



## Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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### MINUTES

Board Meeting  
May 23, 2019

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was held on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama. Board members in attendance were Mr. Steve Castleman (member), Mr. Billy Cooch (member), Mr. Troy Perry, Jr. (member) and Mr. Richard Katz (new member). Board members not in attendance were Mr. John Milledge (member), Mr. Roger Chapman (member) and Dr. David Allison. Also in attendance were Ms. Hope Childers (Board Administrator) and Ms. Renee' Reames (recorder). The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Mr. Castleman, Board Chair.

The regularly scheduled meeting was advertised to the public 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.alabama.gov](http://www.sos.alabama.gov)), in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

Chairman Castleman presented the Board meeting minutes from the January 17, 2018 meeting and the March 4, 2019 called/special meeting for the Board's review and approval. A copy of the minutes was provided to the Board members prior to the meeting for their review. Mr. Katz made a motion to approve the January minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perry and unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Cooch made a motion to approve the March called/special meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perry and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Childers presented the Executive Secretary Report to the Board. She reported on the financial activities of the Board, as of April 30, 2019, to include a line item report of expenditures for this period.

#### FY 2019 Financial Information:

1. Revenue	\$32,875.00
2. Expenditure Vouchers	\$38,393.50
3. Cash Balance	\$25,318.98

Ms. Childers also reported on the number of licensees as of April 30, 2019, along with the Administrator's Report of activities performed by the staff since the last Board meeting. (copy of the Executive Secretary's report and Administrator's report are available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes):

#### Number of Licensees:

1. Professional Geologists (PGs): 571  
(comprised of 228 Alabama licensees and 343 out-of-state licensees)

2. Licenses not renewed (October 2018 through March 2019)	24
3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs)	12
4. Retired	16
5. Temporary License (current)	2

Ms. Childers reported that registration was open to apply to take the ASBOG exams scheduled in October. The Board discussed ways to be more visible to the licensing candidates and encourage licensing by welcoming the licensing candidates at the exam site or sending letters from the Board. The Board discussed the bell-curve formula used in determining the minimum score required to pass the exam. Chairman Castleman encouraged the members to participate in future meetings of the ASBOG Council of Examinations. The Board ask that the Executive Secretary to invite the ASBOG representative to an upcoming Board meeting to discuss the role of the Council of Examinations.

Mr. Cooch made the motion to approve the financial report as presented by Ms. Childers. The motion was seconded by Mr. Katz and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Perry made the motion to approve the Administrator's Report as presented by Ms. Childers. The motion was seconded by Mr. Katz and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Childers reported that responses had been poor to the two different emails that had been sent to licensees who attended the recent Continuing Education Program requesting satisfaction surveys be completed online about the program. The Board discussed the well-coordinated efforts by the CE Committee and sponsorships obtained. The Board discussed rotating the location of the Program and a special recognition of the 10<sup>th</sup> annual CE program planned in 2021 and extending an invitation to the State Geologist.

The Neathery Award was discussed by the Board. One nomination had been received from USA concerning Ms. Stephanie White. The Board requested that a formal transcript be requested to complete the process. The Board discussed various tangible benefits from receiving the Neathery award and recognition for the recipient. The Board agreed to sponsor Neathery recipients for the SWANA scholarship application. Other discussion included seeking sponsors at the Board-sponsored CE program to sponsor awards to the Neathery recipient. Mr. Katz made a motion to continue the Neathery Award discussion at the next Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cooch and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board discussed a previous question presented about Coastal Permits and the Board asked the Board's Legal Counsel to review this matter, seek comment from ADEM and present information at the next meeting for the Board's consideration.

The Board discussed Board terms and vacancies and any known interests by licensees to serve in the future on the Board.

The Board members reviewed 8 applications for licensing comprised of one (1) GIT, six (6) by reciprocity and one (1) by examination. Mr. Cooch made a motion to approve the 8 applications as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perry and unanimously approved by the Board (a list of the approved applications is available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes).

Chairman Castleman announced that the Board's next meeting was scheduled July 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business of the Board, Mr. Cooch made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perry and unanimously approved by the Board. Chairman Castleman adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephen P. Castleman  
*Board Chair*



Keith E. Warren  
*Executive Secretary*

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## Board Approved Applications for Licensure on May 23, 2019

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### *Approved Licenses:*

Alec Black—Licensure via Florida  
Neil J. Bukouricz—Licensure via Indiana  
Jacob G. Epperson—ASBOG Examination  
Robert E. Lee Garner—Licensure via Tennessee  
Dirk Grahl—Licensure via Pennsylvania  
Ron A. James—Licensure via Louisiana  
Jeffrey B. Lunceford—Licensure via Florida

### *Approved Geologist in Training License:*

Caleb M. Eldridge—Fundamentals of Geology Examination