

SOUTH CAROLINA SOIL CLASSIFIERS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 204
Columbia, South Carolina 29210
Minutes

Thursday, September 2, 2010

9:30 a.m.

Called To Order:

Bill Smith, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Soil Classifiers Advisory Council meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Other members present for the meeting included: Lance Brewington, (Secretary); Dennis DeFrancesco, (Vice Chairman); and Dave Hargett.

Bill Smith, Chairman, announced that public notice of the meeting was properly posted on the bulletin boards at the main entrance of the Kingstree Building and by notice mailed to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in accordance with §30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: Christa Bell, Assistant Deputy General Counsel; Jamie Saxon, Advice Council; Dean Grigg, Advice Council; Lenora Miles, Administrator; Sherri Moorer, Program Assistant; Angela D. Scott, Administrative Assistant; Jennifer Cooper, Administrative Assistant; and Steve Freshley, Investigation.

Others present participating in the meeting included: Chris Fincham

Introduction of Board Members and All Other Persons Attending:

The Board members, staff and other persons attending the meeting introduced themselves.

Approval of Agenda:

Thursday, September 2, 2010

MOTION:

Mr. DeFrancesco moved to approve the Thursday, September 2 2010, agenda. Mr. Brewington seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

MOTION

Mr. DeFrancesco moved to approve the Wednesday, April 14, 2010, meeting minutes. Mr. Brewington seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Office of General Counsel – Hearings

No hearings.

Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members:

Mr. Randy Fowler received an excused absence.

Chairman's Remarks:

Bill Smith, Chairman

Chairman Smith welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Administrator's Remarks for Information:

Lenora Miles, Administrator

Mrs. Miles presented Council with a copy of the Agency Flow Chart and explained the different divisions within the agency. In addition, she reminded Council of the Freedom of Information Act and explained how meetings within the agency are advertised.

Update of Licensure:

Mrs. Moorer reported the number of licensed Soil Classifiers as of today:
52- Licensed Soil Classifiers

Financial Report:

Mrs. Miles reported that Ms. Barbara Derrick, Office of Finance will be present at the next meeting to give a full financial report to Council and to answer any questions they may have. Mrs. Miles gave financial information as of today:

\$14,726.30 - in the program

Office of Investigators and Enforcement Report:

Mr. Steve Freshley, Chief Investigator informed Council of how the investigative process is handled. The Office of Investigations and Enforcement is responsible for investigating complaints involving a possible violation of a professional or occupational practice act. He asked Council to look out among their peers and nominate two individuals not on the Council to serve on the Investigation Review Committee (IRC). The IRC Committee consists of the following: The Litigation Attorney; Field Investigation; Chief Investigator; Administrator; and someone in the profession. The Committee reviews complaints and investigates for dismissal or forward to Office of General Council for hearing.

Office of General Counsel Report:

Mrs. Christa Bell informed Council that she would be assisting Mrs. Sharon Danztler, Assistant General Counsel who is the Council's Advice Counsel. In addition, she would be Counsel's Litigating Attorney.

Mrs. Moorer informed Council that a complaint form would be posted on the webpage and asked that anyone wanting to file a complaint be referred to the website.

Unfinished Business:

NONE

New Business:

Application Reviews:

William Brandon Fulton

Council held an Application Hearing regarding Mr. William Brandon Fulton. Mr. Fulton was notified by telephone and E-mail of the proceedings. Mr. Fulton was not present to give testimony.

MOTION:

Mr. DeFrancesco made a motion to recommend approval of Mr. Fulton's application. Mr. Hargett seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Appointment:

Mrs. Moorer stated that Mr. Charles Ogg's term expired on June 30, 2010, and Mr. Dave Hargett was nominated to serve the term that opened on July 1, 2010.

Memorandum of Understanding:

Mr. DeFrancesco presented a draft copy of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Advisory Council and DHEC. Council decided to table this matter until such time as the Office of General Counsel could review and give a legal opinion.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Thursday, September 30, 2010, in conference room 107.

Adjournment:

Mr. DeFrancesco moved the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Hargett seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The September 2, 2010, meeting of the South Carolina Soil Classifiers Advisory Council adjourned at 12:00 p.m.