

Georgia State Board of Professional Geologists Meeting
March 10, 2021
Open Session Minutes

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held on **Wednesday, March 10, 2021** via Zoom meeting.

Board Members:

Mr. Ken Simonton, PG
Dr. Jim Kennedy, III, PG, ex-Officio
Ms. Martha Carr, PG
Mr. Ben Bentkowski, PG
Mr. James “Bubber” Epps, Consumer Member
Dr. Randy Kath, PG, Vice Chairperson

Board Members Absent:

Ms. Lillian Furlow, PG, Chairperson

Staff Members:

Mr. Darren Mickler, Executive Director
Ms. Ava Walker, Licensure Analyst
Mrs. Logan M. Wilson, Board Support Specialist

Absent Staff:

Ms. Alison Spencer, Assistant Attorney General

Call to Order:

Vice Chairperson Dr. Randy Kath established a quorum was present at 9:32 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

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The Board briefly spoke on active and inactive licensure status.

Vice Chairperson Dr. Randy Kath gave an update on ASBOG and face to face meetings in April.

Vice Chairperson Dr. Randy Kath gave an update on virtual meetings at universities and workshops, and also the possibilities of using a venter testing facility next year for exams.

Approval of Open Session Minutes:

Vice Chairperson Dr. Randy Kath presented a draft of the Open Session minutes from December 2, 2020. Ms. Martha Carr made a motion to accept the minutes with edits. Mr. Ben Bentkowski seconded that motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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Executive Session:

Mr. Ben Bentkowski made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:53 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k), 43-1-19(h), and 50-14-3, to deliberate on applications and investigative matters and to receive investigative reports. Mr. Bubber Epps seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

The Executive Session of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists meeting was closed at 10:49 a.m. and Chairperson Ms. 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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Approval of Executive Session Minutes:

Mr. Ben Bentkowski made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes from the December 2, 2020 Board meeting with edits. Dr. Jim Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Licenses Issued December 2, 2020 – March 8, 2021:

Mr. Bubber Epps made a motion for the Board to accept the list of licenses issued from December 2, 2020 – March 8, 2021. Ms. Martha Carr seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

license No	Licensee
PG002347	Michael Roth Loveland
PG002348	Mirian E Buzon
PG002349	Scott Karl Becker
PG002350	Ashley Jo Butterfield
PG002351	Christopher Matthew Cox
PG002352	William Robert Dunn, III
PG002353	William Anthony Ellison
PG002354	Taylor Norris Payne
PG002355	Markevious Lamar Thomas
PG002356	Ken E Guilbeault
PG002357	Karl Peter Hopfensperger
PG002358	Katherine Charlotte Muller
PG002359	Jackson Phelps Partlow
PG002360	John William King
PG002361	Richard Dvoracek Anthony

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Applications:

No Applications were presented to discuss at this time.

Complaints:

No Complaints were brought before the Board to discuss at this time

Attorney General Report:

No cases were presented at this time.

Executive Director Report:

Executive Director Mr. Darren Mickler updated the Board on changes at the Secretary of State. Staff will continue working remotely until further notice.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, at 10:57 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists is scheduled for June 2, 2021 via Zoom.

Minutes recorded by: Mrs. Logan M. Wilson, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by: Mr. Darren Mickler, Executive Director

Ms. Lillian J. Furlow, Chairperson

Mr. Darren Mickler, Executive Director

Minutes Approved On: June 2, 2021