

## **MINUTES**

SC Department of Labor, Licensing, & Regulation  
Board of Registration for Geologists

### **Board Meeting**

Tuesday, March 28, 2017  
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**

Chuck Gorman, Chair, was present and called the meeting of the South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists to order on March 28, 2017, at 10:01am, with a quorum present. Other Board members present were: Vernon Ichimura joining by conference call, Duke Brantley, Kevin Ryan, and Nina Marshtein. LLR staff members participating in the meeting included: Doris Cubitt, Administrator, Kathy Burgess, Administrative Assistant, Chelsea Buchanan, Administrative Assistant, Hardwick Stuart, Advice Counsel, and Erin Baldwin, Defense Counsel.

#### **2. Consideration of Excuses for Absences of Board Members**

No Board members were absent.

#### **3. Adoption of Agenda**

##### **Motion**

Kevin Ryan made a motion to adopt the agenda. Duke Brantley seconded the motion.

#### **4. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

##### **Motion**

Kevin Ryan made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2016 meeting, with the correction that he himself had made the motion to approve the December agenda. Duke Brantley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### **5. Office of Investigation Report**

Doris Cubitt presented the report, which stated that there is one case active in investigation and one case pending further information.

#### **6. Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report**

Erin Baldwin stated that there are no pending cases at this time.

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

Chuck Gorman welcomed everyone and announced the departure of Mark Taylor from the Board, passing on Mark's sentiment that he had enjoyed his time serving on the Board and wishes everyone the best. Chuck then introduced new member, Nina Marshtein, and the Board members introduced themselves.

-Chuck Gorman, Chair, earned his Master's degree from the University of Utah and Bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina and has been working for SC Department of Health and Environmental Control for 22 years.

-Nina Marshtein has been in consulting for almost 30 years and currently works for SCS Engineers in Charleston.

-Kevin Ryan, public member, is a graduate of Clemson University, has worked for the State Legislature and DNR, and currently works for the State Legislature as a performance auditor.

-Duke Brantley occupies the academic seat on the Board, as a research professor at the University of South Carolina in the Earth, Ocean, and Environment department.

-Vernon Ichimura has a Bachelors degree in geology and geophysics, a Master's degree in geology, and a PhD in civil engineering, and is the company geologist to the Board.

**8. Administrator's Report-Doris Cubitt**

-Doris Cubitt, Administrator for the Board, stated that the Board may wish to reschedule the June meeting due to her absence to attend an out of state conference for the Board of Accountancy. The Board agreed they preferred to reschedule.

-Mrs. Cubitt presented the financial report for the Board, which showed a significant deficit in funds and provided the Board members an itemized breakdown of expenditures. The Board discussed adjusting the renewal fee and Mrs. Cubitt pointed out that the language of the regulation regarding fees states that the renewal fee "is \$300" and that the Board has always been significantly below that amount. The Board noted that the low number of licensees, the biennial renewal period, and agency costs all contribute to the lack of revenue. The Board members expressed their concerns about increasing the fee and deliberated about how much that increase should be, noting that any change is subject to the approval of the agency Director.

**Motion**

Kevin Ryan made a motion to allow the Department of Labor License and Regulation to increase the biennial renewal fee to an amount that will allow the Board's budget to be sustainable for the coming years. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

-Mrs. Cubitt presented the licensee update: there are currently 617 active Geologists and 20 Geologists in Training.

**9. Old Business**

**A. Discussion of Budget**

Mrs. Cubitt noted that this item had already been discussed during the Administrator's report.

**B. Discussion of Changes to License Applications and Instructions**

The Board discussed changes suggested by staff to improve the application process. The Board agreed staff should make some suggested changes to the applications and present them at a later date for a vote.

**10. New Business**

**GEO Applications**

**A. Gabriel Kassos**

**Motion**

Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve the application to take the PG exam. Kevin Ryan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**B. John Moscati**

**Motion**

Kevin Ryan made a motion to approve the application to sit for the FG and PG exams. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**C. Scott Saroff**

**Motion**

Kevin Ryan made a motion to approve the application to sit for the FG and PG exams. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**GIT Applications**

**D. Daniel Good**

**Motion**

Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve the application to take the FG exam in order to be registered as a GIT. Kevin Ryan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**E. Brian Bastion**

**Motion**

Kevin Ryan made a motion to approve the application to take the FG exam in order to be registered as a GIT. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**F. Sergey Goretoy**

**Motion**

Nina Marshtein made a motion to approve the application to take the FG exam in order to be registered as a GIT. Kevin Ryan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**G. Tyler Wyatt**

**Motion**

Kevin Ryan made a motion to approve the application to take the FG exam in order to be registered as a GIT, pending a third professional reference. Duke Brantley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Endorsement Applications**

**H. Steven Jones**

**Motion**

Kevin Ryan made a motion to deny the application for endorsement on the grounds that the applicant was licensed by a grandfather clause in his home state and has never taken the ASBOG exams. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**I. Carrie Holderfield**

**Motion**

Kevin Ryan made a motion to approve the application for endorsement based on verification from her home state that she has taken and passed the ASBOG exams. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Reciprocity Applications**

**J. Aaron Hottenstein**

**Motion**

Duke Brantley made a motion to approve the application for reciprocity. Kevin Ryan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**K. Russell Griebel**

**Motion**

Duke Brantley made a motion to approve the application for reciprocity. Kevin Ryan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**L. Michael Hunt**

**Motion**

Vernon Ichimura made a motion to approve the application for reciprocity. Duke Brantley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**M. Jason Ricks**

**Motion**

Kevin Ryan made a motion to approve the application for reciprocity. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**N. Dana Goodnight**

**Motion**

Kevin Ryan made a motion to approve the application for reciprocity. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**O. Robert Sok**

**Motion**

Duke Brantley made a motion to approve the application for reciprocity. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**P. Randal Rogers**

**Motion**

Duke Brantley made a motion to approve the application for reinstatement through reciprocity, pending the license verification from Georgia. Kevin Ryan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Reinstatement Applications**

**Q. Matthew Osborne**

**Motion**

Kevin Ryan made a motion to approve the application for reinstatement, pending a corrected notarized statement from the candidate reflecting that he has not practiced geology in South Carolina during the period his license was lapsed. Nina Marshtein seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**11. Adjournment**

**Motion**

With no further business to be discussed at this time, Chuck Gorman adjourned the March 28, 2017 meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists at 12:57pm.