

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS
Board Meeting: February 6, 2013**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held on Wednesday, February 6, 2013, in Conference Room 104 at the office of Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

Lillian J. Furlow, PG, Chairman
Randy Kath, PG, Vice Chairman
William Calvin Hayes, Consumer Member
James L. Kennedy III, PG, Ex- Officio Member
William E. Riley, PG
Benjamin S. Persons, PG

Board Members Absent:

None

Others present:

Darren Mickler, Executive Director
Swan LeGrand-Fleming, Board Support Specialist
Sandra Mays, Licensing Analyst
Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General via teleconference

Guests present:

Jim Furlow

Chairman Furlow established a quorum was present at 9:37 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

The agenda was amended to remove the December 17, 2012 and January 17, 2013 teleconference meeting minutes for approval as no Executive Session was held on those dates.

Mr. Riley made a motion to approve the Open Session minutes of the October 24, 2012 Board meeting with corrections suggested by Ms. Jackson. Mr. Persons seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the Open Session minutes of the August 1, 2012 Teleconference meeting. Dr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session:

Mr. Hayes made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:39 a.m. 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. Riley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Board Chairman Furlow, Mr. Persons, Dr. Kath, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Riley and Dr. Kennedy.

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The Board concluded Executive Session at 10:28 a.m. in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Mr. Riley made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of the October 24, 2012 Board meeting with corrections suggested by Ms. Jackson. Mr. Persons seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Applications:

The Board reviewed the list of applicants that have been previously reviewed and approved for licensure from December 17, 2012 – February 5, 2013. A motion was made by Mr. Persons, seconded by Dr. Kennedy, and the Board voted unanimously to ratify the list as presented.

Ms. Mays presented Geology applications for Board review. Mr. Persons made a motion to approve applications as presented for licensure. Dr. Kennedy seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board approved the following applicant(s) for licensure by reciprocity:

- PG002105 Ryan Murley Virginia

Examination

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

- Applicant # 1802162
- Applicant # 1794748
- Applicant # 1808184

Reinstatements

Mr. Persons made a motion to approve the following applicants for reinstatement with fee. Dr. Kennedy seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- Applicant # 1803385
- Applicant # 1806125

The following applicants for reinstatement were previously approved by Dr. Kennedy:

- Applicant # 1794799
- Applicant # 1796394

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The following staff members presented reports to the Board:

The Board Attorney provided a written status report on cases referred for action. No Board action required at this time.

Executive Director's Report:

No report.

Other Business:

The Board had a discussion on the Revised Senate Bill (SB) 445. Barbara Cooper, President of ASBOG, wrote a letter to Secretary of State Brian Kemp requesting him to reconsider the idea of removing the Georgia PG Board from the licensure and enforcement decision process and allowing non-geologist staff to replace the Georgia PG Board.

Dr. Kath discussed the results of the ASBOG survey regarding SB 445.

The Board discussed the posting of application deadlines and updates to the Geologist website. Mr. Mickler informed the Board that the Executive Directors will soon have administrative authority to update the website as needed.

The Board voted to revise Question 10 on the Application for Registration as a Professional Geologist to read: Have you taken a previous examination given by the Georgia State Board of Geology, another State Board, or ASBOG®?

The Board had a discussion on the reduction of licensing fees with regard to length of practice as a Georgia Professional Geologist. Mr. Mickler will draft a proposal for the Board to review in the next meeting.

The Board had a discussion on public versus non-public practice of Geology in Georgia.

Ms. Mays informed the Board that ASBOG® will administer the Geology exam here at the Macon testing center. Sam Christiano will proctor the exam and she is coming to visit the facility at the end of February.

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Adjournment:

There being no further business, at 12:08 p.m., Mr. Persons moved to adjourn. Mr. Riley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by Board Secretary

Reviewed by Executive Director

Chairman