

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION  
FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS  
Board Meeting: April 15, 2015  
Open Session Minutes**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held on **Wednesday, April 15, 2015**, at the office of Professional Licensing Boards Division via teleconference, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

**The following Board members were present:**

Dr. Randy Kath, PG, Vice Chairman  
Ken Simonton, PG  
Ben Bentkowski, PG  
Martha Carr, PG  
Dr. Stephen Henderson, Consumer Member

**Board members absent:**

Lillian J. Furlow, PG, Chairman  
Dr. Jim L. Kennedy, III, PG, ex-Officio Member

**Others present:**

Darren Mickler, Executive Director  
Ava Walker, Licensing Analyst  
Somerset Stafford, Board Support Specialist  
Janet Jackson, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Vice Chairman Dr. Kath established a quorum was present at 9:27 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

Vice Chairman Dr. Kath asked members for any additions or deletions to the proposed agenda. The agenda was adopted with no changes. Stephen Henderson made a motion to adopt the agenda. Ben Bentkowski seconded the motion the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bentkowski made a motion to approve the Open Session minutes of December 3, 2014 Board meeting with revisions suggested by Vice Chairman Dr. Kath. Ms. Carr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Executive Session:**

Mr. Bentkowski made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:30 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. Dr. Henderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Vice Chairman Dr. Kath, Mr. Simonton, Mr. Bentkowski, Ms. Carr, and Dr. Henderson.

The Executive Session of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists meeting was closed at 11:33 a.m. and Vice Chairman Dr. Kath declared the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists to be “open” pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

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**Open Session**

After a break at 11:33 a.m., Open Session reconvened at 11:41 a.m.

Mr. Bentkowski made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of the December 3, 2014 Board meeting with corrections suggested by Vice Chairman Dr. Kath. Ms. Carr 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 3, 2014- April 14, 2015. A motion was made by Mr. Simonton, seconded by Mr. Bentkowski; the Board voted unanimously to ratify the list as presented.

| <b>License #</b> | <b>Name</b>                | <b>License Type</b>               |
|------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| PG002152         | Hardison, Donald William   | Registered Professional Geologist |
| PG002153         | Jacobson, Stephen Eric     | Registered Professional Geologist |
| PG002154         | Behmke, Jessica Ball       | Registered Professional Geologist |
| PG002155         | Keefer, Elizabeth Allison  | Registered Professional Geologist |
| PG002156         | Vance, David Jefferson     | Registered Professional Geologist |
| PG002157         | Pullen, Chad Everett       | Registered Professional Geologist |
| PG002158         | Sutherland, Cassidy Eileen | Registered Professional Geologist |
| PG002159         | Johnson, Peter Erik        | Registered Professional Geologist |
| PG002160         | Zhou, Wanfang              | Registered Professional Geologist |
| PG002161         | Petty, Lauren Michelle     | Registered Professional Geologist |

There were no applications to present for the Board to review.

**Executive Director's Report:**

Mr. Mickler briefed the Board on the past legislative session. He made the Board aware that the Transportation Bill was passed in the session.

Mr. Mickler let the Board Members know that renewals should be less manual from this point forward or once a Secure and Verifiable Document has been provided and accepted by the Board as well as an affidavit.

**AG Report:**

Dr. Henderson made a motion to approve the following recommendations. Mr. Bentkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- GEO060022**-Close with letter of concern
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**Other Business:**

ASBOG® Examinations

Vice Chairman Dr. Kath led a discussion about the March 6, 2015 examination. He went over procedures of how the test is administered and how testing material is secured.

ASBOG® Changes

Vice Chairman Dr. Kath made the board aware that the Executive Director of ASBOG® was released after 26 years in office. The Interim Executive Director is Deana Sneyd. Thus, the ASBOG® office has relocated to Douglasville, Georgia from Columbia South Carolina.

Continuation of Geology Board Member Orientation

Assistant Attorney General, Janet Jackson continued her discussion on New Board Member Orientation Guidelines and Rules. She started the discussion with the Open Meeting Act.

The Board discussed selecting members to attend meetings about ASBOG® examinations to become acquainted with the ASBOG® test making process. The Board will like to see if funds can be provided by the state to sponsor a Board member going to one of these meetings.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, at 12:38 p.m., Mr. Bentkowski moved to adjourn. Mr. Simonton seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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Recorded by Somer Stafford

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Reviewed by Darren Mickler

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Chairman

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Date Approved by The Board