



Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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MINUTES

Board Meeting
March 3, 2022

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was held on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama. The following member attended onsite: Mr. Troy Perry, Jr. (Board Chair), Mr. Russell Griebel (member), Ms. Leslie Nobel (member) and Mr. Chris Bryant (member). Other members attending virtually were: Dr. Scott Brande (Vice Chair) and Dr. David King (Secretary/Treasurer). Member absent was Mr. Richard Katz. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Ms. Katherine Robertson (Assistant Attorney General, attending virtually), Ms. Hope Childers (Board Administrator) and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary). Chairman Perry called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. Mr. Warren 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), 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 March 3, 2022 regular meeting of the Board. A copy of the agenda was provided to the Board members prior to the meeting for their review. Mr. Griebel made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nobel and unanimously approved by the Board.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Perry presented for the Board's approval the Board minutes from October 7, 2021 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 October minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Brande and unanimously approved by the Board.

Executive Secretary Report: Mr. Warren presented the Executive Secretary's Report to the Board. He reported on the financial activities for the period ending February 28, 2022, which included a line-item report of expenditures for this same period. He reported on efforts to maintain minimum expenditures, continuing licensing activities and the Board continuing to pay half of the contractual management fees.

FY 2022 Financial Information for reporting period:

1. Revenue	\$14,200.00
2. Expenditure Vouchers	\$17,367.98
3. Cash Balance	\$25,694.31

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

1. Professional Geologists (PGs):	519
(comprised of 203 Alabama licensees and 316 out-of-state licensees)	
2. Licenses not renewed (July 2021 thru January 2022)	24
3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs)	12
4. Retired	17
5. Temporary License (current)	2

Dr. Brande made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Mr. Griebel seconded the motion and unanimously approved by the Board.

Old Business

Update on Communications to Licensees regarding Licensure: Mr. Griebel reported that he had not yet drafted the letter to licensees about the challenges for the Board to improve the Board's financial situation, sponsor a CE program at no charge to the licensees and attract more geologists into obtaining and/or maintaining a Professional Geologists license. The Board discussed developing strategies to increase the number of licensees, encouraging university programs to include licensure exam, data regarding eligible graduates, incentives for students to take exam and become licensed, etc.

The Board members agreed to submit any recommendations and presentation material toward developing an outreach program toward increasing licensure. Dr. King indicated that he would submit a PowerPoint presentation he had used previously in presentations. Mr. Warren indicated that he would work with the Board's Legal Counsel to draft proposed Rule changes regarding student incentives, examination fees, etc. He stated that in addition to the Board discussing obtaining data on graduates, he would begin a roster of exam students that resulted in in-state and out-of-state licensure.

Proposed Legislative Changes – Fees for Students: The Board discussed proposing changes to the statute, to present at the next Legislative Session, to include exemptions, fees, student incentives, electronic stamps, etc. The Board discussed reviewing other States' licensure requirements when considering future changes in the Board's statute. Chairman Perry asked the members to review the Board's statute and rules and recommend proposed revisions.

2022 Neathery Award – expanded list: Dr. King reported that the nomination solicitation letter for the Outstanding Geology Student in the State of Alabama had been modified, as previously approved, and a copy was provided to the members. He commented on individuals to be added to the extended list of university faculty members to receive the nomination solicitation letter, with a new May 2nd nomination deadline, rather than March 1st.

Ms. Robertson joined the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Update on Letter to ADEM on Coastal Permits: Chairman Perry indicated that no additional information was available at this time and deferred discussion to the next Board meeting.

New Business

Annual Renewal of Administrative Services Contract: Mr. Warren reported that the contract fees had been reduced by billing for services every other month and recommended the reduce rate

continue until the Board's financial situation improved. Dr. Brande made a motion to approve the Administrative Services contract for another year, with the reduced fees as recommended by Mr. Warren. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nobel and unanimously approved by the Board.

Proposed Rule for Applications for Spouses of Active Duty Military Personnel: Mr. Warren recommended that the proposed rule, 364-X-3-.05 Applications for Spouses of Active Duty Military Personnel, be approved. Following a review of the proposed rule, Ms. Nobel made the motion to approve the proposed new rule as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Griebel and unanimously approved by the Board.

Proposed Rule Change – Fees for Seals and Stamps: Mr. Warren recommended that the proposed rule, 364-X-4-.02 Fees, concerning adjusted fees for seals and stamps be approved due to the increase in fees from vendors providing the service. Following a review of the proposed rule, Dr. Brande made the motion to approve the fee increase from \$75 to \$100 for seals and stamps, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Griebel and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. King left the meeting (virtually) at 11:15 a.m. due to a conflict in scheduling.

Review and Approval of Applications:

Ms. Childers presented 11 applications for the Board's approval, which consisted of nine (9) PG applications and two (2) GIT application for licensing. Following a review of the applications by the members present, the motion was made by Ms. Nobel to approve the 11 applications, pending receipt of additional applicant information as discussed by the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Griebel and unanimously approved by the Board (a list of the approved applications is available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes).

Announcements and Other Business

Next Board Meeting:

Chairman Perry announced that the Board's next meeting was scheduled April 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. and reminded the members about the following meeting dates of July 21st and October 20, 2022.

There being no further business of the Board, Dr. Brande made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nobel and unanimously approved by the Board. Chairman Perry adjourned the meeting at 12:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Troy J. Perry, Jr.
Board Chair

Keith E. Warren
Executive Secretary

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