

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS
Board Meeting: December 2, 2015
Open Session Minutes**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held on **Wednesday, December 2, 2015**, at the office of Professional Licensing Boards (PLB) Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

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

Board members absent:

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

Others present:

Darren Mickler, Executive Director
Sommer Stafford, Licensing Analyst
Regina Saponari, Board Support Specialist
Janet Jackson, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Vice Chair Dr. Kath established a quorum was present at 9:40 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

Vice Chair Dr. Kath made a motion to postpone approval of the Open Session minutes of the July 29, 2015 Board meeting until the Board returned back to Open Session after Executive Session. Mr. Bentkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session:

Mr. Bentkowski made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:45 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. Ms. Carr seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Vice Chair Dr. Kath, Mr. Simonton, and Dr. Henderson.

Open Session:

The Executive Session of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists meeting was closed at 11:05 a.m. and Vice Chair 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.

Applications:

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Executive Director Mr. Mickler proposed that the board discuss the applications under review by Chair Ms. Furlow due to her absenteeism from the Board meeting. Dr. Henderson made the motion for the following list of applicants to be approved. Mr. Simonton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant No.	Applicant's Name
1147208	A.T.R.
2579735	K.D.M.

The following applicant was reviewed and motioned to be approved once applicant pays the reinstatement fee:

Applicant No.	Applicant's Name
2583116	L.L.H.

Dr. Henderson made a motion to approve. Mr. Simonton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The following licensee was approved for renewal:

License No.	Licensee
PG001927	B.R.B.

Dr. Henderson made a motion to approve. Mr. Simonton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the following list of applicants:

Examination:

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

- Applicant # 2573667
- Applicant # 2566949

Vice Chair Dr. Kath made a motion to approve. Mr. Bentkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- Applicant # 2306038

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Vice Chair Dr. Kath made a motion to approve. Mr. Bentkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Reinstatement:

The Board approved the following applicant for reinstatement:

- Applicant # 2519619

Mr. Simonton made a motion to approve. Ms. Carr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Reciprocity:

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

Licensee	City, State
Schatzman, Robert Edwin, III	Cocoa, Florida
Peurify, James Ackerman	Walterboro, South Carolina
Robinson, James Daniel	Bonnors Ferry, Idaho

Mr. Simonton made a motion to approve. Ms. Carr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Licenses Issued July 29, 2015 - December 1, 2015:

The Board reviewed the list of applicants that have been previously reviewed and approved for licensure from July 29, 2015 - December 1, 2015. A motion to approve was made to ratify the list as presented by Mr. Simonton. Mr. Bentkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

License No	Licensee
PG002180	Nelson, Thomas Mac
PG002182	Olson, James Donavon
PG002183	Gordon, Debbie Warner
PG002184	Clifford, Martin E
PG002185	Hedlund, Charlotte Lee
PG002186	Beasley, Ernest William, IV

Mr. Bentkowski made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of the July 29, 2015 Board meeting with edits suggested by Senior Assistant Attorney General Janet Jackson and Executive Director Mr. Mickler. Mr. Simonton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Executive Director's Report:

Executive Director 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, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, and Forestry.

Mr. Mickler discussed the upgrades that are taking place to enhance service both online and in the call center.

Other Business:

Vice Chair Dr. Kath initiated an update of the internal communication information for the Board.

Vice Chair Dr. Kath made the Board aware of an external communication issue regarding the online system for licensing renewal.

Vice Chair Dr. Kath updated the Board on the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) State Summary Report and provided the physical *ASBOG Annual Meeting November 11-14, 2015*, book for Board references.

The Board unanimously agreed that they would like to put out a position statement regarding the EPA's rule of the disposal of Coal Combustion Residue from Electric Plants. Janet Jackson, Senior Assistant Attorney General suggested that the Board post their position of the EPA's rule on their website for public viewing. Vice Chair Dr. Kath will draft an e-mail regarding the Board's position of the EPA's rule to be sent to all current Geologists licensees at a later date.

Vice Chair Dr. Kath will notify the Board for upcoming ASBOG related meetings.

The Board made a decision to have the next meeting in person which is scheduled for February 3, 2016.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, at 12:15 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Recorded by Regina Saponari

Reviewed by Darren Mickler

Lillian Furlow, Chair

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Date Approved by the Board