

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS

I. General Information

Meeting Type: General Business Meeting
Meeting Date: October 24 & 25, 2007
Meeting Location: Department of Business and Professional Regulation
(DBPR) Boardroom
1940 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Attendees:

Stuart W. Smith, Chair
Donald F. McNeill
James W. Pease
Tom Scott
Matthew Cain

Members Absent

Valerie Coton (excused)
James Funderburk, Vice-Chair (excused)

Others Present

Richard Morrison, Executive Director, DBPR
Stacey Merchant, Government Analyst, DBPR
Eric Hurst, Assistant General Counsel, DBPR
Barbara Edwards, Board Counsel

II. Major Issues/Actions

- Nine applications were reviewed, (three by endorsement and six by examination). Eight were approved and one was denied.
- The board discussed amendments to Rule 61G16-5.004, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), regarding application evaluation. The board counsel has been working with the board on language that would make the rule easier to interpret and the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee (JAPC) will approve. Board counsel will draft the language and respond to JAPC in an effort to move the rule through the rule making process. The amendments will clarify geology application evaluation guidelines.

III. Legislation/Rule Promulgation

Board counsel reported the following:

- Rule 61G16-4.004, F.A.C., regarding discretionary reinstatement of null and void licenses was adopted on September 9th, 2007 and became effective October 14th, 2007.

- Rule 61G16-8.001, F.A.C., regarding license & certification renewal was amended to conform to the new rule on reinstatement of null and void licenses. The amendments were adopted on October 5th, 2007 and became effective October 25th, 2007.

IV. Action Required

- Board counsel will draft board approved language for Rule 61G16-5.004, F.A.C., and respond to JAPC to complete the rule making process.

Richard Morrison
Executive Director
October, 2007