

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION  
FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS  
Board Meeting: June 5, 2019  
Open Session Minutes**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held on **Wednesday, June 5, 2019**, at the office of Professional Licensing Boards (PLB) Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

**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  
Mr. Ben Bentkowski, PG

**Board Staff present:**

Mr. Darren Mickler, Executive Director  
Ms. Ava Walker, Licensure Analyst  
Ms. Charlotte Mason, Licensure Supervisor  
Ms. Ashley Elander, Trades 1 Board Temp  
Ms. Alison Spencer, Senior Assistant Attorney General (Via Teleconference)

**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 March 6, 2019. Ms. Martha Carr made a motion to accept the minutes as edited. Vice-chairperson Dr. Randy Kath seconded that motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Dr. Randy Kath opened the discussion regarding electronic stamps and proposing some language to be added to the Board Rule. Senior Assistant Attorney General Alison Spencer pointed out that a statutory change may be required in order to change the Rule. Dr. Randy Kath made a motion to have Ms. Spencer review O.C.G.A. §43-19-19 to see if an electronic seal is allowed. Dr. Stephen Henderson seconded the motion and the Board voted in favor of the motion unanimously.

Dr. Randy Kath led a discussion regarding Geologists- in- Training. Creating this certification may require a statute change. The Board has tabled this discussion.

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Dr. Randy Kath continued on with a discussion on the benefits of continuing education requirements for licensure. He will provide the Board with more information in preparation for further discussion at the next Board meeting.

The Board had a brief discussion on cleaning up statute language and converting application forms to fillable PDFs or as online applications. Dr. Randy Kath shared news of an ASBOG disciplinary database that will be available to all Boards.

**Executive Session:**

Mr. Ben Bentkowski made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 11:16 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. The Board voted in favor of the motion unanimously.

The Executive Session of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists meeting was closed at 11:42 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. Dr. Stephen Henderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Licenses Issued March 6, 2019 – June 5, 2019:**

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

	License No.	Licensee
1.	PG002306	Robert Curtis Workman
2.	PG002307	Chelsea Miriam Curl
3.	PG002308	Nicholas Jarrad McMillan
4.	PG002309	Mark Christopher Padgett
5.	PG002310	Andreas Stefan Shoredits

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**Applications:**

There were no recommendations to vote on at this time.

**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 11:52 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologist is scheduled for December 4, 2019 in Macon.

Minutes recorded by:

Ms. Ava Walker, Licensure Analyst

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Mr. Darren Mickler, Executive Director

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Ms. Lillian J. Furlow, Chairperson

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Darren Mickler, Executive Director

Minutes Approved On: December 4, 2019