



Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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MINUTES

Board Meeting

January 16, 2020 - Amended

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was held on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama. Board members in attendance were Mr. Steve Castleman (Board Chairman), Mr. Mr. Billy Cooch (member), Mr. Troy Perry, Jr. (member), Dr. David Allison (member) and Mr. Richard Katz (member). Board members not in attendance were Mr. Roger Chapman (member) and Mr. John Milledge (Vice Chair). Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Mr. Bill Garrett (Assistant Attorney General), Ms. Hope Childers (Board Administrator), Mr. Mike Weeks (Legislative Affairs) and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary). The meeting was called to order at 10:00 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), as well as the Secretary of State's website, (www.sos.alabama.gov), in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

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

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Secretary Report to the Board. He reported on the financial activities of the Board, as of December 31, 2019, which included a line item report of expenditures for this period.

FY 2019 Financial Information:

1. Revenue	\$11,200.00
2. Expenditure Vouchers	\$18,116.16
3. Cash Balance	\$22,955.46

Mr. Warren also reported on the number of licensees as of December 31, 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): 554
(comprised of 220 Alabama licensees and 334 out-of-state licensees)

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| 2. Licenses not renewed (July 2019 through December 2019) | 19 |
| 3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs) | 13 |
| 4. Retired | 17 |
| 5. Temporary License (current) | 1 |

The Board discussed the decline in revenue and asked for a financial analysis of the two-year licensing cycle. Mr. Warren indicated that he would review the financial situation and submit his recommendations to the Board. Mr. Cooch made the motion to approve the financial report as presented by Mr. Warren. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perry and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Childers provided a report on the ASBOG meeting held in November. Dr. Allison indicated interest in attending the Spring ASBOG COE meeting. Mr. Perry made a motion to approve Dr. Allison attending the ASBOG meeting on behalf of the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cooch and unanimously approved by the Board.

Chairman Castleman commented on the Coastal Permit request and a copy was provided to the members for their review prior to the meeting. During a review of the Board's statute, the Board agreed that the activities were geological in nature. The Board discussed ADEM's rules on the matter, which appear to have been written prior to the creation of the Professional Geologists Board. Mr. Garrett explained that the Board could issue a declaratory ruling. After some discussion, the Board concurred and asked Mr. Cooch to meet with ADEM on behalf of the Board about amending their rules or inviting them to attend a Board meeting to discuss the matter further.

Mr. Cooch, chairman of the CE committee, reviewed the preparations for the Board-sponsored CE program, planned for May 14, 2020, to be held at the Pelham Civic Complex. The Board concurred with the date and agreed to invite Senator Chambliss and the Sunset committee members to lunch during the CE program and invite Senator Waggoner to make opening comments. The Board continued to discuss plans for the CE program and possible presenters.

The Board agreed to consider holding Board meetings in other locations across the state to allow an opportunity for the public and geological students to attend meeting. This would allow students to become familiar with the licensing process. Chairman Castleman asked Dr. Allison to coordinate a meeting location at USA for the April Board meeting.

Mr. Warren presented the annual renewal of the Administrative Services contract with Warren & Company, Inc. He indicated that there were no changes to the contract. Mr. Katz made a motion to approve the Administrative Services contract for another year. The motion was seconded by Dr. Allison and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Allison reported on plans to solicit nomination for the 2020 Neathery Award.

Mr. Warren encouraged the Board members to attend the upcoming Board member training sponsored by the Alabama Department of Examiners of Public Accounts on January 29, 2020 in Montgomery.

The Board discussed Board member terms. Mr. Warren reported that four members' terms had expired. The Board discussed the various categories to be represented and eligible members to be reappointed. Mr. Katz indicated an interest in continuing to serve on the Board.

The Board members reviewed five (5) applications for licensing, which was comprised of one (1) GIT and four (4) PG applications. Dr. Allison made a motion to approve the 5 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 for April 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. More details about the meeting location would be provided to the Board and posted on the Board's and the Secretary of State's websites.

There being no further business of the Board, Mr. Katz made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Dr. Allison and unanimously approved by the Board. Chairman Castleman adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephen P. Castleman
Board Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Secretary

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Board Approved Applications for License on January 16, 2020

Approved Licenses:

Ken Guilbeault—Licensure via Florida
Derrick Rogers—ASBOG Examination
Jay H Knight—Licensure via California
Maxwell C. Scherff—ASBOG Examination

Approved Geologist in Training License:

Joe Boone Abbott, III—Fundamentals of Geology Examination