

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS
Board Meeting: March 6, 2019
Open Session Minutes**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held on **Wednesday, March 6, 2019**, 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 Kennedy, III, PG, ex-Officio
Ms. Martha Carr, PG
Dr. Stephen Henderson, Consumer Member
Dr. Randy Kath, PG, Vice Chairperson
Ms. Lillian Furlow, PG, Chairperson

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Ben Bentkowski, PG

Board Staff present:

Mr. Darren Mickler, Executive Director
Ms. Ava Walker, Licensure Analyst
Ms. Logan Malcom, Board Support Specialist
Ms. Alexis Hardy, Trades 1 Board Temp
Ms. Alison Spencer, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Call to Order:

Chairperson Ms. Lillian Furlow established a quorum was present at 9:36 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

Open Session:

Approval of Open Session Minutes:

Chairperson Ms. Lillian Furlow presented a draft of the Open Session minutes from December 5, 2018. Vice Chairperson Dr. Randy Kath made a motion to accept the minutes as edited. Chairperson Ms. Lillian Furlow seconded that motion.

Vice Chairperson Dr. Randy Kath briefly discussed modifying rule 265-5-.02 to include an electronic seal. Vice Chairperson Dr. Randy Kath also briefly discussed updating the PG stamp template on the Board website for 265-4-.07.

Vice Chairperson Dr. Randy Kath briefly discussed Geologist In-Training program, Certified Groundwater Professional regulations.

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Chairperson Ms. Lillian Furlow discussed the annual ASBOG meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Executive Director Darren Mickler is interested in attending.

The Board briefly discussed the evaluation of non-US degrees and licensure reinstatements.

Executive Session:

Mr. Ken Simonton made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 11:02 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. Dr. Stephen Henderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included: Chairperson Ms. Lillian Furlow, Vice Chairperson Randy Kath, Dr. Jim Kennedy and Ms. Martha Carr.

The Executive Session of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists meeting was closed at 11:02 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 Chairperson Dr. Randy Kath made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes from the December 5, 2018 Board meeting as edited. Mr. Ken Simonton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Licenses Issued December 5, 2018 – March 6, 2019:

The Board reviewed the following list of applicants that were reviewed in Executive Session and administratively approved for licensure. Ms. Martha Carr made a motion to ratify licenses issued from December 5, 2018 – March 6, 2019. Vice Chairperson Dr. Randy Kath seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

	license No	Licensee
1	PG002289	John Charles Abbott
2	PG002290	Thomas Chapman Brackett
3	PG002291	Eron Joseph Dodak
4	PG002292	Kimberly Anne Kesler-Arnold
5	PG002293	Richard Alan Mayer, Jr
6	PG002294	Daniel Peter Hegrenes
7	PG002295	David Anthony Hannam
8	PG002296	Matt Stephen Callihan
9	PG002297	Vanessa Ann Donnelly

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10	PG002298	Brandon Keith North
11	PG002299	Karen Sue Tefend
12	PG002300	Charles Landon Woodall
13	PG002301	Jason Todd Ricks
14	PG002302	Stephen Grant Watkins
15	PG002303	Joseph A Goings
16	PG002304	William Grady Noland
17	PG002305	Amy Teresa Twitty

Applications:

Vice Chairperson Dr. Randy Kath made a motion to approve the following applications, Dr. Stephen Henderson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously:

APP2772971 – approved for reciprocity

APP2782992 – approved for Part 1 of the Geology exam.

Vice Chairperson Dr. Randy Kath made a motion to deny the following application, Dr. Stephen Henderson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously:

APP2785689 – applicant denied for examination Part 1. Must complete appropriate courses needed to take exam, or receive Geology degree.

Complaints:

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

Attorney General Report:

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

Executive Director Report:

Executive Director Darren Mickler had no current/pending cases to report to the Board at this time.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, at 11:38 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

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The next Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologist is scheduled for June 5, 2019 in Macon.

Minutes recorded by: Ms. Logan Malcom, Board Support Specialist

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

Ms. Lillian J. Furlow, Chairperson

Darren Mickler, Executive Director

Minutes Approved On: June 5, 2019