

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION  
FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS  
Board Meeting: October 18, 2007**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held on Thursday, October 18, 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  
Ruth Reece, Applications Specialist  
Marie Urquhart, Board Secretary  
Janet Jackson, Board Attorney  
Sonya Williams, Staff Attorney  
Jackie Turner, Investigative Unit  
Aricka Colbert, Examination 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 August 2, 2007 Board meeting.  
Mr. Riley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board held a public hearing and discussed revision to its rules and considered modifications to Rule 265-4-.03 – Applications. Mr. Persons make a motion to adopt these rules. 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 Geology. Mr. Riley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (Attachment #1.)

Mr. Furlow 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. Dr. Kennedy 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.

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**Applications:**

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

License Number	Name	License Date	License Method
PG001896	Daniel W. Alford	08/02/2007	Reciprocity – FL
PG001897	Peter M. Thibodeau	08/02/2007	Reciprocity – NC
PG001898	Adams Russell Smith	08/02/2007	Reciprocity – SC
PG001899	Neil Howard Hornick	08/02/2007	Reciprocity – FL
PG001900	Geoffrey Reichold	08/02/2007	Reciprocity – FL
PG001901	Brendan Paul Merk	08/02/2007	Reciprocity – IN
PG001902	Mark Greg Densmore	08/02/2007	Reciprocity – MO
PG001903	John Duane Locklear	08/02/2007	Reciprocity - FL

**Reinstatements:**

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

License Number	Name	Reinstated
PG001166	Wendy Andrea Floyd	08/02/2007
PG001449	Anthony Carlos Rodriguez	08/02/2007
PG001559	Brett Ben Johnson	08/02/2007
PG001751	Victor Rossinsky	08/02/2007

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

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

Kelly Kaskin Cone  
Catherine Emma von Euw  
Douglas P. Klicman  
Timothy David Lentz

**Investigative Unit's Report:**

The Board heard a report on the following case:

**Randal Lee Kath:** Mr. Furlow made a motion to accept a signed Voluntary Cease and Desist Order and close the case. Mr. Riley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Dr. Kennedy made a motion to reinstate Mr. Kath's license upon passage of Part II of the Examination. Mr. Riley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Legal Services Unit's Report:**

The Board heard a report from Legal Services on the following cases:

**GEO060020:** Mr. Furlow made a motion to refer the case to the Attorney General's Office for hearing. Mr. Persons seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**GEO060022:** Mr. Furlow made a motion to refer the case to the Attorney General's Office for hearing. Mr. Persons seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Examination Unit's Report:**

The Board heard a report from the Examination Unit.

**Executive Director's Report:**

The Executive Director reported on the following items:

- License Renewal Process and Procedures
- 2008 Meeting Dates
- Staff Transition

The Board discussed the December 2007 meeting date and decided to meet January 3, 2008 instead.

**Correspondence, Inquiries and Information Items:**

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

**ASBOG:**

**Rick L. Ericksen:** The Board reviewed correspondence regarding the Board's earlier decision on the proposed Foundation for ASBOG. Mr. Furlow made a motion to reaffirm the Board's decision from the August 2, 2007 Board meeting not to support the proposal. Mr. Persons seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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**2008 Board Meeting Dates:**

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

January 3, 2008  
March 13, 2008

July 10, 2008  
October 9, 2008

**Annual Election of Officers:**

Mr. Persons made a motion to elect Dr. James L. Kennedy, III as Chairman. Mr. Furlow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Furlow made a motion to elect William Ed Riley as Vice Chairman. Mr. Persons seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Other Business:**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Marie S. Urquhart  
Recorded by Board Secretary

Gwyn H. Ridley  
Reviewed by Executive Director

James L. Kennedy, III  
Chairman

These minutes were signed on \_\_\_\_\_ January 2, 2008

These minutes were approved on \_\_\_\_\_ January 2, 2008

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Attachment #1  
Geologists Minutes  
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**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF  
REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS RULES FOR  
REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE UNDER TITLE OF REGISTERED GEOLOGIST  
CHAPTER 265-4**

Rule 265-4-.03 Applications. Amended.

Purpose: Provides parameters for submission of applications.

Main Features: Deletes specific application deadline dates, and replaces with the date shown on current applications that are available at the website and/or at the Board Office.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED  
AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR  
PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS RULES FOR REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE  
UNDER TITLE OF REGISTERED GEOLOGIST**

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.

**265-4-.03 Applications. Amended.**

(1) An application for registration as a geologist shall be made under oath, shall show the applicant's education and a detailed summary of his geological work. The application shall be accompanied by an application fee fixed by the Board and an official transcript of all undergraduate or post graduate college credits used to support meeting eligibility requirements.

(2) Application for registration as a geologist shall be filed on a form prescribed by the Board.

(3) Applications for permission to take the examination, or any parts thereof, must be received in the Board office or bear a United States Postal Service postmark which is a date on or before the deadline date. ~~The deadline date for initial application for each part of the examination is seventy five (75) days prior to the date of the examination. The deadline date for re-examination application for each part of the examination is forty five (45) days prior to the date of the examination~~ all parts of the examination shall be the printed deadline date shown on the current application at the Board's website and/or available at the Board's current office.

(4) An application which is not submitted in proper and complete form will not be accepted by the Board and will be returned by the ~~Joint Secretary~~ Division Director with a statement of the reason thereof.

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(5) The Board will provide reasonable accommodation to a qualified applicant with a disability in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The request for an accommodation by an individual with a disability must be made in writing and received in the Board office by the application deadline along with the appropriate documentation as indicated in the *Request of Disability Accommodation Guidelines*.

O.C.G.A. §§ 43-19-6 and 43-19-11

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**Attachment**

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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 October 18, 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 18th day of October, 2007

Marie S. Urquhart  
Notary Public