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MINUTES

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
1940 NORTH MONROE STREET
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399**

**JANUARY 21, 2015
&
JANUARY 22, 2015**

Approved April 22, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

James Funderburk, Chair
Mervin Dale, Vice-Chair
Michael Alfieri
Jacqueline Lloyd
Michael DeNeve
Robert Poppell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lou Bush – (Excused)

OTHERS PRESENT

Richard Morrison, Executive Director
Lawrence Harris, Board Counsel
Stacey Buccieri, Government Analyst II
Schedale Woods, Court Reporter with For the Record Reporting
Tyler Weinand
Lauren Petty
Amirsasan Mahjoor
Peter Muckenhaupt
Fred Kaub
Matthew Starr
Jennifer Farrell

50 The meeting was called to order by Mr. Funderburk, Chair, at 1:12 p.m. on Wednesday,
51 January 21, 2015. Mr. Funderburk led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance and a
52 moment of silence.

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54 Mr. Harris introduced himself and stated he would be covering the meeting as Board
55 Counsel in Mr. Milne's absence. The board welcomed Mr. Harris.

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57 RECONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY DENIED LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT
58 APPLICATIONS

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60 LAUREN PETTY

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62 Ms. Petty was present and she was sworn in by the court reporter.

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64 Mr. Harris presented this case stating that Ms. Petty's application for licensure by
65 endorsement was denied at the October 2014 board meeting. The denial was based on
66 Ms. Petty's application not demonstrating the experience requirements in Section
67 492.105(1)(e), F.S.

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69 Ms. Petty submitted supplemental information to correct the experience verification
70 deficiencies in her original application.

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72 After discussion the following motion was made:

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74 MOTION: Mr. Dale made a motion to reconsider Ms. Petty's application.

75 SECOND: Mr. DeNeve seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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77 After further discussion the following motion was made:

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79 MOTION: Mr. Dale made a motion to vacate the previous Notice of Intent to Deny
80 and approve Ms. Petty's application for licensure by endorsement.

81 SECOND: Mr. DeNeve seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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83 JAMES DANIEL ROBINSON

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85 Mr. Robinson was not present for the reconsideration of his application.

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87 Mr. Harris presented this case stating that Mr. Robinson's application for licensure by
88 endorsement was denied at the October 2014 board meeting. The denial was based on
89 Mr. Robinson's application not demonstrating the experience requirements in Section
90 492.105(1)(e), F.S.

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92 Mr. Robinson submitted supplemental information to correct the experience verification
93 deficiencies in her original application.

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95 After discussion the following motion was made:

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97 MOTION: Mr. Dale made a motion to reconsider Mr. Robinson's application.

98 SECOND: Mr. DeNeve seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

99 After further discussion the following motion was made:

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101 MOTION: Mr. Dale made a motion to vacate the previous Notice of Intent to Deny
102 and approve Mr. Robinson's application for licensure by endorsement.

103 SECOND: Mr. DeNeve seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

104 APPLICATION REVIEW

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106 Endorsement

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108 Peter G. Muckenhaupt

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110 Mr. Muckenhaupt was present and he was sworn in by the court reporter.

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112 After a detailed review of the material provided by the applicant and further discussion,
113 the board found the applicant was not licensed through written examination in at least
114 one state, trust, territory, or possession of the United States, the examination
115 requirements of which have been approved by the board as substantially equivalent to or
116 more stringent than those of this state, and has not received a score on such
117 examination which is equal to or greater than the score required by this state for
118 licensure by examination.

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120 After discussion Mr. Muckenhaupt waived the 90 day deemer requirement on his
121 application and will notify board staff before the April meeting if he wishes to withdraw
122 his application or make a written request to have the board consider his application for
123 licensure by examination instead of licensure by endorsement.

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125 James Anthony Sauder

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127 Mr. Sauder was not present for the review of his application.

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129 After discussion the following motion was made:

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131 MOTION: Mr. DeNeve made a motion to approve Mr. Sauder's application for
132 licensure by endorsement.

133 SECOND: Mr. Alfieri seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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135 Examination

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137 Jennifer Ann Farrell

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139 Ms. Farrell was present and she was sworn in by the court reporter.

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141 After discussion the following motion was made:

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143 MOTION: Mr. Dale made a motion to approve Ms. Farrell's application to sit for the
144 examination.

145 SECOND: Mr. Alfieri seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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148 Nathaniel Timothy Layfield

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150 Mr. Layfield was not present for the review of his application.

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152 After discussion the following motion was made:

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154 MOTION: Mr. Dale made a motion to approve Mr. Layfield's application to sit for the
155 examination.

156 SECOND: Mr. DeNeve seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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158 Amirsasan Mahjoor

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160 Mr. Mahjoor was present for the review of his application.

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162 After discussion Mr. Mahjoor waived the 90 day deemer requirement for his application
163 and the board continued Mr. Mahjoor's application for 180 days to allow him time to have
164 his out of country education evaluated by an accreditation agency and to have his
165 professional geologist experience properly verified.

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167 Erica L. Marconi

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169 Ms. Marconi was not present for the review of her application.

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171 After discussion the following motion was made:

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173 MOTION: Mr. DeNeve made a motion to approve Ms. Marconi's application to sit for
174 the examination.

175 SECOND: Mr. Alfieri seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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177 Robert Maschue

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179 Mr. Maschue was not present for the review of his application.

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181 Mr. Maschue is already licensed in Florida as a Professional Geologist by
182 Grandfathering and has never taken the ASBOG examination. Mr. Maschue is applying
183 to be eligible to sit for the ASBOG examination.

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185 After discussion the following motion was made:

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187 MOTION: Mr. Alfieri made a motion to approve Mr. Maschue's application to sit for
188 the examination.

189 SECOND: Mr. Dale seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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191 Sarah Mellring

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193 Ms. Mellring was not present for the review of her application.

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195 Mr. Dale disclosed he knows the applicant and can be fair and impartial in making a
196 decision about her application.

197 After discussion the following motion was made:
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199 MOTION: Mr. DeNeve made a motion to approve Ms. Mellring's application to sit for
200 the examination.
201 SECOND: Mr. Alfieri seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
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203 Matthew Philip Miller
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205 Mr. Miller was not present for the review of his application.
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207 After discussion the following motion was made:
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209 MOTION: Ms. Lloyd made a motion to approve Mr. Miller's application to sit for the
210 examination.
211 SECOND: Mr. Poppell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
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213 German Yury Ojeda
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215 Mr. Ojeda was not present for the review of his application.
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217 After discussion the board decided Mr. Ojeda's application was incomplete and there
218 was not sufficient information provided to allow the board to determine if the applicant
219 met the experience requirements.
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221 Mr. Morrison stated the application would be returned to the processing unit to collect
222 the missing information.
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224 Tracy Shields
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226 Ms. Shields was not present for the review of her application.
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228 After discussion the following motion was made:
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230 MOTION: Mr. DeNeve made a motion to approve Ms. Shield's application to sit for
231 the examination.
232 SECOND: Mr. Dale seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
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234 Matthew Scott Starr
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236 Mr. Starr was present and he was sworn in by the court reporter.
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238 After discussion the following motion was made:
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240 MOTION: Mr. Dale made a motion to approve Mr. Starr's application to sit for the
241 examination.
242 SECOND: Ms. Lloyd seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
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246 Chad Michael Thompson

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248 Mr. Thompson was not present for the review of his application.

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250 After discussion the following motion was made:

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252 MOTION: Ms. Lloyd made a motion to approve Mr. Thompson's application to sit for
253 the examination.

254 SECOND: Mr. Dale seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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256 Tyler Scott Weinand

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258 Mr. Weinand was present and he was sworn in by the court reporter.

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260 Mr. Alfieri recused himself from the review of this application.

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262 After discussion the following motion was made:

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264 MOTION: Mr. Dale made a motion to approve Mr. Weinand's application to sit for the
265 examination.

266 SECOND: Mr. Poppell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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268 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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270 October 2014 General Business Meeting

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272 The board reviewed the minutes and after discussion the following motion was made:

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274 MOTION: Mr. Dale made a motion to approve these minutes with corrections.

275 SECOND: Mr. Poppell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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277 The meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2015.

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279 The meeting was called to order by Mr. Funderburk, Chair, at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday,
280 January 22, 2015.

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283 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

284 James Funderburk, Chair

285 Mervin Dale, Vice-Chair

286 Jacqueline Lloyd

287 Robert Poppell

288 Michael Alfieri

289 Michael DeNeve

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296 Louie G. Bush – (Excused)

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301 Lawrence Harris, Board Counsel

302 Stacey Buccieri, Government Analyst II

303 Schedale Woods, Court Reporter with For the Record Reporting

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306 **CHAIR'S REPORT**

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308 Mr. Funderburk stated the board has the task before them of implementing the changes
309 in the law that was passed last year and should expect to start reviewing Geologist In
310 Training (GIT) Applications at the April meeting.

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312 Mr. Morrison reported there are already two applications for GIT which have been
313 received by the Department.

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315 Mr. Funderburk also stated he is going to reach out and try to have someone from the
316 Geology Department at USF come and give a presentation. He also plans to invite the
317 students from the Geology Club to come to the meeting.

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319 The board also discussed using a consent agenda at future meetings for application
320 review to allow more time to discuss the applications board members have problems or
321 concerns with.

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323 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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325 Mr. Morrison reviewed the Operating Account Financial Report ending September 30,
326 2014 and the Unlicensed Activity Financial Report ending September 30, 2014 with the
327 board.

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329 Mr. Morrison discussed the budget projections with the board.

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331 Mr. Morrison also reviewed the Complaints and Investigations Report.

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333 Mr. Morrison presented the board with a breakdown of the costs associated with the
334 administration of the examinations. The breakdown showed the average total number of
335 candidates per each exam administration was 53 and the average cost per candidate is
336 \$33.

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338 **PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

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340 The prosecuting attorney was not at the meeting because there were no disciplinary
341 cases on the agenda.

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344 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (F.A.Q.S)

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346 Most Common Asked Questions

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348 The board reviewed the report of the telephone calls handled by the Customer Contact
349 Center for the fourth quarter.

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351 After discussion the board decided there were only administrative type calls and no
352 board input was needed.

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354 TASK FUNCTION FORM

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356 Mr. Funderburk reviewed the task function form with the board and staff. Completed
357 items will be removed and new items will be added.

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359 NEW BUSINESS

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361 Deputy Secretary Tim Vaccaro addressed the board and welcomed them to the
362 Department.

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364 Mr. Funderburk shared the ASCE Guidelines for Engineering Grades with the board for
365 informational purposes.

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367 Mr. Morrison announced Ms. Buccieri has accepted another position within the
368 Department and this would be her last meeting with this board. The board members
369 wished her well and said goodbye to Ms. Buccieri.

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371 Mr. Funderburk reported the changes in ASBOG's administrative changes to the board.

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373 OLD BUSINESS

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375 The board discussed adding a discussion of continuing education requirements to the
376 July agenda so they can receive public comments from those in attendance to help them
377 decide if they wish to move forward with the required legislative changes.

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379 After discussion Mr. Alfieri agreed to prepare a report of the states requiring continuing
380 education and the amount and types of hours they require to renew a Professional
381 Geologist license to be included in this discussion.

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383 Mr. DeNeve stated he delivered the Letter of Appreciation from the board to Senator
384 Denise Grimsley after the January meeting. Mr. DeNeve reported she had some great
385 things to say about the GIT Program and appreciated the Letter of Appreciation.

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387 Mr. Dale was also able to get together with Representative Elizabeth Porter to deliver
388 the Letter of Appreciation and to talk with her. Representative Porter also appreciated
389 the Letter of Appreciation.

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393 PUBLIC COMMENT

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395 There was no public comment at this time.

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397 With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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