

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS

I. General Information

Meeting dates: General Business Meeting July 29-30, 2003. The meeting was held at the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Board Conference Room, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL

Board members present: Dawn Blackledge, Valerie Francisco, Gabrielle Enos, Tom Kwader, Tom Scott, and Harry Hutton

Board members absent: Ms. Francisco was absent the first day of the meeting.

II. Major Issues/Actions

- The Board reviewed 11 applications for licensure by examination and 4 applications for licensure by endorsement. The Board approved 2 applications by endorsement and approved 11 applications by examination. The Board denied 1 application by endorsement.
- Mr. Hurst reported that the Board's probable cause panel met January 27, 2003 and reviewed 2 cases.
- Lianne Acebo, Deputy Secretary, Leon Biegalski, Special Counsel to the Secretary, Mark Whitten, Deputy Director of Regulation, Jim Varnado, Director of Professions and Regulation, Jerry Wilson, Deputy Director of Professions, Ken Walling, Manager of the Customer Contact Center Ken Oliver, Chief of the Bureau of Finance and Accounting, GW Harrell, Regulation Counsel, and Michael Murphy, Chief of the Central Intake Unit, conducted an overview of the Department's procedures.
- Secretary Carr was present at the meeting.
- The board shared their concerns with Ms. Candace Jones, Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, regarding their 2003 legislative proposal. Ms. Jones advised the board that the Department did not submit a 2003 legislative package. Ms. Jones advised the board that currently Secretary Carr was in the process of evaluating legislative proposals for 2004. Ms. Jones advised the board that if any of their 2003 legislative proposals had a financial impact that the board should reconsider.
- Mr. Whitten introduced Mr. Harold Rambo to the board as the investigator assigned to the board.
- The board discussed the possibility of privatization and asked that this subject be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- Pam Nobles, Chairperson, for the Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers was present at the meeting. The Board requested Ms. Nobles attend the meeting to answer questions regarding the Harris Management consultant's report regarding privatization.
- It was the consensus of the board to continue consideration of privatization. The board stated that improvements had been made within the Division of Professions and Regulation, and that the board would continue to monitor this section of the Department. The board voted to request that the Florida Association of Professional Geologists poll the geology community to see if they are in support of privatization.
- The board shared their concerns with the time delay with board member appointments.
- The board discussed changing the certificate of authorization application to include the geologist of record signature.

III. Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- The board voted to make changes to their 2003 proposed legislative language. The board deleted all underlined language except for the language that gives the Board disciplinary authority instead of the Department.

IV. Action Required

- Finalize 2004 proposed legislative language and request that the Department include the language in their 2004 legislative package.
- Schedule a October 29, 2004 meeting to be held in Jacksonville, Florida.
- Schedule a telephone conference call prior to the October 2003 meeting if necessary.
- Update the certificate of authorization application to include the geologist of records signature.

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