

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Board of Professional Geologists

Meeting Type: Scheduled General Business/Committee Meeting
Meeting Date: July 27-28, 2005
Meeting Loc: St. Augustine

Board Members: Donald F. McNeill (Chair), James W. Pease (Vice Chair),
Stuart W. Smith, Valerie R. Coton, K. Dawn Blackledge

Members Absent: Thomas M. Scott

Department Staff: John Knap, (Executive Director)
Christa Patterson, (Government Analyst I)
Eric Hurst, (Prosecuting Attorney)

Other Attendees: Barbara Edwards, (Board Counsel)

Major Issues/Actions:

- The Board reviewed 4 applications for licensure by endorsement (3 approved) and 8 applications for licensure by examination (3 approved).
- Third quarter 2004-2005 financial reports (March 31) presented by Executive Director. Discussion of balances in operating and unlicensed activity accounts.
- Enforcement report by Executive Director providing June 2005 case and unlicensed activity statistics.
- Presentation of Population Report by Executive Director, currently 1,749 active individuals, 70 inactive individuals, 198 active businesses.
- Review of FY 05/06 travel plan.
- Discussion of the upcoming mailing to all GB licensees to update/correct official records regarding current Geologist of Record for each company.
- Prosecuting Attorney presented a report on current discipline and unlicensed activity cases.
- Discussion regarding effort to appoint a Geologist and consumer member to fill the two vacancies on the Board.
- Board reviewed printouts of the new links on the Professional Geology web page to the download site on myfloridalicense. This is to meet the requirement of Chapter 492.115, F.S. Roster of licensed professional geologists.
- Discussion regarding excessive wait times for calls to the Customer Contact Center. Staff will obtain a wait time report from CCC to be placed on next agenda in Tallahassee.

- Discussion of the possible implementation of a continuing education program for the Board of Professional Geologists. The Board voted to abandon the idea at this time.
- Continuing discussion regarding the establishment of a GIT (Geologist in Training) program. The Board staff presented the total number of exams administered in the last 2 years to assist in determining if the program would be beneficial to the Florida geological community. Ms. Coton presented a survey of other state GIT programs. Discussion to be continued.

Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- Board Counsel reviewed new legislation, SB 1012 with the Board. Changes to 455.271 F.S. regarding reinstatement of licensure. The Board voted to decline to develop Rules to implement the provision at this time.
- Board reviewed several letters from concerned licensees regarding the final draft of the proposed new rules in the area of disciplinary guidelines and penalties, 61G16-9. These individuals expressed concern that the penalties for certain violations were excessive. The Board and Counsel made adjustments to the guidelines based on this input.
- 61G16-9 Disciplinary Guidelines: filed for adoption 6/13/05

Next Meeting: October 26-27, 2005 Tallahassee
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Executive Director

Submitted:
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