MINUTES

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

EMBASSY SUITES TAMPA/USF
3705 SPECTRUM BLVD
TAMPA, FL 33612

OCTOBER 21, 2015
&
OCTOBER 22, 2015

Approved January 27th, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT
Mervin Dale, Chair
Michael Alfieri, Vice-Chair
Lou Bush
Michael DeNeve
Jacqueline Lloyd
Norman Meeks
Stanley Warden

MEMBERS ABSENT
Robert Poppell – (Excused)

OTHERS PRESENT
Richard Morrison, Executive Director
Robert Milne, Board Counsel
Donald Shaw, Government Analyst II
Dr. Bruce Nocita
Kevin Mouyard
Sandy Conard
David Miller
Carlos Ortega
Anne Murray
Helen Hickman
Dr. Mark Rains
Dr. H.L. Vacher
Dr. Rene Alvarez
Court Reporter

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Dale, Chair, at 1:06 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2015. Mr. Dale led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Bush gave the invocation.
FAPG/USF INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Bush gave a brief introduction of Dr. Mark Rains, Chair of the School of Geosciences at the University of South Florida. Dr. Rains introduced several of his colleagues, including Dr. Rene Alvarez, Dr. H.L. Vacher, and Dr. Bruce Nocita, and gave a short presentation about USF and their efforts to prepare their student body on entering the geosciences field.

Mr. Bush then introduced the President of the Florida Association of Professional Geologists (“FAPG”), Ms. Anne Murray. Ms. Murray gave a short presentation to the Board on the efforts of the FAPG on promoting the geology profession in Florida and, specifically, their efforts to inform the students in Florida on the new GIT program. Ms. Murray then introduced Ms. Helen Hickman, President-Elect of the American Institute of Professional Geologists (“AIPG”), who also gave a presentation to the Board on the state of the association and their ongoing efforts to promote the industry.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

July 2015 General Business Meeting

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

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

APPLICATION REVIEW

- Informal Hearing

Thomas Gaieck

Mr. Gaieck was not present.

Mr. Milne presented this case to the Board stating that Mr. Gaieck’s application for licensure by endorsement was denied at the April 2015 meeting of the Board for failing to provide proof of having passed an exam and failure to provide sufficient information detailing his geological work experience. Mr. Milne stated that the Notice of Intent to Deny was filed on July 29, 2015 and that Mr. Gaieck had made a timely request for an informal hearing.

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

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

Carl Bastian

Mr. Bastian was not present.

Board staff presented a request from Mr. Bastian to change his method of application from licensure by endorsement to licensure by examination.

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.

Graeme Bowles

Mr. Bowles was not present.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Meeks made a motion to approve the application for endorsement.
SECOND: Ms. Lloyd seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

William Burke

Mr. Burke was not present.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Ms. Lloyd made a motion to deny the application as the applicant had not demonstrated the required experience pursuant to §492.105 (1)(e), Florida Statutes.
SECOND: Mr. Alfieri seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Thomas Johnson

Mr. Johnson 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.

David Miller

Mr. Miller was present and he was sworn in by the court reporter.
After discussion, Mr. Miller requested a continuance to the January board meeting to allow him to provide additional information. Mr. Miller waived the deemer. After discussion the board granted the continuance.

- **Examination**
  - **Sandy Conard**
    
    Ms. Conard was present and she was sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion the following motion was made:
    
    MOTION: Mr. DeNeve made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the examination.
    
    SECOND: Ms. Lloyd seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
  
  - **Kevin Mouyard**
    
    Mr. Mouyard was present and he was sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Mr. Mouyad requested the board allow him to change his method of application from an examination application to a geologist-in-training application.
    
    MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the fundamentals portion of the examination.
    
    SECOND: Mr. DeNeve seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- **Geologist-in-training**
  - **Demi Girot**
    
    Ms. Girot was not present. After discussion the following motion was made:
    
    MOTION: Mr. Meeks made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the fundamentals portion of the examination.
    
    SECOND: Mr. DeNeve seconded the motion.
  
  - **Blanca Ortega**
    
    Ms. Ortega 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.
Carlos Ortega

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

After discussion the following motion was made:

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

Andrew Smith

Mr. Smith 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. Bush seconded the motion.

Roxanna Vaught-Mijares

Ms. Vaught-Mijares was not present.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Ms. Lloyd made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the fundamentals portion of the examination.
SECOND: Mr. Meeks seconded the motion.

The meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Dale, Chair, at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2015.

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CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Dale presented a newsletter from the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists and discussed the board perhaps implementing a statute or rule detailing a code of conduct or standards of conduct for Florida licensed professional geologists.

Mr. Dale also presented a letter from a Florida licensed professional geologist in which the topic of continuing education came up. Mr. Dale polled the board on whether or not they would like to see continuing education (“CE”) requirements be initiated for Florida licensed professional geologists, and the board stated they would like to see CE requirements initiated.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT


Mr. Morrison discussed the budget projections with the board.

Mr. Morrison also reviewed the Complaints and Investigations Report.

Mr. Bush made a request to see a detailed breakdown of the Education and Testing line item on the report. Mr. Morrison said he would provide that information at the next meeting.

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.

ATTORNEY GENERAL’S REPORT

Mr. Milne went over the Rule Report with the Board and stated that Rules 61G16-1.009 and 61G16-3.001 would be on the report in January for review by the Board.

Mr. Milne also went over the Annual Regulatory Plan.

Mr. Milne made a brief presentation on a recent ruling by the United States Supreme Court regarding antitrust and state regulatory boards.

TASK FORM

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

Mr. Shaw presented a flyer which was created to promote the Geologist-in-Training registration. After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion to approve the flyer as the board’s official “GIT” flyer.
SECOND: Mr. Alfieri seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Dates and locations for the 2016 meetings were discussed and agreed upon.

Mr. Meeks informed the board that a colleague of his, Gabrielle Enos, would be attending the annual ASBOG meeting and was offering to appear as the board’s official representative.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion to approve sending Ms. Enos to the ASBOG meeting as the official representative of the board and to cast a “no” vote to ASBOG’s request to increase the examination fee.
SECOND: Mr. Alfieri seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The board requested that board staff create a matrix to track the examination pass rates of all GIT candidates and to present that to the board at the next meeting. The board also requested that board staff draft a “GIT certificate” to be given to all registered GITs in the state.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:46 A.M.