

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS
Board Meeting: August 2, 2007**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held on Thursday, August 2, 2007, at the Office of the Division Director, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

William Calvin Hayes, Chairman and Consumer Member
Dr. James L. Kennedy III, Vice Chairman and Geologist
James W. Furlow, Geologist
Jerry M. German, Geologist
Benjamin S. Persons, Geologist
William E. Riley, Geologist

Others present:

Gwyn H. Ridley, Executive Director
Jennifer Baden, Applications Specialist
Jeff Clements, Staff Attorney
Janet Wray, Board Attorney
Chuck Miller, Investigative Unit

Chairman Hayes established a quorum was present at 9:30 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

Mr. Furlow made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2007 Board meeting.
Mr. Persons seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Persons made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A.43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications and investigative matters and to receive an investigative report. Mr. Furlow seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Board Members Furlow, German, Hayes, Kennedy, Persons, and Riley. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Applications:

Ms. Baden presented Geology applications for Board review. Mr. Persons made a motion to **approve** applications as presented. Mr. Furlow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Examination:

The following applicants were **approved** to take Part I (Fundamentals of Geology) of the ASBOG® National Examination:

Seyoum Ayele Asamenaw
Steven Daniel Clark

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Joel Andrew Trainor
Lee Jarrett Baggett
Jaime Lea Richardson
Seyed Mohsen Kariminia
Heather Dawn Bays
Lyndell Paul Williams
Jordan J. Garrard

The following applicants were **approved** to take PART I (Fundamentals of Geology) and Part II (Practice of Geology) of the ASBOG® National Examination:

Eric John Davis
West Warren Johnson
Kenneth Wayne Simonton
Michael James Karafa
Andrew Henry Gordon Bursey
Richard Ray Hardy
Claire L. Gore
Justen Kelly Dick
Paul E. Davis

The following applicants were **approved** to take Part II (Practice of Geology) of the ASBOG® National Examination:

Amy Murray Callaway
Mary Lee Grace
Debra Joan Fallen
John William Wallace Sayer

The following applicants were **approved** for licensure by Reciprocity:

Mark Densmore
Daniel W. Alford
John Duane Locklear
Peter M. Thibodeau
Adam Russell Smith
Neil Howard Hornick
Geoffrey Reichold
Brendan Paul Merk

The following licensees were **approved** for reinstatement of license:

Brett Ben Johnson
Anthony Carlos Rodriquez
Victor Rossinsky
Wendy Andrea Floyd

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The following applicant was **approved** for reinstatement pending passing of Part II (Practice of Geology) of the ASBOG® National Examination:

Tommy R. Partridge

The following applicant was **approved** to take Part II (Practice of Geology) of the ASBOG® National Examination, but not approved for automatic reinstatement upon passing examination:

R.K.

The Board reviewed the following list of Geologists licensed since the last review. Mr. Persons made a motion to **approve** the list. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

License Number	Name	License Date	License Method
PG001885	Timothy Eugene Crump	05/03/2007	Reciprocity – TX
PG001886	Samuel Austin Marquis, Jr.	05/03/2007	Reciprocity – SC
PG001887	Matthew Frederick Cooke	05/03/2007	Reciprocity – SC
PG001888	Joanne Renee Linder	05/03/2007	Reciprocity – VA
PG001889	Robert R. Thompson, III	05/03/2007	Reciprocity – SC
PG001890	Andrew D. Eyer	05/03/2007	Reciprocity – SC
PG001891	Edward M. Kuhn	05/03/2007	Reciprocity – NC
PG001892	Paul A. Schroeder	05/03/2007	Examination
PG001893	Margaret Louise Johnston	05/03/2007	Reciprocity – VA
PG001894	Paul Keith Hildebrandt	05/03/2007	Reciprocity – FL
PG001895	George Campbell Cartwright	05/03/2007	Reciprocity – IL

Reinstatements:

The Board reviewed and **approved** the following list of Geologists reinstated since the last review:

License Number	Name	Reinstated
PG001164	Jeffrey LaRue Eyman	05/03/2007
PG001220	Dale P. Voykin	05/03/2007
PG001785	Douglas Clayton Farmer	05/03/2007

Investigative Unit's Report:

The Board heard reports on the following cases. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to **approve** the following recommendations. Mr. Person seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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GEO070001: Close the case

GEO080002: Table for further investigation.

Executive Director's Report:

The Executive Director reported on the following items:

- Upcoming Renewal
- Examination Deadlines
- Board Travel FY2008 – Mr. Riley made a motion to designate Mr. Kennedy as the Voting Delegate and Mr. Hayes as Alternate Delegate to the ASBOG 2007 Annual Meeting to be held October 23-28, 2007 in Denver, Colorado. Mr. Persons was also designated as the Council of Examiners (COE) Voting Delegate and Mr. Kennedy as the Alternate Delegate. Mr. Persons seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Newsletter Update
- Application Revisions – Citizenship Information
- Staff Transition

Correspondence, Inquiries and Information Items:

Michael O'Sullivan: The Board reviewed correspondence regarding the upcoming Legislative Session.

Luke Patterson: The Board reviewed correspondence regarding the definition of a “qualified groundwater professional”. Mr. Furlow made a motion to advise Mr. Patterson that the Board does not currently certify or designate specialties in the licensure of geologists, and cannot provide legal advice on this matter. The Board has knowledge that, in the past, EPD has considered a registered Geologist or Engineer with relevant, applicable education and/or experience to be a “qualified groundwater professional” for the purposes of the referenced document. Further inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the State Geologist. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed other correspondence and information that did not require a vote or action.

2008 ASBOG Examination Dates:

Mr. Furlow made a motion to **approve** the following examination dates for 2008. Mr. Persons seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

March 7, 2008
October 3, 2008

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ASBOG:

Sam Christiano: The Board reviewed correspondence regarding the Proposed Foundation Bylaws. Mr. Persons made a motion to vote against the Proposed Foundation Bylaws, citing concerns regarding Section 4.1-Authority of Powers. Specifically, the checks and balances of power, delegation of authority, fiscal/financial responsibility, and expenditures as well as internal controls, were unclear or not specified. Mr. Furlow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed other correspondence and information that did not require a vote or action.

Propose to Adopt Rule 265-4-.03(3):

At its meeting on August 2, 2007, the Geologists Board voted to post 265-4-.03(3). The Board discussed revisions to its rules and considered modifications to Rule 265-4-.03(3). Mr. Riley made a motion to propose adoption of these rules and to post and hold a public hearing to receive comments regarding the proposed rules and to consider adoption of the rules following the public hearing. In its consideration of the proposed rules, the Board stated that the formulation and adoption of these rules do not impose additional regulatory cost on any licensee that cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the statutes that are the basis for the proposed rules. Further, the Board stated that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of these statutes to adopt or implement differing actions for business as listed in O.C.G.A. Section 50-13-4(a)(3)(A)(B)(C) and (D) and that the formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned, and operated and dominant in the field of Geologists. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Business:

After reviewing information regarding the rule amendments, Mr. Riley made a motion to schedule an additional Board meeting for October 18, 2007. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Marie S. Urquhart
Recorded by Board Secretary

Gwyn H. Ridley
Reviewed by Executive Director

William Calvin Hayes
Chairman

These minutes were signed on October 18, 2007

These minutes were approved on October 18, 2007

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Attachment

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF **BIBB**

**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING
OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question.

Comes now William Calvin Hayes, the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all over aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On August 2, 2007 this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.

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4. The legal authority for the closure of this meeting was:

OCGA 43-1-2 (k); 43-1-19(h)

5. The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are:

RECEIPT OF AND DELIBERATIONS REGARDING APPLICATIONS
AND APPLICATION INFORMATION AND DELIBERATIONS
REGARDING INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT MATTERS;
RECEIPT OF THE RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

William Calvin Hayes
PRESIDING OFFICER

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

This 2nd day of August, 2007

Marie S. Urquhart
Notary Public