



## Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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### MINUTES

Board Meeting  
July 10, 2025

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was held on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at the Board's office located at 2740 Zelda Road, in the third floor conference room, in Montgomery, Alabama. The following members attended: Mr. Chris Bryant (Board Chair), Ms. Leslie Noble (Board Vice Chair), Dr. David King (Secretary/Treasurer attending virtually), Dr. Scott Brande (member), Mr. Brad Jackson (member), Mr. Griffin Gatschet (member), and Mr. Alex Owen (member attending virtually). Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Mr. Matt Duggin (Assistant Attorney General- Board's Legal Counsel), Mr. Ben Seiss (Assistant Attorney General), Ms. Hope Childers (Board Administrator), and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary).

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.

Chairman Bryant called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Warren called the Board member roll and indicated that a quorum was present to conduct business.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Chairman Bryant presented a copy of the July 10, 2025 meeting agenda for the Board's approval. A copy of the agenda was provided to the members prior to the meeting for their review.

MOTION: Dr. Brande made the motion to approve the July meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gatschet and, following a roll call vote, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Bryant presented for Board approval a copy of the Board minutes from the April 17, 2025 regular meeting. A copy of the minutes was provided to the members prior to the meeting for their review.

MOTION: Dr. Brande made a motion to approve the April minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gatschet and, following a roll call vote, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Executive Secretary Report: Mr. Warren presented the Executive Secretary's Report and reported on the number of licensees as of June 30, 2025 (copy of report in the Board's official Book of Minutes). Mr. Warren reported that the number of licensees remained low:

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| 1. Professional Geologists (PGs):                                   | 474 |
| (comprised of 188 Alabama licensees and 286 out-of-state licensees) |     |
| 2. Licenses not renewed (December 2024 through June 2025)           | 68  |
| 3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs)                                     | 7   |
| 4. Retired  | 18  |
| 5. Temporary License (current)                                      | 1   |

Mr. Warren commented on the necessity for the quick relocation of the Board's office in June due to the buyer's demand for the property. The Board discussed the number of lapsed licenses and Mr. Warren reported that licensees were notified 90 days in advance and received reminder notices prior to license expiration date. A list of lapsed licenses would be provided to the Board. The Board discussed options to encourage licensure to include reconsidering assessed late fees, and other measures to promote licensure, in addition to the opportunity to receive CE credit, at no cost to the licensee, through the Board-sponsored CE program. Mr. Warren reported that the Board received notices of other CE opportunities for licensees and the list was posted on the Board's website. The Board discussed the requirement in the Board's rules for random CE audits and encouraged the licensees to take advantage of the Board-sponsored CE program and other CE opportunities listed on the Board's website.

#### Financial Report

Mr. Warren reported on the financial activities of the Board (copy in the official Book of Minutes). He presented a report on FY 2025 third quarter (April 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025) receipts and expenditures for this period and available cash balance:

1. Revenue	\$ 18,425.00
2. Expenditures	\$ 21,198.57
3. Cash Balance	\$ 30,256.66

He presented the anticipated expenditures and receipts for remainder of FY 2025 and reported a projected positive cash balance for FY 2025. A detail of expenditures by category and receipts was also provided.

MOTION: Ms. Noble made a motion to accept the Executive Director report and Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gatschet and, following a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously accepted by the Board.

Mr. Warren introduced Mr. Matt Duggin, Assistant Attorney General, as the Board's new legal counsel. He minded the Board that Mr. Wisniewski had announced at the last Board meeting about his plans to leave the Attorney General's office.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Board-Sponsored Annual Continuing Education Program: Dr. Brande and Ms. Noble, co-chairs of the CE committee, reported on efforts to obtain speakers for the September CE program. Mr. Warren inquired about sponsors providing lunch for the attendees and reminded the Board that no Board funds could be spent on food and refreshments. The Board agreed to open attendance to other geologists in the State that were exempt from licensure, along with university faculty and geology students. Mr. Warren indicated that registration for the CE program would be on the Board's website. The Board also discussed renaming the CE event in honor of Mr. Troy Perry and inviting his family, as well as inviting the recipient of the Neathery Award. The Board discussed seeking other scholarship opportunities for the Neathery Award recipient through the Geological Society and Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration (SME).

MOTION: Dr. Brande made the motion to approve a budget of \$5,000 for the cost of the venue and equipment for the Board's Fall continuing education program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and, following a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

## NEW BUSINESS

ASBOG Annual Meeting and COA: Mr. Warren reported that the annual ASBOG meeting was scheduled to be held in October. Mr. Gatschet indicated that he was available to attend to represent the Board. The Board discussed attention to Board funds available.

MOTION: Dr. Brande made the motion to approve Mr. Gatschet to attend the 2025 annual ASBOG meeting as the Board's delegate and expenditure of out-of-state travel funds as necessary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and, following a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

The Board considered whether there would be an increased enrollment to take the ASBOG licensure exams following the Board's meeting in April on the USA campus.

Dr. King left the meeting at 10:48 a.m. due to a conflict in schedule.

Review and Approval of Applications for Licensure: Mr. Warren presented three applications for Professional Geologist (PG) for the Board's review and approval.

MOTION: Mr. Gatschet made the motion to approve the three PG applications for licensure. The motion was seconded by Dr. Brande and, following a roll call vote, unanimously approved by the Board.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Next Board Meeting: Chairman Bryant announced that the Board was scheduled to meet on October 16, 2025 and tentatively on the Auburn University campus. Mr. Warren reported that he would be coordinating with Dr. King about the logistics of the Board meeting to be held on campus.

Board Travel Reports: No member claimed travel reimbursement for attending the meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bryant called for other business and there were none.

MOTION: Dr. Brande made the motion to adjourn the Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and, following a roll call vote, unanimously approved by the Board. Chairman Bryant adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Bryant  
*Board Chair*

Keith E. Warren  
*Executive Secretary*

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