

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS
Board Meeting: June 6, 2018
Open Session Minutes**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held on **Wednesday, June 6, 2018**, at the office of Professional Licensing Boards (PLB) Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

Mr. Ken Simonton, PG
Dr. Jim L. Kennedy, III, PG, ex-Officio
Mr. Ben Bentkowski, PG
Ms. Martha Carr, PG
Dr. Stephen Henderson, Consumer Member
Dr. Randy Kath, PG, Vice Chairman
Ms. Lillian J. Furlow, PG, Chairperson (via teleconference)

Board Staff present:

Darren Mickler, Executive Director
Logan Malcom, Board Support Specialist
Janet Jackson, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Call to Order:

Chairperson Ms. Lillian Furlow established a quorum was present at 9:30 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

Open Session:

The Board made changes to the Agenda to cover issues the Board members wished to discuss.

Approval of Open Session Minutes:

Chairperson Ms. Lillian Furlow presented a draft of the Open Session minutes from February 7, 2018. Dr. Randy Kath made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Ben Bentkowski seconded that motion.

The Board briefly discussed the Board's current statute and the use of the terms Geologist, Registered Geologist, the public practice of Geology, the qualifications of licensed Geologists, registration requirements, and the clarification of titles. Mr. Ben Bentkowski volunteered to look at changing the statute regarding using the title "Professional Geologist" rather than Registered Geologist", clarifying the definition of the public practice of geology, rewording the statute regarding gender references, and the reviewing licensing exemptions which involve changes to O.C.G.A. §§ 43-19-3, 43-19-10 and 43-19-24. Executive Director Darren Mickler and Vice Chairman Dr. Randy Kath will also review the draft of changes and then send it to AAG Jackson for review. Attorney General Janet Jackson will look into the possibility of creating a "Geologist In Training (GIT)" designation for the Board.

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The Board briefly discussed the exemption of certain license renewal requirements, once a licensee becomes a certain age. Chairperson Ms. Lillian Furlow is to work with Attorney General Janet Jackson on drafting such a rule.

Vice Chairman Dr. Randy Kath will draft a response to the letter received from the American Institute of Professional Geologists (“AIPG”) about the proposed new AIPG membership category of “Nationally Accredited Professional Geologist.” The response will inform the AIPG that if a licensee is going to be licensed and working in the state of Georgia, the individual will come before the Board to obtain licensure. Executive Director Darren Mickler will review the letter, and send the response on the Secretary of State letterhead.

Dr. Kath reported on the ASBOG meeting held in April 2018 in Atlanta and the next ASBOG Administrative Workshop Annual Meeting to be held November 1-3, 2018 in Monterey, California. Vice Chairman Dr. Randy Kath, Ms. Martha Carr, and Chairperson Ms. Lillian Furlow plan to attend.

After a discussion by Board members about revising the application for license reinstatement, Executive Director Darren Mickler will finalize the changes the Board has decided to make to the Reinstatement Application.

Executive Session:

Mr. Ben Bentkowski made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 11:34 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. Ken Simonton seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included: Chairperson Ms. Lillian Furlow, Dr. Jim Kennedy, Ms. Martha Carr, Dr. Stephen Henderson and Vice Chairman Dr. Randy Kath.

The Executive Session of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists meeting was closed at 12:16 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.

Open Session

Approval of Executive Session Minutes:

Vice Chairman Dr. Randy Kath made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes from the November 15, 2017 Board meeting. Mr. Ben Bentkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Licenses Issued February 7, 2018 – June 6, 2018:

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The Board reviewed the following list of applicants that were previously reviewed and administratively approved for licensure. Vice Chairman Dr. Randy Kath made a motion to ratify licenses issued from February 7, 2018 – June 6, 2018. Mr. Ken Simonton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

license No	Licensee
PG002268	Brian Anthony Rafferty
PG002269	Anthony James Edwards
PG002270	Christopher Allen Tisdale
PG002271	Maurice James Fagan, IV
PG002272	David Benjamin Dubose
PG002273	John Victor Hanna
PG002274	James Harris Powell, Jr

Applications:

Dr. Randy Kath made a motion to deny the following applications, Ken Simonton seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

APP2715118 – The applicant was denied for reciprocity. Applicant needs to verify licensure and provide proof of passing part 2 of the examination.

APP2714245 – The applicant was denied for reinstatement. The Board requests that the applicant provide more information.

Complaints:

There were no complaints presented to the Board at this time.

Attorney General Report:

Senior Assistant Attorney General Janet Jackson had no current/pending cases to present to the Board at this time.

Executive Director Report:

Executive Director Darren Mickler presented a Policy to the Board from the February 2, 2011 Board meeting minutes about reinstatement applicants retaking the licensing examination if the license has been lapsed for 4 or more years. The Board decided to review the policy at the next Board meeting and discuss a possible rule change.

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Adjournment:

There being no further business, at 12:23 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologist is scheduled for December 5, 2018 in Macon.

Minutes recorded by:

Logan Malcom, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Darren Mickler, Executive Director

Ms. Lillian Furlow, Chairperson

Darren Mickler, Executive Director

Minutes Approved On: December 5, 2018