



## Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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### MINUTES Board Meeting Thursday, January 19, 2012

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:09 a.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2012, at the Board offices located at 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, Alabama. A quorum was present. Board members in attendance were Mr. Abner Patton (Vice-Chair), Dr. David T. King (Secretary/Treasurer), Mr. James Heller, Dr. Richard Esposito, Dr. Bashir Memon and Mr. Roger Chapman. Board member absent was Ms. Marsha Andrews. Also in attendance were Ms. Hope Paulene (Executive Assistant), Mr. Bill Garrett (Board Counsel), and Renee' Reames (assistant to Mr. Warren, Executive Secretary).

The 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.state.al.us](http://www.sos.state.al.us)), in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the October 13, 2011, meeting. Dr. Memon made a motion to accept the minutes, with the correction on page 3, to reflect that Mr. Patton had seconded the motion to approve applications. The motion was seconded by Dr. Esposito and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Paulene reported on the Board's financial activities, along with the Executive Secretary's report (these reports are available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes):

- A) Number of Licensees (as of January 18, 2012):
  - 1. Professional Geologists (PGs): 551
    - a. Alabama (223)
    - b. Out of State (328)
  - 2. Licenses not renewed (Oct.-Dec.) 8
  - 3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs): 2
  - 4. Temporary Licensees (current) 2
  
- B) FY 2011-2012 Financial Information
  - 1. Revenue \$11,900.00
  - 2. Expenditure Vouchers: \$11,620.20
  - 3. Cash Balance (as of 12/31/11): \$81,284.07

Mr. Chapman made a motion to accept the financial report, along with the Executive Secretary's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Esposito and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Esposito reported on the Board-sponsored CE program and distributed a draft of the agenda. The Board discussed tentative locations and dates, registration process, presenters and CE credits. Dr. Esposito will contact locations in Birmingham and send an update for Board's consensus.

The Board discussed proposed changes to the Rules creating a new category to obtain continuing education credits through mentoring programs. Dr. King presented a draft proposal for the Board members review. The Board discussed whether to classify mentoring programs under "other" or request Board approval prior to implementing mentoring program.

The Board discussed Exemptions from licensing and proposed changes in the statute. The Board discussed removing exemptions in the statute. Mr. Garrett explained the process for presenting changes to the statute. The Board agreed that further information was needed by comparing rules in other states. Dr. Esposito made a motion that the Mr. Warren explore making changes to the statute. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chapman and unanimously approved.

The Board also discussed the type of curriculum accepted for licensing.

Dr. King asked the Board members to review the PowerPoint presentation concerning orientation program for university students and provide him their recommendations.

Mr. Heller commented on the use of the licensed geologist's seal. Mr. Garrett reported that Rule 364-X-11-.03(1) states that "electronic or photostatic reproduction and use of a seal or stamp in lieu of the actual stamp or seal is prohibited."

The Board discussed legal cases concerning sand, gravel and limestone defined as not an ordinary natural mineral versus a reserved mineral. Mr. Garrett cited a case from 1979 and another in 1986.

The Board members commented on the on-line renewal process. Ms. Paulene reported that renewal notices through the end of March had been mailed out and that the on-line renewal process was still pending consensus of the Board. The Board agreed that Ms. Paulene would provide the Board members updated information from AI and inquire with AI about ownership of the data process. The Board agreed to discuss this matter further at the next meeting.

The Board discussed scheduling a special meeting to consider outstanding business of the Board and agreed to meet at the next regularly scheduled meeting

The Board reviewed ten (10) geologist applications for licensure and one (1) geologist-in-training. It was noted that a quorum was present.

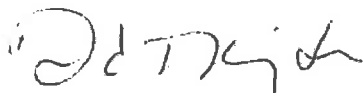
Dr. Esposito left the meeting at 12:12 p.m. due to a conflict.

Dr. Memon made a motion to approve the applications for licensure as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heller and unanimously approved by the Board (a list of the approved applications is available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes).

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is April 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business of the Board, the meeting was adjourn 12:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. T. King". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Dr. David T. King  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

## Board Approved Applications for License on January 19, 2012

### *Approved Geologist Licenses:*

Samuel P. Beckum—ASBOG Examination

Lisa M. Clark—Reciprocity from South Carolina

Joyce Sattler Dunkin—Reciprocity from Oregon

Jochen A. Floesser—ASBOG Examination

Trenton M. Godwin—ASBOG Examination

K. Jay Hornsby—Reciprocity from Georgia

Lauren Petty—ASBOG Examination

Robert Wyrick—Reciprocity from Mississippi

Harry Stephen Wild, Jr.—Reciprocity from Tennessee

Philip L. Glover—Reciprocity from Texas

### *Approved Geologist in Training Licenses:*

Kirk Ellison—ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology  
Examination