

MINUTES
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

TAMPA EMBASSY SUITES AIRPORT/WESTSHORE
555 NORTH WESTSHORE BLVD.
TAMPA, FLORIDA 33609

JANUARY 23, 2013
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MEMBERS PRESENT

Louie G. Bush, Chair
James Funderburk, Vice-Chair
Matthew Cain
Mervin Dale
Dr. Jon Arthur
Robert Poppell

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Richard Morrison, Executive Director
Marlene Stern, Board Counsel
Stacey Buccieri, Government Analyst II
Gabrielle M. Enos
Dr. Peter Schroeder
Anne Murray
Dr. Tom Scott

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bush, Chair, at 8:36 a.m. on Wednesday, January 23, 2013. Mr. Bush led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

Mr. Morrison introduced Marlene Stern as the Board Counsel replacing David Flynn. The board members welcomed her.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- October 2013 General Business Meeting

The board reviewed the minutes and after discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Dale made a motion to approve these minutes with corrections.
SECOND: Mr. Funderburk seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Bush stated that he had submitted a request to the Governor's Appointment Office to fill the three vacancies on the board. Mr. Dale stated he had received a letter stating that his appointment hasn't been confirmed by the Senate.

Mr. Bush and Mr. Dale need to have their appointments confirmed. If Mr. Bush and Mr. Dale are not confirmed, there would be five vacancies on the board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Morrison reviewed the Operating Account Financial Report ending September 30, 2012 and the Unlicensed Activity Financial Report ending September 30, 2012 with the board.

Mr. Morrison also reviewed the Complaints and Investigations Report and the Prosecuting Attorney's Case Report with the board.

BOARD COUNSEL'S REPORT – Marlene Stern

- Rules Report

Ms. Stern informed the board that Rule 61G16-9.001 would become effective on February 7, 2012.

Ms. Stern also stated she would begin the rule process on Rule 61G16-1.009 for both the "Responsible Charge" and "Responsible Position" definitions. The board decided on the following language for these definitions:

"Responsible Charge" shall mean one who is accountable for and exercises direct control and personal supervision of one self's and others' geological work with initiative, skill and independent scientific judgment

"Responsible Position" shall mean a position in which one performs geological work with initiative, skill and independent judgment under the supervision and direction of a professional geologist licensed under Chapter 492, Florida

Statutes, a professional engineer licensed under Chapter 471, Florida Statutes, or other qualified professional.

TASK FUNCTION FORM

Mr. Bush reviewed the task function form with the board and staff completed items will be removed and new items will be added.

NEW BUSINESS

Several members of the board received a letter from a member of the public. Mr. Morrison reminded the board members they should not to respond to such letters and suggested that they either forward them to him or disregard them.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Bush requested that the board discuss the language regarding Statement of estimated regulatory costs (SERC) to be used in motions and in the minutes from the meetings.

After discussion it was agreed that the language in 120.541(1)(b), F.S., would be used to form the question needed to be asked about the proposed rule language. The questions should be as follows: Will the proposed rule likely directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within 1 year after the implementation of the rule? If yes, the Executive Director shall prepare a statement of estimated regulatory costs.

LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSIONS

The board welcomed former board members Dr. Tom Scott and Gabrielle Enos. Ann Murray with FAPG/AIPG and Dr. Peter Schroder were also introduced.

The board asked Ms. Murray for her help in getting their approved Legislative Language supported and included in the Legislative Package by the Association that she represents. Ms. Murray stated that she would give this language to their lobbyist and see if they could help.

- **GIT**

The board discussed the definition of Geologist In Training (GIT) and after discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Funderburk made a motion to approve the drafted definition of a Geologist In Training and have Mr. Morrison submit this language to Ms. Murray and also to the department to have added to their legislative packages.

SECOND: Mr. Cain seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The approved language read as follows:

492.102(7) Definitions —

(7) Geologist In Training (GIT) means a person who has been certified by the board as having met the academic requirements set forth in Section 492.105(1)(d), and has passed the fundamentals of geology examination.

The board discussed the requirements for a Geologist In Training (GIT) and after discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Cain made a motion to approve the drafted requirements for a Geologist In Training and have Mr. Morrison submit this language to Ms. Murray and also to the department to have added to their legislative packages.

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

The approved language read as follows:

492.1051 Registration for Geologist In Training. —

Applicants for registration as a Geologist In Training shall meet the requirements for a professional geologist in 492.105(1)(a), (c) and (d). In lieu of graduation from an approved geological curriculum, an applicant may take the examination during his or her final year of college provided the applicant has completed 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours of geological course work, and has a letter of good standing from his or her academic department.

- **EXPERIENCE LANGUAGE**

The board discussed the requirements for a Professional Geologist and after discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Dr. Arthur made a motion to approve the drafted requirements for a Professional Geologist and have Mr. Morrison submit this language to Ms. Murray and also to the department to have added to their legislative packages.

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

The approved language read as follows:

492.105

(e) Has at least 5 years of verified geological work experience, which shall include a minimum of 3 years of geological work under the supervision of a professional geologist registered under Chapter 492, a professional engineer registered under Chapter 471, or other qualified professional. The ability of the applicant shall have been demonstrated by his or her having performed the work in a responsible position as determined by the board: or

1. have a minimum of 5 years of verified experience in responsible charge of geological work, as determined by the board.

The meeting was recessed until 8:30 a.m. on Thursday.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bush, Chair, at 8:32 a.m. on Thursday, January 24, 2013. Mr. Bush led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Louie G. Bush, Chair
James Funderburk, Vice-Chair
Matthew Cain
Mervin Dale
Dr. Jon Arthur
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Dr. Peter Schroeder
Anne Murray
Dr. Tom Scott
Jessica Duke
Albert Ridley
Nicole Garcia
Amanda Berens
William Loughry
Beni Siersema
Lori Anderson
Michelle Regan

APPLICATION REVIEW

Endorsement

Amanda Noel Berens

Ms. Berens present for the review of her application.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Poppell made a motion to approve Ms. Berens' application for licensure by endorsement.

SECOND: Mr. Funderburk seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Robert Alexander Kaufmann

Mr. Kaufmann was not present for the review of his application.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Cain made a motion to approve Mr. Kaufmann's application for licensure by endorsement.

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

John H. Raymer

Mr. Raymer was not present for the review of his application.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Dr. Arthur made a motion to approve Mr. Raymer's application for licensure by endorsement.

SECOND: Mr. Cain seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Albert Paul Ridley

Mr. Ridley was present for the review of his application.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Funderburk made a motion to approve Mr. Ridley's application for licensure by endorsement.

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

Terefe B. Manengia

Mr. Manengia was not present for the review of his application.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Dr. Arthur made a motion to approve Mr. Manengia's application for licensure by endorsement.

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

Examination

Beni Brock Siersema

Ms. Siersema was present for the review of her application.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Dr. Arthur made a motion to approve Ms. Siersema's application for licensure by examination.

SECOND: Mr. Cain seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Lori D. Dickie

Ms. Dickie was present for the review of her application.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Cain made a motion to approve Ms. Dickie's application for licensure by examination.

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

Jessica Carey Duke

Ms. Duke was present for the review of her application.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Dr. Arthur made a motion to approve Ms. Duke's application for licensure by examination.

SECOND: Mr. Cain seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Nicole Daniela Garcia

Ms. Garcia was present for the review of her application.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Cain made a motion to approve Ms. Garcia's application for licensure by examination.

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

James Peter Larkin

Mr. Larkin was not present for the review of his application.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Cain made a motion to approve Mr. Larkin's application for licensure by examination.

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

William Glen Loughry Jr.

Mr. Loughry was present for the review of his application.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Cain made a motion to approve Mr. Loughry's application for licensure by examination.

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

Hollis Ann Morantes

Ms. Morantes was not present for the review of her application.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Funderburk made a motion to deny Ms. Morantes' application for licensure by examination based on not showing proper documentation of meeting the experience requirements in 492.105(1)(e), F.S.

SECOND: Mr. Cain seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Ann Nowicki

Ms. Nowicki was not present for the review of her application.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Dale made a motion to approve Ms. Nowicki's application for licensure by examination.

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

James Donovan Olson

Mr. Olsen was not present for the review of his application.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Dr. Arthur made a motion to approve Mr. Olson's application for licensure by examination.

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

Kelly R. Probst

Ms. Probst was not present for the review of her application.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Dr. Arthur made a motion to approve Ms. Probst's application for licensure by examination.

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

Michelle Margeret Regon

Ms. Regon was present for the review of her application.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Dr. Arthur made a motion to approve Ms. Regon's application for licensure by examination.

SECOND: Mr. Poppell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rani Smith

Ms. Smith was not present for the review of her application.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Dale made a motion to approve Ms. Smith's application for licensure by examination.

SECOND: Mr. Poppell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Christopher Walker Wrenn

Mr. Wrenn was not present for the review of his application.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Cain made a motion to approve Mr. Wrenn's application for licensure by examination.

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

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.