

**MINUTES**  
**SC Soil Classifiers Advisory Council Meeting**  
**September 10, 2024 at 10 a.m. by Virtual Video/Teleconference**

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**Call to Order and Introduction of Council Members and All Other Persons Attending**

Chairman Thorp called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Other members participating included Chris Fincham, Vice-Chairman; Randall Fowler; and Jason Goff.

Staff attending included Mary League, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel; Johnnie Rose, Board Executive; and Sherri Moorer, Administrative Coordinator.

Others attending included Michelle Lovejoy, Soil Science Society of America; David Vaughan, SC Department of Environmental Services; Jason Eppinette; Nelson Mills; and Katherine Boone (Creel Court Reporting).

**Statement of Public Notice**

1. Mr. Thorp stated that Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S.C. Soil Classifiers Advisory Council office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The meeting is being held via video and teleconference. Member of the public could participate at:

<https://scdllr.webex.com/scdllr/j.php?MTID=m4a16e0a90bac5ddd32aeb89965de93e>

**Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** To approve the agenda.  
Fincham/Fowler/approved

**Approval of Excused Absences**

**MOTION:** To excuse Mr. Brewington from the meeting.  
Fincham/Fowler/approved

**Chairman's Remarks**

Mr. Thorp stated that business remains robust. There is still strong demand, despite a recent decline in business.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Thorp asked a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024, meeting.

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024, meeting.  
Fincham/Fowler/approved

**Board Executive Report**

Mr. Rose gave the Board Executive Report:

- The Council has 51 licensed soil classifiers. Three licenses have been issued since the last Council meeting.
- The Council had a cash balance of \$33,249.45 as of July 31, 2024.

- The Fundamentals and Professional Practice exams will be administered October 30 – November 11, 2024. The exam registration dates are September 25 – October 21, 2024.

#### **Office of Advice Counsel Advisory Opinions**

Mrs. League stated there are no Advisory Opinions.

#### **Office of Investigations and Enforcement Report**

Mr. Rose stated there are no cases in the Office of Investigations and Enforcement.

#### **Investigative Review Committee Report**

Mr. Rose stated there is no Investigative Review Committee report.

#### **Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report**

Mr. Rose stated there are no cases in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

#### **Council Member Reports**

Mr. Goff asked what triggers an investigation. Mrs. League said the process begins when a complaint is filed with the Council. She explained the investigative process to Council.

#### **Old Business**

1. **2024 Legislative Update.** Mr. Rose stated that H4486 died at the close of the 2024 Legislative Session on May 9, 2024. The Department will watch for filings in the 2025 Legislative Session, and will notify the Council members of any developments. Pre-filings will begin soon, and the session opens on January 14, 2025.

#### **New Business**

1. **Continuing Education Refresher.** Mrs. Moorner stated that license renewals will open on November 4, 2024. She gave a refresher on the continuing education requirement and the audit process based on the SC Code of Regulations, Chapter 108-5.
2. **Biographies for Newsletter.** Mr. Rose stated that he would like to include a biography for each Council member in the January 2025 Newsletter to re-introduce them to the public. Mrs. Moorner requested a description of their scope of services to include in the newsletter, and suggestions for updating the Soil Classifiers Online Roster to make it easier for the public to understand and use.

**MOTION:** To explore public access and information in the soil classifying roster as an agenda item for the next meeting.  
Thorp/Fincham/approved

#### **Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

- Review a template for a new Soil Classifiers Online Roster.
- Mr. Fincham requested a refresher on certification and licensure requirements.

#### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

There being no further business:

**MOTION:** To adjourn.  
Fincham/Goff/approved

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sherri F. Moorer*

Sherri F. Moorer, Administrative Coordinator