

Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists



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MINUTES Board Meeting Monday, October 27, 2008

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 27, 2008, at the Board office in Montgomery, Alabama. A quorum was present. Board members in attendance were Mr. J. Mark Tanner (Chair), Mr. Robert B. Carr, III (Vice-Chair), Ms. Dorothy Malaier, (Secretary/Treasurer), Mr. Markel Wyatt, Member and Ms. Marsha J. Andrews, Member. Not present were Dr. Berry (Nick) Hearn Tew, Jr., Member and Dr. David T. King, Jr., Member. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Ms. Mary Windom (Board Counsel), and Ms. Hope Paulene (Executive Assistant).

The meeting was advertised to the public in the *Montgomery Advertiser* and posted on the Board's website (www.algeobd.alabama.gov) as well as the Secretary of State's website (www.sos.state.al.us) as required by the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the August 7, 2008 meeting. Mr. Carr made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Malaier and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Secretary's report, which included the following statistical information:

- A) Number of Licensees (As of October 27, 2008)
 - 1. Professional Geologists (PGs): 547
 - a. Alabama (225)
 - b. Out of State (322)
 - 2. Geologist-In-Training (GITs): 7
 - 3. Temporary Licensees: 1
(Current)

- B) FY 2007-2008 Budget Info
 - 1. Budget Authorized \$60,000.00
 - 2. Expenditure Vouchers (10/15/07—9/10/08): \$38,238.00

3. Deposits (10/4/07—9/25/08): \$37,850.00
 4. Current Cash Balance (As of 09/30/2008): \$53,421.94
- (These reports are available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes.)

Mr. Carr made a motion to note the Finance Committee's review of the Board's financial report, and accept the report as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Malaier, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Malaier made a motion to adopt the FY 08-09 Board Calendar was presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Andrews, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Carr made a motion for final adoption of the rules change of Chapter 364-X-4 as advertised in the *Administrative Monthly*. The motion was seconded by Ms. Andrews, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Tanner apprised the Board of delay in the printing of the newsletter due to the state awarding the printing contact to another vendor. The following articles are tentatively scheduled for publishing in the newsletter:

- a) Trends in Licensure – Licenses by State
- b) Memorial to Phil LaMoreaux
- c) Sunset Audit Article
- d) Alabama Geological Society Annual Field Trip
- e) Photos of Ms. Andrews & Mr. Thomas Bruner
- f) Board Calendar
- g) New Licensees

The Board discussed possible changes to the website to be more user-friendly and visually more appealing. Mr. Tanner, Ms. Malaier, and Ms. Andrews volunteered to research other state boards' websites and present their recommendations to the Board via PowerPoint presentation at the January meeting.

The Board reviewed and discussed the nominations for the Board Member Geotechnical/Environmental Engineering Position and Independent Geological Consultant Position.

For the Geotechnical/Environmental Engineering Position, the Board has selected the following licensees, (in an unranked order): Bashier Memon, Terry Rippstein, and Bill Shaughnessy.

For the Independent Geological Consultant Position, the Board has selected the following licensees, (in an unranked order): David Kendrick, Mary Wallace Pitt, and Abner Patton.

Pending contact with these licensees to confirm their willingness to serve, Mr. Warren will submit these names, along with resumes for each nominee to the Governor's Office, upon receipt.

The Board reviewed five (5) applications for licensure. Mr. Carr made a motion to approve applications for licensure as submitted. The motion was seconded by Ms. Malaier, and unanimously approved by the Board. (A list of the approved application(s) is attached to the Minutes.)

The Board reviewed nine (9) renewal applications, in addition to two (2) prior reviews and reported Professional Development Hours (PDH), along with supporting documentation provided by the licensees. The Board requested Ms. Paulene to draft a letter to be mailed to each licensee, who, based on the Board's review of supporting documentation, were determined by the Board to have unacceptable and/or insufficient PDHs.

Ms. Malaier informed the Board that ADEM has been informed by the Alabama Licensing Board for General Contractors that all projects over \$50,000 would required a licensed general contractor onsite. ADEM is working on meeting with the Alabama Licensing Board for General Contractors to discuss this issue further and she will inform the Board of any new developments. Mr. Warren also volunteered to contact the Director as well.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is January 15, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

The time being 12:10 p.m., and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy Malaier
Secretary/Treasurer