MINUTES

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
HYATT HOUSE NAPLES
1345 5th AVENUE
NAPLES, FL 34102

OCTOBER 18, 2017 9:00 AM
OCTOBER 19, 2017 9:00 AM

APPROVED JANUARY 24, 2018

October 18, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael DeNeve, Chair
Norman Meeks, Vice-Chair
Dr. Jonathan Arthur
Lou Bush
Mervin Dale
Stanley Warden
Michael Alfieri

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Robert Milne
Richard Morrison
Kevin Dennin
Court Reporter
Michael Boatman
John Pazel
REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JULY 2017 MINUTES

The board reviewed the minutes and after discussion, one change was requested and the following motion was made:

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2017 CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

The board reviewed the minutes and after discussion, one change was requested and the following motion was made:

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

APPLICATION REVIEW

RECONSIDERATION

Dr. Hua Zhang

Dr. Zhang and his attorney, Edwin Bayo Esq. were present.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Dr. Arthur made a motion to vacate the Notice of Intent to Deny Dr. Zhang’s application and approve the applicant to sit for the examination.
SECOND: Mr. Warden seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

EXAMINATION

John Towns

Mr. Towns was not present.

After discussion, the following motion was made:
Mr. Dale made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the examination. Dr. Arthur seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

John McMullen

Mr. McMullen was present. After discussion, it was determined by the board that Mr. McMullen lacked three years of verified experience and the applicant requested the board to act on an application for geologist-in-training. At that point, the following motion was made:

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

ENDORSEMENT

Kevin Wierengo

Mr. Wierengo was not present. After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Dr. Arthur made a motion to approve the applicant for endorsement.
SECOND: Mr. Meeks seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Michael Boatman

Mr. Boatman was present. After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Meeks made a motion to approve the applicant for endorsement.
SECOND: Mr. Alfieri seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

GEOLOGIST-IN-TRAINING

John Pazel

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

Cortney Cameron
Ms. Cameron was not present.

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

Fernando Galvao
Mr. Galvao was present.

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

CHAIR’S REPORT
Nothing to report

ATTORNEY GENERAL’S REPORT

Annual Regulatory Plan
Discussed the Annual Regulatory Plan and Mr. Milne advised it had been signed by the Legislature.

Rules Report
Mr. Milne stated that all rules are effective October 31, 2017.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

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

Board Report
Mr. Morrison discussed that year-to-date there are no complaints filed with the Department.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

National Licensure
The Board discussed AIPG’s letter on national licensure.

Chapter 492 Changes
Mr. Dale stated that FAPG has sent him emails discussing the changes to Chapter 492, F.S. and that they will be attempting to get the proposed changes on this year’s Legislative Agenda.

TASK FORM
Mr. Milne stated that there is no statutory authority for the board to request applicants have a background screening. It was requested to be taken off the task form. The board requested that the Secretary be invited to the January meeting in Tallahassee to discuss the Board’s wish to have changes implemented to Chapter 492 F.S. Mr. Bush will develop a presentation for the Secretary. Dr. Arthur will also develop an unofficial application commentary for circumstances in application review.

MOTION: Mr. Meeks made a motion to adjourn.
SECOND: Mr. Dale seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 12:09 PM.

October 19, 2017
The meeting was called to order by Mr. DeNeve, Chair, at 9:02 AM.
NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed dates and locations for 2018 meetings and after discussion, the following dates and locations was determined:

- January 24-25, 2018 – Tallahassee
- April 25-26, 2018 – St. Augustine
- July 25-26, 2018 – Key West
- October 24-25, 2018 - Sarasota

OLD BUSINESS

The board asked if there were term limits and after discussion, it was determined there were no term limits for members.

Mr. Dale discussed his geologist-in-training presentation at The University of Florida Career Day. It was also asked that we cc the Chair on all letters sent to applicants informing them that their application is coming before the board in an attempt to increase attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
SECOND: Dr. Arthur seconded and the meeting was adjourned by Mr. DeNeve, Chair, at 9:53 AM.