



Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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MINUTES

Board Meeting
January 11, 2024

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was held on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at the Geological Survey of Alabama located at 420 Hackberry Lane in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The following members attended: Mr. Troy Perry, Jr. (Board Chair), Ms. Leslie Noble (member), Mr. Chris Bryant (member) Dr. Scott Brande (member), and Mr. Richard Katz (member). Board members attending virtually were Mr. Russell Griebel (Board Vice Chair) and Dr. David King (Secretary/Treasurer). Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Mr. Dan Wisniewski (Assistant Attorney General-Legal Counsel attending virtually), Ms. Hope Childers (Board Administrator attending virtually), Ms. Angela Warr (Executive Assistant), and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary) and guests.

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 Perry called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. Mr. Warren called the Board member roll and indicated that a quorum was present to conduct business. Chairman Perry welcomed board members and guests in attendance and thanked Dr. Nick Tew for hosting the Board meeting on the campus of the University of Alabama. Introductions were made by guests attending the meeting and Chairman Perry spoke about the Board's outreach to the universities and encouraging licensure with the Board.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Perry presented for Board approval a copy of the Board's minutes from the October 12, 2023, meeting. A copy of the minutes was provided to the members prior to the meeting for their review. A correction was made to the minutes by removing Ms. Roberson and adding Mr. Daniel Wisniewski (Assistant Attorney General) to the list of attendees.

MOTION: Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the October minutes as corrected. 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 in fiscal year 2024 for the period ending December 31, 2023, which included a detailed listing of the obligations vs. budget for the same period.

Financial Information for the first three months of fiscal year 2024:

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| 1. Revenue | \$ 5,875.00 |
| 2. Expenditure Vouchers | \$12,725.39 |
| 3. Cash Balance | \$21,009.22 |

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

1. Professional Geologists (PGs):	515
(comprised of 214 Alabama licensees and 301 out-of-state licensees)	
2. Licenses not renewed (July 2023 through December 2023)	17
3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs)	14
4. Retired	18
5. Temporary License (current)	3

Mr. Warren commented on the slight increase in licenses and recent adjustment in licensing fees, providing an increase in revenue, which was the first adjustment in fees since the inception of the Board. He reminded the Board that the budget of \$75,000, remained the same as in the prior fiscal year.

MOTION: Mr. Katz made the motion to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Noble and unanimously approved by the Board.

Update on Coastal Permits: Mr. Warren reported that the Board’s legal counsel had spoken with the ADEM attorney and plans were to make an appointment to discuss the matter further about specifying Professional Geologists in ADEM’s regulations concerning Coastal Permits.

Planning for Board-Sponsored Continuing Education: Mr. Warren reported that he had no additional report at this time on the board-sponsored CE program. Chairman Perry asked that information about the planned CE program be posted on the Board’s website for licensees to make plans to attend the upcoming CE program tentatively to be scheduled between June and August in Pelham.

Planning for Board Outreach Speaking Program: The Board discussed outreach activities of the Board to include establishing ambassadors at the three universities, rotating Board meetings to be held on campuses, advocating for preparing for the ASBOB examination as part of academic course-work, re-distribution of the Board’s brochure, *Student Guide to Geological Licensure in Alabama*, etc. and speaking engagements to include using a modified version of Dr. King’s presentation on becoming a board member and licensure with the Board.

Neathery Award: The Board discussed establishing a deadline to solicit nominations for the 2024 Neathery Award and identifying financial sources, as partnerships with the Board, to include in the recognition and award of the Outstanding Geology Student in the State of Alabama.

MOTION: Dr. Brande made the motion to establish May 1, 2024, as the deadline for nominations for the Thornton L. “Tony” Neathery Award Outstanding Geology Student in the State of Alabama. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously approved by the Board.

Announcements:

Mr. Dane VanDervoort with the Geological Survey of Alabama spoke to the Board about the Critical Minerals symposium planned for February 2, 2024, on the University of Alabama campus. The Board requested that information announcing the symposium be posted on the Board’s website.

Dr. Nick Tew announced that the Core and Sample facility was being moved to a new building which had upgraded environmental conditions for preservation. The Board discussed the significance of the preservation of these nature resources and data.

Review and Approval of Applications for Licensure: Mr. Warren presented nine (9) Professional Geologist (PG) applications for the Board’s review and approval. Following a review of the applications, Chairman Perry called for a motion to approve (a copy available in the Board’s official Book of Minutes).

MOTION: Mr. Katz made a motion to approve 8 PG applications. The motion was seconded by Ms. Noble and unanimously approved by the Board.

MOTION: Dr. Brande made a motion to conditionally approve application from MRN, pending receipt of documents, if further review by the Board should not be required. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously approved by the Board.

Adjournment:

Next Board Meeting: Chairman Perry announced that the Board’s next meeting was scheduled for April 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., with tentative plans to meet at the Board’s office.

There being no further business of the Board, Mr. Katz made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Brande and unanimously approved by the Board. Chairman Perry adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Troy J. Perry, Jr.
Board Chair

Keith E. Warren
Executive Secretary

Approved on _____(date)/rr_____