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

Mr. Warm 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. Alfieri seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rambo was not present.
After discussion, the following motion was made:
MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion to approve the applicant for endorsement.
SECOND: Mr. Dale seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bick was not present.
After discussion, the following motion was made:
MOTION: Mr. Dale made a motion to approve the applicant for endorsement.
SECOND: Mr. Alfieri seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Napolean was not present.
After discussion, the following motion was made:
MOTION: Mr. Alfieri made a motion to approve the applicant for endorsement.
SECOND: Mr. Warden seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Craig Joseph
Mr. Joseph was not present.

After discussion, the following motion was made:
MOTION: Mr. DeNeve made a motion to approve the applicant for endorsement.
SECOND: Mr. Bush seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

GEOLeOGIST-IN-TRAINING

Jorge Valdes
Mr. Valdes was not present.

After discussion, the following motion was made:
MOTION: Mr. Dale made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the fundamentals portion of the examination.
SECOND: Mr. DeNeve seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously

Mitchell Barton
Mr. Barton 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 the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Caroline Herman
Ms. Herman was not present.

After discussion, the following motion was made:
MOTION: Mr. Dale made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the fundamentals portion of the examination.
SECOND: Mr. Bush seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
Mr. Salinas 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 the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Ryan McEndree
Mr. McEndree was 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. Dale seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Jacob Hacker
Mr. Hacker was 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. Dale seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Raymond Fajardo
Mr. Fajardo 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 the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
Mr. Nicke was not present. After discussion, the following motion was made:

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

William Hessman

Mr. Hessman 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 the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Peter Burke

Mr. Burke 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 the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Lindsey Romine

Ms. Romine 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 the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Margaret Power

Ms. Power 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 the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
Benjamin Davis
Mr. Davis 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 the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mary Lupo
Ms. Lupo 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. Meeks seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

CHAIR’S REPORT
Mr. Meeks and Mr. Bush will gather information on the University of South Florida Fast Track Program to become a Professional Geologist in Florida to ensure compliance. Also, they will see if more university geology professors have considered becoming licensed.

ELECTION
After discussion, the following motion was made:
MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion to appoint Mr. DeNeve as Chair and Mr. Meeks as Vice-Chair beginning with the October 2017 meeting.
SECOND: Mr. Dale seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:28 PM

July 27, 2017
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Alfieri, Chair, at 9:08 AM.
Mr. Milne reported that the disciplinary guidelines rule is now effective. He also reported a new rule which will decrease the delinquency fee from $100.00 to $25.00.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Milne made a motion to promulgate Rule 61G16-3.001
SECOND: Mr. Dale seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Bush Stated that Rule 61G16-3.001 is not a minor violation.
SECOND: Mr. Alfieri seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion to give authority to the Executive Director to sign the Minor Violation Certification form.
SECOND: Mr. Dale seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Financials & Financial Projections
Mr. Morrison discussed financials and projections.

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

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

Board Report
Mr. Morrison discussed that year-to-date there has only been one complaint filed and that was not shown to be legally sufficient.
DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

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

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

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

NEW BUSINESS
MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion to have the first day of Geology Board Meetings to begin at 9:00 AM with day two finishing business.
SECOND: Mr. Warden seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS
There was no old business to discuss.
There was no public comment.

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