

**Georgia State Board of Professional Geologists Teleconference Meeting  
June 3, 2020  
Open Session Minutes**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held on **Wednesday, June 3, 2020** via Zoom meeting.

**Board Members:**

Mr. Ken Simonton, PG  
Dr. Jim Kennedy, III, PG, ex-Officio  
Ms. Martha Carr, PG  
Dr. Randy Kath, PG, Vice Chairperson  
Ms. Lillian Furlow, PG, Chairperson

**Board Members Absent:**

Mr. James “Bubber” Epps, Consumer Member  
Mr. Ben Bentkowski, PG

**Staff Members:**

Mr. Darren Mickler, Executive Director  
Ms. Ava Walker, Licensure Analyst  
Jasmine Dorn, Licensure Analysis  
Ms. Logan Malcom, Board Support Specialist  
Ms. Alison Spencer, 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 March 11, 2020. Vice Chairperson Dr. Randy Kath made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Chairperson Lillian Furlow seconded that motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Vice Chairperson Dr. Randy Kath briefly discussed the Professional Development Online Survey. The Board agreed to publish this information on the State’s website.

Vice Chairperson Dr. Randy Kath briefly discussed the ASBOG questionnaire regarding CEU’s.

April 2020 Geology exams cancelled due to Covid-19. Secretary of State staff needs to ensure State facility can house all test takers in October 2020 with required safety precautions in place.

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Vice Chairperson Dr. Randy Kath briefly discussed the ASBOG 2-week deadline, and posting the dates on the homepage of the SOS website.

Vice Chairperson Dr. Randy Kath briefly discussed publishing geological maps of the state (prepared by a University) on EPD Website then link the information to the States website.

The Board briefly discussed Georgia Geological Society.

**Executive Session:**

Vice Chairperson Dr. Randy Kath made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 11:05 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 unanimously in favor of the motion.

The Executive Session of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists meeting was closed at 11:33 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 March 11, 2020 Board meeting as presented. Dr. James Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Licenses Issued March 11, 2020 – June 3, 2020:**

There were no licenses issued during this time.

**Applications:**

There were no applications to present to the Board at this time.

**Complaints:**

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

**Attorney General Report:**

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

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**Executive Director Report:**

Executive Director Mr. Darren Mickler had no information to update the Board on.

**Other Items:**

June 6, 2018 Executive Director Darren Mickler pulled February 2, 2011 Board minutes regarding a lapse of license of 4 years or greater the applicant will be required to retake Part 2 of the ASBOG exam.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, at 11:37 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists is scheduled for December 2, 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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Mr. Darren Mickler, Executive Director

Minutes Approved On: December 2, 2020