

## **CONFIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

<p><b>Georgia State Board of Professional Geologists Board Meeting</b> <b>December 4, 2019</b> <b>Open Session Minutes (Not Open To The Public)</b></p>
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A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held on **Wednesday, December 4, 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 (via teleconference)
- Ms. Lillian Furlow, PG, Chairperson
- Mr. Ben Bentkowski, PG

**Board Staff present:**

- Mr. Darren Mickler, Executive Director
- Ms. Ava Walker, Licensure Analyst
- Ms. Alison Spencer, Assistant Attorney General

**Call to Order:**

Chairperson Ms. Lillian Furlow established a quorum was present at 9:33 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 June 5, 2019. Mr. Ben Bentkowski made a motion to accept the minutes as edited. Dr. Stephen Henderson seconded that motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Assistant Attorney General Alison Spencer recommended the Board go through a statute change to allow electronic sealing.

Ms. Lillian Furlow and Dr. Randy Kath briefly discussed the Geologist in Training (GIT). In order for the Geologist in Training to become a license type, it will first have to go through Georgia Occupational Regulation Review Council (GORRC).

Dr. Randy Kath updated the Board of the recent November 2019 annual ASBOG meeting. The upcoming Spring ASBOG meeting will take place in Cheyenne, Wyoming April 9-11, 2020.

Dr. Randy Kath briefed the Board on considering continuing education for licensed geologists in Georgia.

Executive Director Darren Mickler briefly discussed with the Board fillable PDFs, and the Secretary of State clean up language.

Dr. Randy Kath briefly discussed the AGI Geoscience for American's Critical Needs and associated papers AGI is issuing.

Ms. Lillian Furlow discussed revising the Georgia Status Report.

### **Executive Session:**

Ms. Martha Carr made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 10:55 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. Ben Bentkowski 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 11:48 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:**

Mr. Ken Simonton made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes from the June 5, 2019 Board meeting as edited. Dr. Stephen Henderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Licenses Issued June 5, 2019 – December 4, 2019:**

The Board reviewed the list of applicants below that were reviewed in Executive Session and administratively approved for licensure. Dr. Stephen Henderson made a motion to ratify licenses issued from June 5, 2019 – December 4, 2019. Mr. Ben Bentkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

	License No.	Licensee
1.	PG002311	Samuel Ray Wakefield
2.	PG002312	Adam Springer
3.	PG002313	James Bradley Anders

**Applications:**

There were no recommendations to vote on applications by the Board at this time.

**Complaints:**

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

**Attorney General Report:**

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 updated the Board that Board staff have taken over responsibility of the Georgia State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. He also informed the Board that Licensing Supervisor Charlotte Mason would be transferring to another division within the Secretary of State Public Licensing Board office.

**Other Items:**

The Board briefly discussed the ASBOG Disciplinary Database and its purpose.

Ms. Lillian Furlow mentioned there have only been 18 Georgia PG complaints closed since 1998.

Mr. Ben Bentkowski made a motion for the Board to accept the proposed Joint Secretary Rule for inactive status and lapsed late renewals. Ms. Martha Carr seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Martha Carr made a motion for the Board to accept the following 2020 Board meeting dates. Mr. Ben Bentkowski seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**2020 Board Meeting Dates:**

March 11, 2020

June 3, 2020

December 2, 2020

Ms. Martha Carr made a motion for the Board to reappoint Ms. Lillian Furlow as Chairperson, and Dr. Randy Kath as Vice Chairperson for the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologist for 2020. Dr. Stephen Henderson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Lillian Furlow recommends the Board evaluate updating the fee schedule in the future to be in more alignment with other states.

**Adjournment:**

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

The next Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologist is scheduled for March 11, 2020 in Macon.

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

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: March 11, 2020