

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION  
FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS  
Board Meeting: July 29, 2015  
Open Session Minutes**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held on **Wednesday, July 29, 2015**, at the office of Professional Licensing Boards Division via teleconference, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

**The following Board members were present:**

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

**Board members absent:**

Dr. Jim L. Kennedy, III, PG, ex-Officio Member

**Others present:**

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

Chairperson Lillian Furlow established a quorum was present at 9:35 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

Ken Simonton made a motion to approve the Open Session minutes of April 5, 2015 Board meeting with revisions suggested by Senior Assistant Attorney General, Janet Jackson. Ben Bentkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Executive Session:**

Mr. Bentkowski 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. Vice Chairperson Dr. Randy Kath seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Chairperson Furlow, Vice Chairperson 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 10:26 a.m. and Chairperson Lillian Furlow 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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Ken Simonton made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of the April 15, 2015 Board meeting with edits suggested by Senior Assistant Attorney General, Janet Jackson. Ben Bentkowski 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 April 15, 2015- July 28, 2015. A motion was made by Mr. Simonton, seconded by Mr. Bentkowski; the Board voted unanimously to ratify the list as presented.

PG002162	Bennett, Brooke Yoko	PG002171	Steele, Brian Alexander
PG002163	Carstens, David A	PG002172	Odom, Curtis
PG002164	Warlick, Cameron Mace	PG002173	Berntsen, Jon P
PG002165	James, Ronald Alan, II	PG002174	Holderfield, Carrie Ann
PG002166	Hunt, Daniel James	PG002175	Schexnayder, Jeffrey Michael
PG002167	White, Brad D	PG002176	Fure, Marjory Meryl
PG002168	Burke, William Randolph, Jr.	PG002177	Robinson, James Daniel
PG002169	Fitzpatrick, Stephan David	PG002178	Higginbotham, Ronald Scott
PG002170	Quartey-Papafio, Clement	PG002179	Nettles, N Sandy

**Examinations**

The following applicant was approved to take PART 1 (Fundamentals of Geology) of the ASBOG® National Examination:

- Applicant J.H.

Ken Simonton made a motion to approve. Dr. Randy Kath seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The following applicant is approved to take PART 1 (Fundamentals of Geology) of the ASBOG® National Examination. The applicant is required to provide an official transcript meets requirements to take PART 2 of the ASBOG® Examination:

- Applicant A.S.

Dr. Kath made a motion to approve. Ken Simonton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Reciprocity**

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

- Applicant # 2550318 **Thomas Mac Nelson** Tennessee

Ben Bentkowski made a motion to approve. Chairperson Lillian Furlow seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Executive Director's Report:**

Mr. Mickler made the Board aware of changes of the professions that are now under Trades 1 of PLB. The professions under Trades 1 are: Geology, Architecture/Interior Designs, Landscape Architecture, PELS, and Forestry.

Mr. Mickler made the Board aware of the improvement with the renewal process. The process is down to 8 days from 22 days.

Mr. Mickler discussed that upgrades are taking place to enhance the service in the call center. He also stated that MyLo will be upgraded to improve the quality of service offered by PLB.

**AG Report:**

Senior Assistant Attorney General, Janet Jackson presented the Attorney General Report of cases of matters preferred.

**Other Business:**

Lillian Furlow reported on a meeting held with Secretary Kemp and the board chairs concerning changes to the board sections, as well as improvements to the licensing software and the IT infrastructure.

The Board made it known that the wording on the Georgia Professional Geologist Registration Form was updated.

The Board made a decision to have the next meeting in person which is scheduled for December 2, 2015.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, at 10:36 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

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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