

MINUTES

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

**EMBASSY SUITES FORT LAUDERDALE
1100 SE 17TH STREET
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33316**

JULY 23, 2014

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Louie G. Bush, Chair
James Funderburk, Vice-Chair
Michael Alfieri
Mervin Dale
Michael DeNeve
Robert Poppell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Matthew Cain (Excused)
Dr. Jon Arthur (Excused)

OTHERS PRESENT

Richard Morrison, Executive Director
Robert Milne, Board Counsel
Stacey Buccieri, Government Analyst II
Scott Grier
John Mullen
Kevin Coughlin
Kyle Zigler
Fred Kaub

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bush, Chair, at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 23, 2014. Mr. Bush led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- April 2014 General Business Meeting

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

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

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

RECONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY DENIED LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION APPLICATION FOR DEREK RICHCREEK

Mr. Richcreek was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

Mr. Milne presented this case stating that Mr. Richcreek's application for licensure by examination was denied at the January 2014 board meeting. The denial was based on Mr. Richcreek's application not demonstrating the required 60 months in responsible charge of geological work experience. Mr. Richcreek was 21 months short. Mr. Richcreek failed to provide the curriculum vitae of Anthony G. Speed, the professional engineer in Ontario, Canada that verified Mr. Richcreek's geological work experience as his supervisor.

Mr. Richcreek timely requested a hearing before the board and submitted a new experience verification form and resume.

After discussion the following motion was made:

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

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

APPLICATION REVIEW

Endorsement

Donna K. Beares

Ms. Beares was not present for the review of her application.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. DeNeve made a motion to approve Ms. Beares' application for licensure by endorsement.

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

Joshua Warren Bowe

Mr. Bowe was not present for the review of his application.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Dale made a motion to approve Mr. Bowe's application for licensure by endorsement.

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

Michael Patrick Hays

Mr. Hays was not present for the review of his application.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Funderburk made a motion to approve Mr. Hays' application for licensure by endorsement.

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

Roger James Paulson II

Mr. Paulson was not present for the review of his application.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Dale made a motion to approve Mr. Paulson's application for licensure by endorsement.

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

Examination

Jon Berntsen

Mr. Berntsen was not present for the review of his application.

After discussion the following motion was made:

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

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

Hailemelekot H. Betemariam

Mr. Betemariam was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

Mr. DeNeve was recused.

After discussion and a large amount of time was spent discussing Mr. Betemariam's experience the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Funderburk made a motion to approve Mr. Betemariam's application to sit for the examination.

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

Lynn Ann Biddlecomb

Ms. Biddlecomb was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

After discussion the following motion was made:

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

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

David Hill Spader

Mr. Spader was not present for the review of his application.

After discussion the following motion was made:

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

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

Clayton Blaine McMillan

Mr. McMillan was not present for the review of his application.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. DeNeve made a motion to approve Mr. McMillan's application to sit for the examination.

SECOND: Mr. Dale seconded and the motion passed unanimously

CHAIR'S REPORT – LOU BUSH

Mr. Bush announced that on June 13, 2014 the Governor signed Senate Bill 404 into law. Mr. Bush thanked the board for the hard work they put into getting legislation passed.

Mr. Bush stated he would like for the board to draft "thank you" letters to the Legislators that helped get the legislation passed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – RICHARD MORRISON

Mr. Morrison reviewed the Operating Account Financial Report ending March 31, 2014 and the Unlicensed Activity Financial Report ending March 31, 2014 with the board.

Mr. Morrison also reviewed the Complaints and Investigations Report.

BOARD COUNSEL'S REPORT – Robert Milne

- Annual Regulatory Plan

Mr. Milne stated that he listed the following rules in the Annual Regulatory Plan:

61G16-3.009 Schedule of Fees
61G16-5.004 Application Evaluations
61G16-1.009 Definitions

Mr. Milne also stated this list the not final and should the board decide to open other rules they would be allowed to do so.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Ian Brown

There was no Prosecuting Attorney's Report.

Mr. Bush recessed this meeting until 9:00 a.m. on July 24, 2014.

Mr. Bush called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. on July 24, 2014.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE

Rules Impacted by the Law Change

Mr. Milne stated he would review the board's rules and list those affected by the new legislation.

Mr. Milne also stated he would draft a definition of Geologist In Training for the board's input at the October meeting.

The board discussed and set the fee for a Geologist In Training as \$190. This fee would include a \$15 application fee, a \$150 exam fee and a \$25 registration fee.

Draft Bill Implementation Plan

The board reviewed the Bill Implementation Plan for informational purposes only.

Draft Application for Licensure by Examination

The board reviewed the Application for Licensure by Examination and made suggestions and corrections.

Draft Application for Geologist In Training Registration

The board reviewed the Application for Geologist In Training and made suggestions and corrections.

TASK FUNCTION FORM

Mr. Bush reviewed the task function form with the board and staff. Completed items will be removed and all new items will be added.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Alfieri stated that New York has passed legislation to license Professional Geologists.

OLD BUSINESS

The board directed Mr. Morrison to have the Central Intake Unit send deficiency letters to applicants without resumes or proof of licenses included.

Mr. Bush stated he would draft "thank you" letters on behalf on the board to the Legislators that helped with getting SB 404 passed. These letters will be brought to the October 2014 meeting for the board members to sign.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.