



Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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MINUTES

Board Meeting
October 27, 2022

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was held on Thursday, October 22, 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), Mr. Richard Katz (member) and Ms. Leslie Noble (member), and attending virtually was Dr. Scott Brande (Vice Chair). Members absent were Dr. David King (Secretary/Treasurer), Mr. Chris Bryant (member) and Mr. Russell Griebel (member). Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Ms. Katherine Robertson (Assistant Attorney General), Ms. Hope Childers (Board Administrator) and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary). Chairman Perry called the meeting to order at 10:24 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 October 27, 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. Katz made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Noble and unanimously approved by the Board.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Perry presented for the Board's approval the Board minutes from July 21, 2022 regular meeting of the Board. A copy of the minutes was provided to the Board members prior to the meeting for their review. Ms. Noble made a motion to approve the July minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Katz and unanimously approved by the Board.

Review and Approval of Applications:

Mr. Perry deferred review of applications until later in the meeting.

Executive Secretary Report: Mr. Warren presented the Executive Secretary's Report to the Board. He reported on the financial activities in FY 2022 for the period ending September 30, 2022, which included a line-item report of expenditures for this same period. He indicated that the financial information had been submitted to the Board's Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. King, for review.

Financial Information for fiscal year 2022:

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| 1. Revenue | \$38,575.00 |
| 2. Expenditure Vouchers | \$40,717.81 |
| 3. Cash Balance | \$25,747.36 |

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

1. Professional Geologists (PGs):	545
(comprised of 235 Alabama licensees and 310 out-of-state licensees)	
2. Licenses not renewed (January 2022 thru September 2022)	27
3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs)	17
4. Retired	15
5. Temporary License (current)	0

Mr. Warren presented the Administrator’s report on activities performed by staff. He reported that he was unable to attend the recent ASBOG meeting and reminded the Board that future ASBOG exams would be taken electronically by the candidates, rather than onsite at the Board’s office.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Coastal Permit: The Board discussed further steps to be taken to request ADEM to consider changing Ala. Admin. Code 335-8-2.09 to reflect work performed should be under the supervision of a Professional Geologists licensed to practice in Alabama. Ms. Robertson indicated that she would follow-up with the General Counsel of ADEM, after receiving the previous correspondence regarding this matter from Mr. Warren.

Update on Communications to Licensees regarding Licensure: Chairman Perry reported that he had spoken with a UA Advisory Board member concerning the University’s curriculum toward licensure. It was the consensus of the Board to coordinate scheduling 2023 Board meetings at universities with Geology Departments, e.g., University of Alabama, Auburn University and University of South Alabama, to promote student and faculty awareness of licensure. The Board discussed the comments received from licensees regarding the recent memorandum sent by the Board concerning Board expenses, licensing fees, etc.

Discussion of Proposed Rule 364-X-5-.01 Curricula Approved by the Board: Chairman Perry reported that Dr. King had submitted recommended changes to Rule 364-X-5-.01 for the Board’s consideration. The Board discussed changes consistent with course titles or to better define the courses and language to allow flexibility, e.g., *other courses approved by the Board*, to consider on a case-by-case basis. Ms. Robertson advised the Board to review the Board’s statute to determine authority to change curriculum. Chairman Perry tabled discussion on this matter to allow time for the members to review this matter further.

Discussion of Proposed 2023 Legislation: Chairman Perry lead discussion on considering proposed legislative changes to the Board’s statute. Reciprocity was discussed and Mr. Warren explained that continuing education was not included in reciprocity licensure, since CE was not required in other states, as was the case with age exemptions. He indicated that CE requirements for licensure must be met on a state-by-state basis. Chairman Perry recommended that the members review the ASBOG publication for Model Rules and Regulations, along with other States’ fees, statute requirements, etc.

The Board discussed updated that Board's Rules in the interim of approving changes to the statute for the 2024 Legislative Session. Chairman Perry called for volunteers to serve on the Rules Committee and the following members were appointed by Chairman Perry to serve with him on the Committee: Ms. Noble and Mr. Griebel. A Rules Committee meeting was tentatively planned on November 16, 2023. Chairman Perry encouraged the members to submit Rule recommendations to Mr. Warren in advance of the Rules Committee meeting scheduled in November.

2023 Proposed Meeting Calendar: Chairman Perry presented a list of proposed meeting dates for 2023 and Ms. Noble made the motion to approve the meeting dates of January 19, April 13, July 13 and October 12, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Katz and unanimously approved by the Board.

Annual Election of Board Officers: Chairman Perry reported that the annual election of Board officers was due. Mr. Katz made the motion that the current officers remain the same. The motion was seconded by Ms. Noble and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board discussed service terms of current members and the Board discussed the difficulties in fulfilling terms in some of the categories required in the statute.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Applications: Ms. Childers presented nine (9) applications for the Board's approval, consisting of PG applications. Following a review of the applications by the members, the motion was made by Mr. Katz to approve the 9 applications as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Brande 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 January 19, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

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 12:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Troy J. Perry, Jr.
Board Chair

Keith E. Warren
Executive Secretary

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