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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

41 Fernando Galvao
42 Dr. Hua Zhang
43 Edwin Bayo, Esq.

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46 The meeting was called to order by Mr. DeNeve, Chair, at 9:02 AM on Wednesday,
47 October 18, 2017.

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50 **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JULY 2017 MINUTES**

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

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55 MOTION: Mr. Alfieri made a motion to approve the minutes as amended.

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

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58 **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2017 CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES**

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

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63 MOTION: Dr. Arthur made a motion to approve the minutes as amended.

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

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68 **APPLICATION REVIEW**

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71 **RECONSIDERATION**

72 **Dr. Hua Zhang**

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

74 After discussion, the following motion was made:

75 MOTION: Dr. Arthur made a motion to vacate the Notice of Intent to Deny Dr. Zhang's
76 application and approve the applicant to sit for the examination.

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

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80 **EXAMINATION**

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82 **John Towns**

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84 Mr. Towns was not present.

85 After discussion, the following motion was made:

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

87 SECOND: Dr. Arthur seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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89 **John McMullen**

90 Mr. McMullen was present.

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

94 MOTION: Mr. Dale made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the fundamental
95 portion of the examination.

96 SECOND: Dr. Arthur seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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100 **ENDORSEMENT**

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102 **Kevin Wierengo**

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104 Mr. Wierengo was not present.

105 After discussion, the following motion was made:

106 MOTION: Dr. Arthur made a motion to approve the applicant for endorsement.

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

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110 **Michael Boatman**

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112 Mr. Boatman was present.

113 After discussion, the following motion was made:

114 MOTION: Mr. Meeks made a motion to approve the applicant for endorsement.

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

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118 **GEOLOGIST-IN-TRAINING**

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120 **John Pazel**

121 Mr. Pazel was present.

122 After discussion, the following motion was made:

123 MOTION: Mr. DeNeve made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the fundamental
124 portion of the examination.

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

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127 **Cortney Cameron**

128 Ms. Cameron was not present.

129 After discussion, the following motion was made:

130 MOTION: Mr. Dale made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the fundamental
131 portion of the examination.

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

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134 **Fernando Galvao**

135 Mr. Galvao was present.

136 After discussion, the following motion was made:

137 MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the fundamental
138 portion of the examination.

139 SECOND: Dr. Arthur seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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142 **CHAIR'S REPORT**

143 Nothing to report

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145 **ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT**

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147 **Annual Regulatory Plan**

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

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151 **Rules Report**

152 Mr. Milne stated that all rules are effective October 31, 2017.

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157 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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159 **Financials & Financial Projections**

160 Mr. Morrison discussed financials and projections.

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162 **Board Report**

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

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166 **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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168 **National Licensure**

169 The Board discussed AIPG's letter on national licensure.

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171 **Chapter 492 Changes**

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

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176 **TASK FORM**

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

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184 MOTION: Mr Meeks made a motion to adjourn.

185 SECOND: Mr. Dale seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 12:09 PM.

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187 **October 19, 2017**

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189 The meeting was called to order by Mr. DeNeve, Chair, at 9:02 AM.

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191 **NEW BUSINESS**

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

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195 January 24-25, 2018 – Tallahassee

196 April 25-26, 2018 – St. Augustine

197 July 25-26, 2018 – Key West

198 October 24-25, 2018 - Sarasota

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200 **OLD BUSINESS**

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

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

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208 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

209 There was no public comment.

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211 MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

212 SECOND: Dr. Arthur seconded and the meeting was adjourned by Mr. DeNeve, Chair,
213 at 9:53 AM.

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