

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS

I. General Information

Meeting Type: General Business Meeting
Meeting Date: April 26 & 27, 2006
Meeting Location: Hampton Inn Cocoa Beach
3425 North Atlantic Avenue
Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931

Attendees:

James W. Pease, Chair
Stuart W. Smith, Vice Chair
K. Dawn Blackledge
Valerie Coton
Donald F. McNeill
James Funderburk
Tom Scott

Members Absent

None

Others Present

Richard "Rick" Morrison, Executive Director, Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR)
Christa Patterson, Government Analyst, DBPR
Eric Hurst, Assistant General Counsel, DBPR
Barbara Edwards, Board Counsel, Office of the Attorney General

II. Major Issues/Actions

- A representative from the Florida Association of Professional Geologists was present at the meeting and asked the board if they would support proposed legislation to require, as a condition of licensure renewal, continuing education hours. After discussion it was the consensus of the board not to support proposed legislation to require continuing education as a condition for licensure renewal.

III. Rule Promulgation

- Proposed revisions to Rules 61G16-5.001 and 61G16-5.002, F.A.C., which were suggested to simplify licensing educational requirements and to clarify acceptable non-geology related educational courses and the content of acceptable geology courses, were rejected by the board. The board asked Ms. Edwards, Board Counsel, to proceed with development of revisions to Rule 61G16-5.003(4)(b)(c)(d), F.A.C. Ms. Edwards will provide the board with a final draft to be considered at the July 2006 meeting. This change will simplify the experience requirements for licensure, and will disallow

additional graduate or undergraduate work such as teacher assistant, research assistant and/or teacher's aid, to be used as experience required for licensure.

IV. Action Required

- At the January 2006 meeting the board requested that each geology business be asked to update their geologist of record. This request was made by the board because of a disciplinary case in which a business was continuing to use a geologist of record long after he was no longer employed by the business. A mailing was sent out to all geology businesses in January 2006 requesting their records be updated. The assignment is 95% complete. A second notice will be sent to those who have not responded.
- Board Counsel will provide the board with a final draft of the revisions to Rule 61G16-5.003(4) (b) (c) (d), F.A.C., to be considered at the July 2006 meeting.

Richard Morrison
Executive Director
May, 2006