

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS**

**I. General Information**

Meeting Type: General Business Meeting  
Meeting Date: January 21 & 22, 2009  
Meeting Location: Casa Monica Hotel  
95 Cordova Street  
St. Augustine, Florida 32084

**Attendees:**

Matthew Cain, Chair  
James Harmon, Vice Chair  
Donald F. McNeill  
Tom Scott  
Robert Poppell  
James W. Pease  
Jorge Caspary

**Members Absent**

Stuart W. Smith (excused)

**Others Present**

Richard Morrison, Executive Director, DBPR  
Stacey Merchant, Government Analyst, DBPR  
Barbara Edwards, Board Counsel

**II. Major Issues/Actions**

- The board reviewed eight applications by endorsement. They approved four applications and denied two. Two applications were denied by endorsement because the applicants did not pass the national examination. However, they were approved by examination, because they had all the necessary experience.
- The board reviewed eight applications by examination. They approved six of the applications and denied two.
- The board discussed the draft proposal to Rule 61G16-2.005 F.A.C., regarding updates to electronic signing and sealing of geological documents. The rule language was approved by the board. The board's counsel was instructed to move forward with development of the amended rule. The board and board's counsel agreed that the rule change would have no impact on small business.
- The board Chairman, Matthew Cain, appointed James Harmon as the active member of the Probable Cause Committee.
- Matthew Cain, elected as Chair and James Harmon was elected Vice Chair of the board for 2009.

**III. Legislation/Rule Promulgation**

- NONE

**IV. Action Required**

- NONE

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Richard Morrison  
Executive Director