

**North Carolina Board for Licensing of Geologists
Minutes • August 14, 2019
State Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating & Fire Sprinkler Contractors
Raleigh, NC**

Call to Order/Conflict of Interest Statement>Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:39 a.m. by Board Chair Bill Miller. Other Board members present included Rachel Kirkman, Dennis LaPoint, Robert Mensah-Biney, Steve Stadelman and Kenneth Taylor. Executive Director Barbara Geiger and Board Counsel Sarah Zambon were also present. Dr. Miller read the Conflict of Interest Statement as required by the State Government Ethics Act. Dr. Taylor noted that, as the State Geologist and employee of the NC Department of Environmental Quality, he would refrain from participating in the deliberation or taking any action by the Board with respect to any matter involving an employee of the Department.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2019 meeting as amended was made by Dennis LaPoint, seconded by Robert Mensah-Biney and carried.

Financial Report

Dr. Taylor presented the fourth quarter profit and loss statement and balance sheet. Dr. Lapoint made the motion to accept the financial report. The motion was seconded by Dr. Stadelman and carried.

Administrative Report

Ms. Geiger reported that there are currently 1055 active individual licenses and 225 active corporate licenses. She reported that there were 225 inactive status licensees. She noted that following approval of today's exam applications, that 64 people are registered for the October 4, 2019 ASBOG® Exam. This includes 51 candidates for Part One and 17 candidates for Part Two. She noted that one candidate with special needs was being proctored at the Board office.

Ms. Geiger introduced the concept of provisional approval of applications for license by examination, comity and reinstatement, noting that the Board has previously given administrative authority to review and provisionally approve applications for corporate license. Following discussion, Dr. LaPoint made the motion to give the Executive Director administrative authority to review and provisionally approve those applications for license that meet the requirements of the Board to the letter of the law. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kirkman and carried unanimously.

Ms. Geiger informed the Board of the circumstances surrounding a request for medical extension by a licensee, for completion of his continuing education requirement. Following discussion, Dr. Taylor made the motion to approve a 6-month extension for the licensee, conditional upon receipt of a physician's note. Dr. LaPoint seconded and the motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from Dr. Taylor requesting an exemption of CE hours for NC DEQ recently retired employee Dr. Jeffery C. Reid, PG#1340, due to a current medical condition. Dr. LaPoint made the motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mensah-

Biney and carried unanimously. Ms. Geiger will write a letter to Dr. Reid regarding the waiver of CE. Dr. Taylor recused himself from the vote.

Legal Report

NC GS § 93B Training

Ms. Zambon informed Board members that the NC statute that applies to Occupational Licensing Boards – § 93B has undergone minor changes regarding criminal history and training and apprenticeship. As the training and apprenticeship does not apply to the NCBLG, Ms. Zambon educated Board members on NC § 93B-8.1. Use of criminal history records.

Continuing Education Committee Report

Approval of CE Applications

Following review of the report from the Continuing Education Committee, Dr. Mensah-Biney made the motion to accept the report as presented. Steve Stadelman seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Kirkman recused herself from the following course numbers: 180264, 180265, 180284, 180285 and 180286.

ASBOG®

There was discussion regarding the ASBOG® Annual Meeting and COE Workshop to be held November 5-9, 2019 in Minneapolis, MN. Dr. Taylor made the motion to send up to 5 people to the meeting and/or workshop to include Executive Director. The motion was seconded by Dr. Stadelman and carried. Ms. Kirkman and Dr. Miller noted that they will attend the COE Workshop and Dr. LaPoint reported that he would attend the Annual Meeting. Dr. Miller appointed Dr. LaPoint as the Voting Delegate for the NC Board.

There was discussion regarding the evolving AEG “license”. The status of this category is not known. Dr. Lapoint noted that the ASBOG® exam is “used” by AIPG, CIPG and SME and is embraced by other organizations.

Dr. LaPoint noted that he serves as the chair of the International Relations Committee and that ASBOG® is attempting to assist member boards in navigating International licensing, as this role is an evolution of the profession.

Ms. Geiger shared a letter from Dr. Bill Harris regarding his service on the ASBOG® Council of Examiners. Dr. Harris will be retiring and will no longer be able to attend the workshop on behalf of the North Carolina Board. Dr. Miller volunteered to write a thank you letter to Dr. Harris.

Old Business

November Meeting Location

The November meeting location was discussed. It was noted that Elizabeth City State University no longer has a geology department. Dr. LaPoint suggested that the Board consider UNC Chapel Hill for the Fall 2020 meeting. Dr. Miller will contact Western Carolina University and Appalachian State University to inquire of their interest in hosting the November 2019 meeting.

Newsletter

A Fall newsletter was discussed. Suggested articles included CE, the passing of former State Geologist Jim Simons, exam stats, including the fact that the largest administration of the FG is happening in October, administrative report and old/new Board members.

New Business

Proposed Schedule

The meeting dates for 2020 were proposed as January 15, 2020, April 15, 2020, August 12, 2020 and November 10, 2020. It was noted that the Southeastern GSA meeting is scheduled for March 20-22, 2020 in Reston, VA and would be a joint meeting with the Northeastern Section.

Working Session

Per NCGS § 143-318.11(6), motion was made by Dr. Taylor to move into closed session to discuss disciplinary matters. The motion was seconded by Dr. LaPoint and carried.

Dr. LaPoint moved to return to the open session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Stadelman and carried.

Motion was made by Dr. Stadelman and seconded by Dr. Mensah-Biney to go back into closed session to discuss an employment matter. Ms. Geiger was asked to step out of the room.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to return to the open session.

Motion was made by Dr. Stadelman to move into closed session to review applications. The motion was seconded by Dr. LaPoint and carried.

Motion was made by Dr. LaPoint and seconded by Dr. Taylor to resume the open session. The motion carried.

Motion was made by Kenneth Taylor to accept actions taken in closed session regarding applications for examination, comity, reinstatement and corporate license. It was noted that Dr. Miller recused himself from the vote concerning the application for examination from McNamee. Ms. Kirkman recused herself from the vote concerning the application for comity from Abraham and the application for exam from Vasko. The motion was seconded by Dennis LaPoint and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, on motion and second the meeting was adjourned at 2:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Kenneth Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer