



Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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MINUTES

Board Meeting
July 13, 2023

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was held on Thursday, July 13, 2023 at the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama. The following members attended: Mr. Troy Perry, Jr. (Board Chair), Dr. Scott Brande (Vice Chair), Mr. Richard Katz (member), Mr. Chris Bryant (member), Ms. Leslie Noble (member), Mr. Russell Griebel (member attending virtually at 10:15 a.m.) and Dr. David King (Secretary/Treasurer attending virtually at 10:38 a.m.). Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Ms. Katherine Robertson (Assistant Attorney General attending virtually), Ms. Lora Evans (Executive Assistant) and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary). Chairman Perry called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. Mr. Warren called Board roll and indicated that a quorum was present to conduct business. Chairman Perry welcomed everyone in attendance.

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.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Chairman Perry presented for the Board's approval the Board meeting agenda for the July 13, 2023, regular meeting of the Board. A copy of the agenda was provided to the Board members prior to the meeting for their review.

MOTION: Dr. Brande made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously approved by the Board.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Perry presented for Board approval a copy of the Board's minutes from the April 13, 2023, meeting. A copy of the minutes was provided to the members prior to the meeting for their review. Mr. Warren commented on discussions at the April meeting and reported that four rules were re-published, and six rules were certified.

MOTION: Mr. Katz made a motion to approve the April minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Griebel joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Executive Secretary Report: Mr. Warren presented the Executive Secretary's Report to the Board. He reported on the financial activities in FY 2023 for the period ending June 30, 2023, which included a detailed listing of the obligations vs. budget for this same period.

Financial Information for fiscal year 2023:

1. Revenue	\$38,950.00
2. Expenditure Vouchers	\$36,946.62
3. Cash Balance	\$27,750.74

Mr. Warren also reported on the number of licensees for this same period:

1. Professional Geologists (PGs):	517
(comprised of 221 Alabama licensees and 296 out-of-state licensees)	
2. Licenses not renewed (January 2023 through June 2023)	59
3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs)	15
4. Retired	17
5. Temporary License (current)	1

The Board discussed the decline in the number of licensees which effected the fund balance. Mr. Warren reported that he would prepare and present at the fall meeting a proposal on the feasibility of resuming board-sponsored continuing education program for licensees. The Board discussed sponsorship by third parties to allow free participation by licensees and no cost to the Board.

MOTION: Mr. Katz made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Brande and unanimously approved by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Legislative Activities: Mr. Warren reported that the proposed bill concerning occupational boards had opposition and did not come forth in committee.

Update on Proposed Rules and Final Rules: Mr. Warren reported that four of the proposed rules considered for final adoption at the April Board meeting had been re-published and the public comment deadline would be in August. He explained that the six other rules approved as final rules were certified and would become effective in August. He commented on the improvements to the State's software program in filing rules.

Update on Coastal Permits: Mr. Warren reported that he did not write the letter to Mr. Brown and Mr. Kelly with ADEM, and he would contact ADEM's legal counsel in reapproaching the matter of ADEM rule changes.

Dr. King joined the Board meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Update on Board of Professional Soil Certifiers: Mr. Warren reminded the members that the matter of the two boards combing was presented by a former Geology Board member at an earlier meeting. He reported that the Board had not been formally approached by the Soil Certifiers Board about this matter. He reported that it appeared that the Soil Certifiers Board had approximately 51 licensees, with a \$100 licensing fee. Chairman Perry indicated that he would follow-up with Mr. Heller regarding this matter.

Nominations for Annual Neathery Award: Dr. Brande reported that one nomination for the Neathery Award was received from Auburn University for Ms. James A. Mayes. He reported that he and Dr. King had reviewed the nomination material on Ms. Mayes and recommended approval. The Board discussed recognition of Ms. Mayes in university publications and the feasibility of establishing social media accounts through various sources for Board visibility with college students, etc.

MOTION: Dr. Brande made the motion to award the Thornton L. Neathery Award for outstanding geology student in the State to Ms. James A. Mayes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Griebel left the meeting at 10:45 a.m. due to a scheduling conflict.

The Board discussed inviting Ms. Mayes to a future Board meeting to be held at Auburn University and making tentative plans to meet in Auburn in October and coordinate with the media in advance of the Board meeting. Mr. Warren reported that he would prepare a press release. Chairman Perry thanked Dr. King and Dr. Brande for their time and assistance.

Dr. King left the meeting at 11:10 a.m. due to a scheduling conflict.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Applications: Mr. Warren presented six (6) PG applications for the Board's review and approval.

Ms. Robertson left the meeting at 11:27 a.m. due to a scheduling conflict.

Following a review of the applications, Chairman Perry called for a motion to approve.

MOTION: Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the six Professional Geologist applications as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Brande and unanimously approved by the Board.

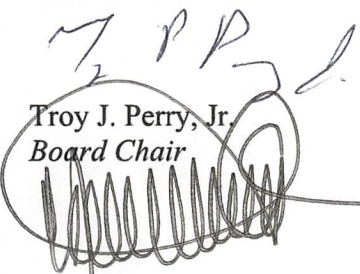
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Next Board Meeting: Chairman Perry announced that the Board's next meeting was scheduled October 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., with tentative plans to meet at Auburn University. Mr. Warren reported that he would coordinate with Dr. King about identifying a meeting location.

The Board briefly discussed plans by the Wetumpka Impact Crater Committee to promote the crater.

Adjournment: There being no further business of the Board, Mr. Katz made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Noble and unanimously approved by the Board. Chairman Perry adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Troy J. Perry, Jr.
Board Chair

Keith E. Warren
Executive Secretary

Approved October 12, 2023 (date)/rr 