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MINUTES

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

**HILTON COCOA BEACH OCEANFRONT
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COCOA BEACH, FL 32931
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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.

52 **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

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54 January 2016 General Business Meeting

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

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58 MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion to approve the minutes as amended.

59 SECOND: Dr. Arthur seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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61 **APPLICATION REVIEW**

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63 • **Informal Hearing**

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65 William Burke

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

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69 Mr. Milne presented this case to the Board stating that Mr. Burke's application for
70 licensure by endorsement was denied at the October 2015 meeting of the Board for
71 failing to provide proof of sufficient geological work experience as required by
72 §492.105, Florida Statutes. Mr. Milne stated that the Notice of Intent to Deny was
73 filed on January 12, 2016 and that Mr. Burke had timely requested an informal
74 hearing.

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

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79 MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion to vacate the previous denial and to approve Mr.
80 Burke's application for licensure.

81 SECOND: Dr. Arthur seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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84 • **Endorsement**

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86 Jared Abraham

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88 Mr. Abraham was not present.

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90 After discussion the following motion was made:

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92 MOTION: Mr. DeNeve made a motion to approve the application for endorsement.

93 SECOND: Dr. Arthur seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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95 Scott Anderson

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97 Mr. Anderson was not present.

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99 After discussion the following motion was made:

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101 MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion to approve the application for endorsement.

102 SECOND: Dr. Arthur seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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Andrew Drummond

Mr. Drummond was not present.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. DeNeve made a motion to approve the application for endorsement.

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

Candy Elliott

Ms. Elliott was not present.

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

Lee Gatterdam

Mr. Gatterdam was not present.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. DeNeve made a motion to approve the application for endorsement.

SECOND: Mr. Bush seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

John Harrie

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

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion to approve the application for endorsement.

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

Nicholas Larabel

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

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.

Kristen Ritter Rivera

Ms. Ritter Rivera was present and she was sworn in by the court reporter.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Meeks made a motion to approve the application for endorsement.

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

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156 • **Examination**

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158 Henok Kiflu

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160 Mr. Kiflu was not present.

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162 After discussion the following motion was made:

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164 MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion to deny the application for failing to have 5 years
165 of geological work experience as required by §492.105, Florida Statutes.

166 SECOND: Mr. Warden seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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168 Michael McKeague

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170 Mr. McKeague was not present.

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

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175 John Sperry

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177 Mr. Sperry was not present.

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179 After discussion the following motion was made:

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181 MOTION: Mr. Meeks made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the
182 examination.

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

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185 • **Geologist-in-training**

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187 Andrew Ryan

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189 Mr. Ryan was not present.

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191 After discussion the following motion was made:

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193 MOTION: Mr. DeNeve made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the
194 fundamentals portion of the examination.

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

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197 Jacqueline Sampson

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199 Ms. Sampson was not present.

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201 After discussion the following motion was made:

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203 MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the
204 fundamentals portion of the examination.

205 SECOND: Mr. Meeks seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
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ELECTIONS

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210 After discussion the following motions were made:
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MOTION: Mr. Bush nominated Mr. Alfieri to serve as the next Chair of the Board.

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SECOND: Dr. Arthur seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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MOTION: Mr. Bush nominated Mr. DeNeve to serve as the next Vice-Chair of the Board.

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SECOND: Dr. Arthur seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

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

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

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MOTION: Mr. DeNeve made a motion to vacate the repeal of Rule 61G16-8.001, F.A.C.

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SECOND: Mr. Bush seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT

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Michael Alfieri, Vice-Chair

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Dr. Jonathan Arthur

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Lou Bush

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Michael DeNeve

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Norman Meeks

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Stanley Warden

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Mervin Dale, Chair (excused)

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Richard Morrison, Executive Director

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Robert Milne, Board Counsel

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Donald Shaw, Government Analyst II

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Clint Kromhout

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Court Reporter

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CHAIR'S REPORT

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255 Mr. Alfieri had questions regarding the verbiage for licensing statuses on the
256 Department's webpage. Mr. Alfieri also requested the Board provide updates on the
257 distribution of GIT letters and asked the Board if they had any information to provide on
258 their contacts with the universities in Florida.

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260 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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262 Mr. Morrison reviewed the Operating Account Financial Report ending December 31,
263 2015 and the Unlicensed Activity Financial Report ending December 31, 2015 with the
264 board.

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

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

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270 **PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

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

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276 **TASK FORM**

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

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281 **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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

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

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291 **NEW BUSINESS**

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293 No New Business was discussed.

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295 **OLD BUSINESS**

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

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

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

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306 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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308 There was no public comment.

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