

# Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists



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## MINUTES Board Meeting Thursday, January 17, 2008

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:03 a.m. on Thursday, January 17, 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. Tom Bruner, Member, Dr. Berry (Nick) Hearn Tew, Member, Dr. David T. King, Jr., Member and Mr. Markel Wyatt, 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](http://www.algeobd.alabama.gov)) as well as the Secretary of State's website ([www.sos.state.al.us](http://www.sos.state.al.us)).

The Board reviewed the minutes from the October 18, 2007 meeting. Mr. Carr made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Dr. King and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Tew made a motion to note the Finance Committee's review of the Board's financial report, and accept the report as given. The motion was seconded by Dr. King, 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 January 17, 2008)
  - 1. Professional Geologists (PGs): 523
    - a. Alabama (220)
    - b. Out of State (303)
  - 2. Geologist-In-Training (GITs): 7
  - 3. Temporary Licensees: 2  
(Current)

- B) FY 2007-2008 Budget Info
1. Budget Authorized \$60,000.00
  2. Expenditure Vouchers (10/15/07—1/11/08): \$14,474.73
  3. Deposits (10/4/07—1/10/08): \$11,150.00
  4. Current Cash Balance (As of 12/31/07): \$52,998.48
- (These reports are available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes.)

In September, Mr. Warren submitted the following Board Appointments to the Governor's office: Reappointment of Dr. David T. King, Jr. (Academia Position), Reappointment of Mr. Thomas (Tom) E. Bruner (Mining Position), and nominees for Mr. Markel Wyatt's replacement (Business Position). Mr. Warren has not received any appointments as of yet.

Mr. Tanner informed the Board that he and Mr. Carr's appointments would be expiring as of September 30, 2008. The Board office plans to send out a notice of these available positions for Geotechnical/Environmental Engineering and Independent Geological Consultant Position to licensees for nominations via email. The Board will take nominations until Tuesday, April 1, 2008.

Dr. King made a motion that email be an official medium of correspondence of the Board. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tew, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Tanner addressed the questionnaire that all Board Members received from the Board of Examiners of Public Accounts. Each Board Member was encouraged by the Chair to answer the questionnaire honestly and express his/her personal thoughts. The deadline for the questionnaire to be returned to the Board of Examiners of Public Accounts is February 15, 2008.

Dr. Tew made a suggestion that the State Geologist position be made into an Ex-Officio Member of the Board. The Board agreed to take this suggestion under consideration for possible action at some later date.

Mr. Warren is currently preparing an official ABLPG Complaint Form and will email the draft to the Board upon completion.

Dr. King addressed the Board regarding his attendance to the Annual ASBOG Conference. (A copy of his report is available in the Board's Book of Minutes.)

The Board feels ASBOG does not provide enough information to students and their professors for students use in preparation for the examination, including sample questions and study references. Mr. Warren agreed to communicate the Board's thoughts to ASBOG.

Mr. Tanner apprised the Board of the next newsletter. The following articles are tentatively scheduled for publishing in the newsletter:

- a) Trends in Licensure – Licenses by State
- b) Article on the Board Member Appointments
- c) Annual Field Trip
- d) ASBOG Report from Dr. King
- e) Continuing Education Opportunities
- f) Academic Informative Article
- g) Historic Gasoline Spills from USTs

Mr. Tanner will contact Mr. William McBryde regarding his work experience (obtained prior to receipt of a degree in geology) can not be counted toward experience for licensure, based on Code of Alabama, 1975 § 34-41-10 (2).

Mr. Warren and Ms. Paulene departed the meeting while Ms. Windom and the Board discussed the Invitation to Bid for Management Services specifications. Upon the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Warren and Ms. Paulene rejoined the meeting.

Dr. Tew departed the meeting at 12:20 p.m. due to a prior commitment.

The Board reviewed four (4) applications for licensure. Ms. Malaier made a motion to approve applications for licensure as submitted. The motion was seconded by Dr. King, and unanimously approved by the Board. (A list of the approved application(s) is attached to the Minutes.)

The Board reviewed six (6) renewal applications 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.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is April 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

The time being 1:00 p.m., and there being no further business, Mr. Bruner made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. King and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy Malaier  
Secretary/Treasurer

# Board Approved Applications for Licensure On January 17, 2008

## *Approved Geologist Licenses:*

Jeffery R. Day—Reciprocity from Florida

Jeff Richardson—Examination

Mark W. White—Reciprocity from Florida

Wanfang Zhou—Reciprocity from Kentucky