



**Soil Classifiers Certification Advisory Committee
(SCCAC)
Minutes of the 56th Meeting
Two Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30303
Tuesday, February 8, 2011**

Call to order.

Presiding: David Huff, Chairman

Members present: David Huff, Chair; Greg Harless, Secretary; Dr. Vaughn Berkheiser (via telephone); Mike Pitts; Dwain Butler (via telephone); 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 November 18, 2010.

Motion to approve: Dwain Butler

Second: Mike Pitts

→ *Motion carried unanimously*

OLD BUSINESS

- James Brandon Stuart, SCIT

Previous certification request tabled for reason candidate falling short of in-training completion by two (2) months. Documentation now provided to indicate a total of four (4) months additional training logged with new mentor Chris Reagan, Certified Soil Classifier. Documents include a training statement with time line and a letter of recommendation from Mr. Reagan. Former mentor Robert Kendall provided a letter of recommendation also. New in-training mapping examples included.

Motion to certify: Mike Pitts

Second: Greg Harless

Discussion: Field exam submitted and approved at an earlier date.

→ *Motion carried unanimously*

Old Business (continued)

- **By-Laws revisions**

~Greg Harless advised the Committee that the one remaining wording change in the by-laws is complete. (Article IV, Section 4.2; deleted "Permit"; replaced with "**Allow**")

Motion to approve: David Radcliffe

Second: Mike Pitts

→ Motions carried unanimously

~David Huff recommended further amendment of the by-laws to allow a quorum vote by multiple media means rather than the current in-person only restriction. Specific language would include allowing voting by: Teleconference, E-mail and E-conferencing as well as traditional in-person mode. Prohibiting voting by proxy would remain in effect.

Motion to amend by-laws: Thomas Martin

Second: Mike Pitts

→ Motions carried unanimously

- **J. Anthony McEver - Certification**

~Greg Harless updated the status of J. Anthony McEver's pending certification. Mr. McEver provided the revised field exam to correct the minor deficiencies noted at the previous meeting. His certification is completed.

- **Professional Geologist Complaint**

Status report by Greg Harless -

The requested response accompanied by a third (3rd) map iteration is deemed unacceptable by the Department. The Committee recommended that notice should be given of the continued deficiencies and; that the complaint should be forwarded to the Georgia Secretary of State's Licensing Board for Professional Geologists.

NEW BUSINESS

- **No new Certification or SCIT applicant files to present this meeting.**
 - Chris Kumnick opened discussion of the Department's current On-site Manual stipulations restricting conventional and chamber type absorption field systems with regard to: maximum 90 perc rate for lots less than or equal to three (3) acres and maximum 120 perc rate for lots equal to or greater than three (3) acres. The Committee is asked to recommend structured language for use of soils having perc rates in excess of one-hundred (120) minutes/inch.
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FUTURE BUSINESS

- Next tentative meeting date: Tuesday, May 17, 2011; convene at 1:30 P.M.

Motion to adjourn: Greg Harless

Second: Mike Pitts

→ Motion carried unanimously

Meeting Adjourned