

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS

I. General Information

Meeting dates: General Business Meeting January 27-28, 2003. The meeting was held at the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Board Conference Room, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida

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

Board members absent: None

II. Major Issues/Actions

- The Board reviewed 12 applications for licensure by examination and 4 applications for licensure by endorsement. The Board approved 2 applications by endorsement and approved 10 applications by examination. The Board denied 2 applications by endorsement and denied 2 applications by examination.
- Mr. Hurst reported that the Board's Probable Cause Panel met January 27, 2003, and reviewed 2 cases.
- Ms. Juanita Chastain addressed the Board on behalf of the Department's Unlicensed Activity Office. The Board shared their concerns with Ms. Chastain regarding the way the Department is handling Geology complaints. After discussion it was the consensus of the Board that a consultant be used in the initial process of a complaint for legal sufficiency and that Mr. Hurst provide a report at each meeting on the number of complaints for unlicensed activity. The Board strongly suggested that the Department's Unlicensed Activity Office communicate with the Board on their progress.
- The Board discussed the possibility of privatization and asked that this subject be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- Mr. David Minacci addressed the Board and advised the Board that in accordance with Chapter 455.32, Florida Statutes, the Board does have the option/authority of privatization. Mr. Minacci advised the Board that he was currently providing the Board of Architecture and Interior Design complaint/compliance services and that if the Board was interested they could contact him directly for more information.

III. Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- None

IV. Action Required

- None

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