MINUTES

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

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APRIL 27, 2016
&
APRIL 28, 2016

Approved July 13th, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT
Mervin Dale, Chair
Micheal Alfieri, Vice-Chair
Dr. Jonathan Arthur
Lou Bush
Michael DeNeve
Norman Meeks
Stanley Warden

MEMBERS ABSENT
Robert Poppell (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT
Richard Morrison, Executive Director
Robert Milne, Board Counsel
Donald Shaw, Government Analyst II
John Harrie
Nicholas Larabel
Kristen Ritter Rivera
William Burke
Clint Kromhout
Court Reporter

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Dale, Chair, at 1:02 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, 2016. Mr. Dale led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Bush gave the invocation.
REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

January 2016 General Business Meeting

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

MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion to approve the minutes as amended.
SECOND: Dr. Arthur seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEW

• Informal Hearing

William Burke

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

Mr. Milne presented this case to the Board stating that Mr. Burke’s application for licensure by endorsement was denied at the October 2015 meeting of the Board for failing to provide proof of sufficient geological work experience as required by §492.105, Florida Statutes. Mr. Milne stated that the Notice of Intent to Deny was filed on January 12, 2016 and that Mr. Burke had timely requested an informal hearing.

After discussion and review of the supplemental information, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion to vacate the previous denial and to approve Mr. Burke’s application for licensure.
SECOND: Dr. Arthur seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

• Endorsement

Jared Abraham

Mr. Abraham was not present.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. DeNeve made a motion to approve the application for endorsement.
SECOND: Dr. Arthur seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Scott Anderson

Mr. Anderson was not present.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion to approve the application for endorsement.
SECOND: Dr. Arthur seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
103 Andrew Drummond
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105 Mr. Drummond was not present.
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107 After discussion the following motion was made:
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109 MOTION: Mr. DeNeve made a motion to approve the application for endorsement.
110 SECOND: Mr. Alfieri seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
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112 Candy Elliott
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114 Ms. Elliott was not present.
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116 After discussion the application was pulled from the agenda and remanded back to
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119 Lee Gatterdam
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121 Mr. Gatterdam was not present.
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123 After discussion the following motion was made:
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125 MOTION: Mr. DeNeve made a motion to approve the application for endorsement.
126 SECOND: Mr. Bush seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
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128 John Harrie
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130 Mr. Harrie was present and he was sworn in by the court reporter.
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132 After discussion the following motion was made:
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134 MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion to approve the application for endorsement.
135 SECOND: Mr. Alfieri seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
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137 Nicholas Larabel
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139 Mr. Larabel was present and he 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. DeNeve made a motion to approve the application for endorsement.
144 SECOND: Dr. Arthur seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
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146 Kristen Ritter Rivera
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148 Ms. Ritter Rivera was present and she was sworn in by the court reporter.
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150 After discussion the following motion was made:
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152 MOTION: Mr. Meeks made a motion to approve the application for endorsement.
SECOND: Mr. DeNeve seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- Examination

Henok Kiflu

Mr. Kiflu was not present.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion to deny the application for failing to have 5 years of geological work experience as required by §492.105, Florida Statutes.
SECOND: Mr. Warden seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Michael McKeague

Mr. McKeague was not present.

After discussion the application was pulled from the agenda and remanded back to the Department.

John Sperry

Mr. Sperry was not present.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Meeks made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the examination.
SECOND: Mr. DeNeve seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- Geologist-in-training

Andrew Ryan

Mr. Ryan was not present.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. DeNeve made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the fundamentals portion of the examination.
SECOND: Mr. Alfieri seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Jacqueline Sampson

Ms. Sampson was not present.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the fundamentals portion of the examination.
SECOND: Mr. Meeks seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ELECTIONS

After discussion the following motions were made:

MOTION: Mr. Bush nominated Mr. Alfieri to serve as the next Chair of the Board.
SECOND: Dr. Arthur seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Bush nominated Mr. DeNeve to serve as the next Vice-Chair of the Board.
SECOND: Dr. Arthur seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ATTORNEY GENERAL’S REPORT

Mr. Milne gave a brief presentation regarding the recent Supreme Court ruling on antitrust and active supervision of state regulatory boards.

Mr. Milne also went over the rule report and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. DeNeve made a motion to vacate the repeal of Rule 61G16-8.001, F.A.C.
SECOND: Mr. Bush seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Alfieri, Vice-Chair, at 9:08 a.m. on Thursday, January 28, 2016.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Michael Alfieri, Vice-Chair
Dr. Jonathan Arthur
Lou Bush
Michael DeNeve
Norman Meeks
Stanley Warden

MEMBERS ABSENT
Mervin Dale, Chair (excused)
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CHAIR’S REPORT
Mr. Alfieri had questions regarding the verbiage for licensing statuses on the Department’s webpage. Mr. Alfieri also requested the Board provide updates on the distribution of GIT letters and asked the Board if they had any information to provide on their contacts with the universities in Florida.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT


Mr. Morrison discussed the budget projections with the board.

Mr. Morrison also reviewed the Complaints and Investigations Report.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY’S REPORT

The prosecuting attorney was not at the meeting because there were no disciplinary cases on the agenda. Therefore, Mr. Shaw read into the record that there were no cases.

TASK FORM

Mr. Alfieri reviewed the task function form with the board and staff. Completed items were removed and new items were added.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion regarding licensure exemptions and confusion among people in the industry took place. After further discussion Dr. Arthur and Mr. Alfieri stated that they would draft an informational and explanatory letter that could be posted on the Board’s webpage informing the general public about who is and who isn’t exempt from licensure.

Mr. Bush stated he would make some tweaks to the application checklist and send to board staff for editing.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business was discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

Additional discussion regarding the Board’s operating account took place and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion requesting that Mr. Milne would draft a letter to the Board which would discuss ideas on how to improve the Board’s financial situation, to be reviewed by the Board at the July 2016 meeting.

SECOND: Mr. DeNeve seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:14 A.M.