



## Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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### MINUTES

Board Meeting  
July 21, 2022

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was held on Thursday, July 21, 2022, at the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama. The following members attended onsite: Mr. Troy Perry, Jr. (Board Chair), Dr. Scott Brande (Vice Chair), Mr. Chris Bryant (member) and Mr. Richard Katz (member). Other members attending virtually were Mr. Russell Griebel (member) and Ms. Leslie Nobel (member). Member absent was Dr. David King (Secretary/Treasurer). Also in attendance were Ms. Hope Childers (Board Administrator) Ms. Katherine Robertson (Assistant Attorney General, attending virtually), and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary). Chairman Perry called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Ms. Childers called Board roll and indicated that a quorum was present to conduct business. Chairman Perry welcomed everyone attending.

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.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Chairman Perry presented for the Board's approval the Board meeting agenda for the July 21, 2022, regular meeting of the Board. A copy of the agenda was provided to the Board members prior to the meeting for their review and Chairman Perry reported that approval of applications would be considered at the beginning of the meeting. Dr. Brande made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Katz and, following a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved by the Board. Chairman Perry reported that a roll call vote had been established.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Perry presented for the Board's approval the Board minutes from March 3, 2022, regular meeting of the Board. A copy of the minutes was provided to the Board members prior to the meeting for their review. Mr. Griebel made a motion to approve the March minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Brande. Chairman Perry called for any objections to the motion, using the previous roll, and there were no objections to the motion. Chairman Perry stated the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

#### Review and Approval of Applications:

Ms. Childers presented 14 applications for the Board's approval, which consisted of ten (10) PG applications and four (4) GIT application for licensing. Following a review of the applications by the members, the motion was made by Mr. Katz to approve the 14 applications as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant. Chairman Perry called for any objections to the motion using the previous roll. There were no objections to the motion and Chairman Perry stated the motion was unanimously approved by the Board (a list of the approved applications is available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes).

Executive Secretary Report: Ms. Childers presented the Executive Secretary's Report to the Board. She reported on the financial activities for the period ending June 30, 2022, which included a line-item report of expenditures for this same period.

FY 2022 Financial Information for reporting period:

1. Revenue	\$26,275.00
2. Expenditure Vouchers	\$28,910.02
3. Cash Balance	\$25,687.27

Ms. Childers also reported on the number of licensees for this same period:

1. Professional Geologists (PGs):	516
(comprised of 209 Alabama licensees and 307 out-of-state licensees)	
2. Licenses not renewed (October 2021 thru June 2022)	27
3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs)	13
4. Retired	17
5. Temporary License (current)	0

Ms. Childers presented the Administrator's report on activities performed by staff. She reported that future ASBOG exams, following the October 7, 2022 exam, would be taken electronically by the candidates. The Board discussed interest in surveying the former licensees about reason for not renewing license, e.g., relocation, retired, and/or describe other reason(s).

Mr. Katz made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant. Chairman Perry called for any objections to the motion, using the previous roll, and there were no objections to the motion. Chairman Perry stated the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Update on Communications to Licensees regarding Licensure: Chairman Perry read aloud the proposed draft letter to licensees about the challenges the Board was facing to improve the Board's financial situation. Chairman Perry reported that he and Mr. Griebel would edit the letter for Board review and dissemination to licensees.

The Board also discussed developing an outreach program with universities to increase student interest in licensure and Chairman Perry commented on receiving Dr. King's presentation to be reviewed and considered by the Board in developing an outreach presentation.

2022 Neathery Award: Dr. Brande reported that two nominations had been received and were for Emma Henderson from the Auburn University and Paige Harvey from the University of South Alabama. The Board reviewed the nomination materials and Dr. Brande reported that the Board's committee, comprised of Dr. King and Dr. Brande, recommended both nominees be awarded the distinction of the 2022 Outstanding Geology Student. Dr. Brande made the motion to accept the recommendation that the Neathery Award be split between Emma Henderson and Paige Harvey as co-winners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Katz. Chairman Perry called for any objections to the motion, using the previous roll, and there were no objections to the motion. Chairman Perry stated the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board discussed action by previous Board members to recommend the Neathery Award Outstanding Student to the Alabama Geological Society for scholarship consideration and the Outstanding Student had been recognized at previous Board-sponsored CE events. The Board asked the staff to pursue coordination with the Alabama Geological Society and Dr. Brande volunteered to assist with developing a press release to universities, etc.

The Board discussed reviewing university courses to qualify students and encourage universities to offer pre-licensure exam in its graduation process. Chairman Perry tabled the conversation until the next Board meeting.

Update on Letter to ADEM on Coastal Permits: Chairman Perry indicated that he would contact ADEM regarding a response and that no response had been received from ADEM. The Board agreed that should the Board receive a complaint about an unlicensed individual performing work, the Board would investigate the matter based on Board's Rules.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Proposed Legislation (2023 Session): Chairman Perry commented on the ASBOG publication for Model Rules and Regulations, and he asked the Board members to review the publication before the next Board, at which time the Board would continue discussions about developing proposed legislation to present at the next Legislative Session that would begin in March 2023. He also suggested the members review other States' fees, statute requirements, etc. in advance of the next Board meeting.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS

Next Board Meeting: Chairman Perry announced that the Board's next meeting was scheduled October 20, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment: There being no further business of the Board, Dr. Brande made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Katz. Chairman Perry called for any objections to the motion, using the previous roll, and there were no objections to the motion. Chairman Perry stated the motion was unanimously approved by the Board and he adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Troy J. Perry, Jr.  
*Board Chair*

Keith E. Warren  
*Executive Secretary*

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