprocity Mark Taylor motioned to accept the application by endorsement pending that the staff obtain written documentation confirming that the applicant passed both the Fundamentals and Practice of Geology exams with the State of Washington. Mark Taylor amended his motion that the confirmation be in writing. Vernon Ichimura seconds the motion of acceptance with conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

Robert L. Fargo

**Motion**

Mark Taylor noted that page 8 of the application was missing. (Signature page). Mr. Taylor held discussion as to if the applicant is currently employed. Mark Taylor moved to deny the application for licensure via endorsement. Further discussion took place of speaking with counsel in reference to the matter. Mark Taylor motioned to deny the application by endorsement. Vernon Ichimura seconds the motion to deny. Motion carried unanimously.

Justin Joe Johnson

**Motion**

Mark Taylor motioned to accept the application by endorsement. Vernon Ichimura seconds the motion to accept. Motion carried unanimously.

Ann Marie Winegar

**Motion**

Mark Taylor motioned to accept the application by endorsement pending that the staff obtain written documentation confirming that the applicant passed both the Fundamentals and Practice of Geology exams (ASBOG) National exam with the State of Pennsylvania. Motion carried unanimously

**E. Conditional Preapprovals**

Reid Doherty

**Motion**

Mark Taylor made a motion to approve application for Mr. Doherty to sit for the exam, Vernon Ichimura seconds the motion to accept the application. Motion carried unanimously.

**F. Requirement of Professional Reference for GIT applicants.**

The board has required that all professional references for GITs be signed by Professional Geologist or a Licensed Engineer. Vernon amended his motion to correct the application form to indicate that professors that are aware and have knowledge of the applicants' character and abilities as a geologist should be allowed to sign the professional reference forms for all GITs. Mark Taylor seconds the motion. Motion 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**

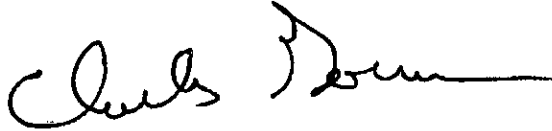
The December 10, 2015 meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris E. Cubitt, CPA

Administrator

Approved at the March 22, 2016, Board Meeting.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chuck Gorman", written in black ink.

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Chuck Gorman, Chair