



Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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MINUTES

Board Meeting
August 27, 2019

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was held on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama. Board members in attendance were Mr. Steve Castleman (Board Chairman), Mr. John Milledge (Vice Chair), Mr. Billy Cooch (member), Mr. Troy Perry, Jr. (member), Dr. David Allison (member) and Mr. Richard Katz (member). Board members not in attendance was Mr. Roger Chapman (member). Also in attendance were Ms. Hope Childers (Board Administrator), Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary), and Ms. Deana Sneyd, guest (ASBOG Executive Director). The meeting was called to order at 10:14 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 the Board meeting minutes from the May 23, 2019 meeting for the Board's approval. A copy of the minutes was provided to the Board members prior to the meeting for their review. Mr. Perry made a motion to approve the May minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cooch and unanimously approved by the Board.

Chairman Castleman welcomed Ms. Deana Sneyd, Executive Director of ASBOG. She spoke to the Board about the ASBOG Council of Examiner (COE) and work performed at the conferences in developing a valid defensible examination. She encouraged Board members to attend and participate in these conferences and announced that the next meeting was scheduled in November. Dr. Allison indicated that he was interested in attending the upcoming COE meeting. Mr. Perry made a motion to approve one Board member and one administrative staff member to attend the annual conference and COE meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Katz and unanimously approved by the Board. Ms. Sneyd also reported that ASBOG was developing a disciplinary database as a resource for member-states.

Ms. Childers presented the Executive Secretary Report to the Board. She reported on the financial activities of the Board, as of August 27, 2019, to include a line item report of expenditures for this period.

FY 2019 Financial Information:

1. Revenue	\$56,450.00
2. Expenditure Vouchers	\$55,177.87
3. Cash Balance	\$31,035.75

Ms. Childers also reported on the number of licensees as of June 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):	580
(comprised of 235 Alabama licensees and 345 out-of-state licensees)	
2. Licenses not renewed (January 2019 through June 2019)	69
3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs)	13
4. Retired	17
5. Temporary License (current)	1

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

The Board discussed the travel budget for 2020 and Mr. Cooch made the motion to amend FY 2020 travel budget up to \$4,500. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perry and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Cooch inquired about taking the practice examination prior to obtaining the required 5 years experience for licensure. Ms. Childers explained that there were no restrictions for taking the examination and experience to follow afterwards. Ms. Sneyd offered brochures on the examination timelines.

Chairman Castleman reported on the Coastal Permit request. A copy of the request was provided to the members and Chairman Castleman deferred further discussion until the next meeting when the matter could be reviewed with the Board's legal counsel.

The Board reviewed the survey results from the Board-sponsored CE Program held on April 18, 2019 and discussed the benefits of the comments.

Chairman Castleman asked for volunteers to serve on the CE committee in planning next year's program. Chairman Castleman named Mr. Cooch as committee chairman.

The Board discussed the applicant nominated for the annual Neathery award and Dr. Allison reported that the Board had received an unofficial transcript to include with her nomination information. Dr. Allison made a motion to modify the nomination criteria to accept a nominee's unofficial transcript. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perry and unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Castleman stated that he would draft a letter to Ms. Stephanie White, receipt of the 2019 Neathery Award and would mention the sponsorship for the SWANA scholarship application in the letter.

The Board discussed Board terms and vacancies. Mr. Perry made a motion to recommend Mr. Steltenpohl to fill the academia position. The motion was seconded by Mr. Katz and

unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Milledge made a motion to recommend Mr. Brande to fill the business position, if Mr. Brande agreed, and an alternate recommendation for Mr. Griebel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perry and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board members reviewed 11 applications for licensing comprised of one (1) GIT and ten (10) PG. Mr. Perry made a motion to approve the 11 applications as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Katz 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 October 17, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business of the Board, Chairman Castleman adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephen P. Castleman
Board Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Secretary

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