

Georgia State Board of Professional Geologists Meeting
December 2, 2020
Open Session Minutes

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held on **Wednesday, December 2, 2020** via Zoom meeting.

Board Members:

Mr. Ken Simonton, PG
Dr. Jim Kennedy, III, PG, ex-Officio
Ms. Martha Carr, PG
Ms. Lillian Furlow, PG, Chairperson
Mr. Ben Bentkowski, PG

Board Members Absent:

Mr. James “Bubber” Epps, Consumer Member
Dr. Randy Kath, PG, Vice Chairperson

Staff Members:

Mr. Darren Mickler, Executive Director
Ms. Ava Walker, Licensure Analyst
Mrs. Logan M. Wilson, Board Support Specialist
Ms. Alison Spencer, 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 briefly spoke on the passing of a previous Board member, and the database for upcoming testing.

Ms. Ava Walker spoke on the latest Geologist test held at the Secretary of State and informed the Board everything went smoothly.

Chairperson Ms. Lillian Furlow informed the Board she would be starting new employment soon.

There was a short discussion on inactive or retired status. Additionally, there was a request to put the CEU survey results on the website.

Approval of Open Session Minutes:

Chairperson Ms. Lillian Furlow presented a draft of the Open Session minutes from June 3, 2020. Mr. Ben Bentkowski made a motion to accept the minutes with edits. Mr. Ken Simonton seconded that motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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Executive Session:

Mr. Ben Bentkowski made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:53 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.

Mr. Ben Bentkowski left the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

The Executive Session of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists meeting was closed at 10:36 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:

Ms. Martha Carr made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes from the June 3, 2020 Board meeting with edits. Dr. James Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Licenses Issued June 3, 2020 – December 2, 2020:

Dr. Jim Kennedy made a motion for the Board to accept the list of licenses issued from June 3, 2020 – December 2, 2020. Mr. Ken Simonton seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

license No	Licensee
PG002337	Kyle William Romens
PG002338	Timothy James Hill
PG002339	Alec Todd Black
PG002340	Caitlin L. Current
PG002341	Mark Alan Hutson
PG002342	Kathryn Estelle O’Gorman
PG002343	Alan K Stagg
PG002344	John Thomas Lembcke
PG002345	Donald E. Jones
PG002346	Shane Austin Chasteen

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Applications:

2905964 – The Board agrees to issue a Letter of Concern to the applicant.

2889221 – The Board discussed the need for further education review and directed staff to communicate with the Applicant.

Complaints:

The Board briefly discuss the BGCL case, requesting and update from Investigations.

Attorney General Report:

Assistant Attorney General Ms. Alison Spencer briefly discussed the Military and Spouse Rule which there will be a public hearing to follow.

Executive Director Report:

Executive Director Mr. Darren Mickler updated the Board on changes at the Secretary of State. Staff will continue working remotely until further notice. Staff will work on ways to have Investigative hearings in person.

Mr. Ken Simonton made a motion for the Board to accept the dates listed below for the 2021 Board meetings. Dr. Jim Kennedy seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2021 Board Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Adjournment:

There being no further business, at 10:46 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists is scheduled for March 20, 2021 via Zoom.

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Minutes recorded by: Mrs. Logan M. Wilson, Board Support Specialist

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

Ms. Lillian J. Furlow, Chairperson

Mr. Darren Mickler, Executive Director

Minutes Approved On: March 10, 2021