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MINUTES

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS

**GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
HAMPTON INN & SUITES AMELIA ISLAND
19 SOUTH 2ND STREET
FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034**

**JULY 26, 2017, 1:00 PM
JULY 27, 2017, 9:00 AM**

APPROVED OCTOBER 18, 2017

July 26, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Alfieri, Chair
Michael DeNeve, Vice-Chair
Lou Bush
Mervin Dale
Norman Meeks
Stanley Warden

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Jonathan Arthur
Robert Poppell

OTHERS PRESENT

Robert Milne
Richard Morrison
Kevin Dennin
Court Reporter
Ryan McEndree
Jacob Hacker

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The meeting was called to order by Mr. Alfieri, Chair, at 1:12 PM on Wednesday, July 26, 2017.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF APRIL 2017 MINUTES

The board reviewed the minutes and after discussion, four changes were requested and the following motion was made:

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

APPLICATION REVIEW

UPGRADE

Anthony Pezzotti

Mr. Pezzotti was not present.
After discussion, the following motion was made:
MOTION: Mr. DeNeve made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the practice part of the examination.
SECOND: Mr. Warden seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

EXAMINATION

Mark Chest

Mr. Chest was not present.
After discussion, the following motion was made:
MOTION: Mr. DeNeve made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the examination.
SECOND: Mr. Dale seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Hua Zhang

Dr. Zhang was not present.
After discussion, the following motion was made:
MOTION: Mr. Dale made a motion to deny the applicant to sit for the examination.
SECOND: Mr. Warden seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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85 **Crystal Towns**

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87 Ms. Towns was not present.

88 After discussion, the following motion was made:

89 MOTION: Mr. Dale made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the examination.

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

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93 **John Warm**

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95 Mr. Warm was not present.

96 After discussion, the following motion was made:

97 MOTION: Mr. DeNeve made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the examination.

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

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102 **ENDORSEMENT**

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104 **Douglas Rambo**

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106 Mr. Rambo was not present.

107 After discussion, the following motion was made:

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

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

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112 **Scott Bick**

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114 Mr. Bick was not present.

115 After discussion, the following motion was made:

116 MOTION: Mr. Dale made a motion to approve the applicant for endorsement.

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

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119 **Christopher Napolean**

120 Mr. Napolean was not present.

121 After discussion, the following motion was made:

122 MOTION: Mr. Alfieri made a motion to approve the applicant for endorsement.

123 SECOND: Mr. Warden seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
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125 **Craig Joseph**

126 Mr. Joseph was not present.

127 After discussion, the following motion was made:

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

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

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131 **GEOLOGIST-IN-TRAINING**

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133 **Jorge Valdes**

134 Mr. Valdes was not present.

135 After discussion, the following motion was made:

136 MOTION: Mr. Dale made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the fundamentals
137 portion of the examination.

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

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140 **Mitchell Barton**

141 Mr. Barton was not present.

142 After discussion, the following motion was made:

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

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

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147 **Caroline Herman**

148 Ms. Herman was not present.

149 After discussion, the following motion was made:

150 MOTION: Mr. Dale made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the fundamentals
151 portion of the examination.

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

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157 **Joe Salinas**

158 Mr. Salinas was not present.

159 After discussion, the following motion was made:

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

162 SECOND: Mr. Meeks seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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164 **Ryan McEndree**

165 Mr. McEndree was present.

166 After discussion, the following motion was made:

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

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

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173 **Jacob Hacker**

174 Mr. Hacker was present.

175 After discussion, the following motion was made:

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

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

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181 **Raymond Fajardo**

182 Mr. Fajardo was not present.

183 After discussion, the following motion was made:

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

186 SECOND: Mr. Meeks seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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191 **Bertram Nicke**

192 Mr. Nicke was not present.

193 After discussion, the following motion was made:

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

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

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198 **William Hessman**

199 Mr. Hessman was not present.

200 After discussion, the following motion was made:

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

203 SECOND: Mr. Meeks seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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205 **Peter Burke**

206 Mr. Burke was not present.

207 After discussion, the following motion was made:

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

210 SECOND: Mr. Meeks seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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212 **Lindsey Romine**

213 Ms. Romine was not present.

214 After discussion, the following motion was made:

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

217 SECOND: Mr. Meeks seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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219 **Margaret Power**

220 Ms. Power was not present.

221 After discussion, the following motion was made:

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

224 SECOND: Mr. Meeks seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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226 **Benjamin Davis**

227 Mr. Davis was not present.

228 After discussion, the following motion was made:

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

231 SECOND: Mr. Meeks seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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233 **Mary Lupo**

234 Ms. Lupo was not present.

235 After discussion, the following motion was made:

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

238 SECOND: Mr. Meeks seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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240 **CHAIR'S REPORT**

241 Mr. Meeks and Mr. Bush will gather information on the University of South Florida Fast
242 Track Program to become a Professional Geologist in Florida to ensure compliance.

243 Also, they will see if more university geology professors have considered becoming
244 licensed.

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246 **ELECTION**

247 After discussion, the following motion was made:

248 MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion to appoint Mr. DeNeve as Chair and Mr. Meeks as
249 Vice-Chair beginning with the October 2017 meeting.

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

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252 Meeting adjourned at 3:28 PM

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254 **July 27, 2017**

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256 The meeting was called to order by Mr. Alfieri, Chair, at 9:08 AM.

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259 **ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT**

260 Mr. Milne reported that the disciplinary guidelines rule is now effective. He also reported
261 a new rule which will decrease the delinquency fee from \$100.00 to \$25.00.

262 After discussion, the following motion was made:

263 MOTION: Mr. Milne made a motion to promulgate Rule 61G16-3.001

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

265 After discussion, the following motion was made:

266 MOTION: Mr. Bush Stated that Rule 61G16-3.001 is not a minor violation.

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

268 Mr. Milne also stated that a new minor violation certification form must now be signed by
269 the Chair each time a rule changes to determine if it is a minor violation.

270 After discussion, the following motion was made:

271 MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion to give authority to the Executive Director to sign the
272 Minor Violation Certification form.

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

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275 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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277 **Financials & Financial Projections**

278 Mr. Morrison discussed financials and projections.

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280 **GIT Pass Rates**

281 Mr. Morrison discussed the GIT pass rate on the fundamentals portion of the
282 examination compared to the PG examination pass rates on the fundamentals portion of
283 the examination. Mr. Bush also gave pass rates by university.

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285 **ASBOG Increase**

286 Mr. Morrison discussed the letter from ASBOG showing an increase from \$150.00 to
287 \$200.00 on the fundamentals portion of the examination.

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289 **Board Report**

290 Mr. Morrison discussed that year-to-date there has only been one complaint filed and
291 that was not shown to be legally sufficient.

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293 **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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295 **Chapter 492 Changes**

296 The board discussed proposed changes to Florida Statute 492. Mr. Dale will present the
297 proposed changes to FAPG for their recommendations.

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299 **Board Letter North Carolina**

300 The board had a discussion regarding whether we should send a letter to all new license
301 holders similar to the letter sent out in North Carolina. Mr. Dale will also discuss this with
302 FAPG.

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304 **In-State Upgrade Application**

305 The board had a discussion regarding the upgrade application for in-state applicants.
306 They would like to see verification that they do currently hold a registration as a
307 geologist-in-training on the agenda.

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309 **TASK FORM**

310 Add that Mr. Milne will check the statutes for the possibility of adding an FDLE
311 background check to geology applications as a requirement. Mr. Milne will also check
312 whether adding continuing education requirements will have to go before the legislature
313 as there is no mandate in the current statute. The board also agreed to take the North
314 Carolina board letter, approaching FAPG, and the upgrade application off of the task
315 form.

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317 **NEW BUSINESS**

318 MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion to have the first day of Geology Board Meetings to
319 begin at 9:00 AM with day two finishing business.

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

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322 **OLD BUSINESS**

323 There was no old business to discuss.

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327 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

328 There was no public comment.

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330 The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Alfieri, Chair, at 11:09 AM.

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