



**Soil Classifiers Certification Advisory Committee
(SCCAC)
Minutes of the 55th Meeting
Two Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30303
Thursday, November 18, 2010**

Call to order.

Presiding: David Huff, Chairman

Members present: David Huff, Chair; Greg Harless, Secretary; Dr. Vaughn Berkheiser (via telephone); Mike Pitts (via telephone); Dwain Butler; Dr. Larry Morris; Dr. David Radcliffe (via telephone); and Thomas Martin. A quorum was achieved.

Guest: Chris Kumnick, Land Use Programs Director, DCH Environmental Health Branch

- The first order of business was the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of August 12, 2010.

Motion to approve: Larry Morris

Second: Dwain Butler

—→ *Motion carried unanimously*

OLD BUSINESS

- J. Anthony McEver, SCIT

Requesting certification with documents provided: Letter of request, letter of recommendation from mentor, field exam, addition in-training mapping examples, and certification fee.

Request TABLED – Field exam map exhibited deficiencies therefore Committee consensus to request applicant to submit a revised map upgrade.

- Greg Harless presented copies of the Department's new design and format for the web site listing of the approved Soil Classifiers, P.G.s and P.E.s.

Division of Public Health

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Old Business (continued)

- **By-Laws revisions** proposed previously during the March 4, 2010 meeting.

Motion to approve: Greg Harless

Second: Vaughn Berkheiser

Discussion: All proposed changes acceptable with one small revision suggested. Concerning Article IV, Section 4.2, Officer Replacement: David Radcliffe recommended changing the word "Permit" to read: "Allow filling *any officer vacancies, as deemed appropriate by the Committee, which occur outside the regularly scheduled 3rd Quarter meeting.*"

Motion to approve change to Article IV, Section 4.2: Larry Morris

Second: Dwain Butler

→ Motions carried unanimously

- Chris Kumnick updated the Committee on the status of the **Department's potential conflict of interest notifications to certified soil classifiers, currently working for county Boards of Health**, requesting "outside employment" approval documents signed by the chair of the local Board of Health and/or the District Environmental Health Program Director. Of the four individuals involved: Two have opted to voluntarily relinquish their approval listing for the Department's web site; two have provided the requested documents.
~ The Department proposes specific language should be added to the Manual for On-Site Sewage Management Systems in order to address this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

- **No new applicant files to present this meeting**
- Greg Harless informed the Committee of **Departmental intent to remove the Modified Taft percolation test protocols** from the Manual for On-Site Sewage Management Systems.

Chris Kumnick proposed to keep the protocols available for informational purposes, however, by simply removing it from Manual Section "C" and replacing it in the Appendices – Section "O".

Motion to modify location of said item: Larry Morris

Second: Thomas Martin

→ Motion carried unanimously

- Greg Harless presented recent complaint **documents with regard to soils mapping by a Professional Geologist (P.G.)**. Larry Morris brought attention to the omission of a Departmental deadline notice for the individual to respond. Committee consensus was that the P.G. should be required to respond by a specific date in order to avoid further action by the Department; further action being forwarding of the complaint to the Secretary of State's P.G. licensing board.
- Greg Harless inquired about interest in discussing **possible reduction of the number of requisite biennial certification renewal CEUs**. The subject was **TABLED**.

Committee Officer Replacement

- In accordance with new Section 4.2, Article IV of the By-Laws of the SCCAC, the Secretary called for nominations to fill the Vice-Chairperson vacancy.

Motion to elect Dr. Larry Morris to the office of Vice-Chairperson: Greg Harless

Second: Thomas Martin

→ Motion carried unanimously

FUTURE BUSINESS

- Next tentative meeting date: Tuesday, February 8, 2011; convene at 1:30 P.M.

Motion to adjourn: David Radcliffe

Second: Greg Harless

→ Motion carried unanimously

Meeting Adjourned