MINUTES

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

AMELIA ISLAND PLANTATION
6800 FIRST COAST HIGHWAY
AMELIA ISLAND, FLORIDA 32034

JANUARY 27, 2010 AT 1:00 P.M.
&
JANUARY 28, 2010 AT 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Harmon, Vice-chair, at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
James Harmon, Vice-Chair
Robert Poppell
Jorge Caspary
Jon Arthur
James Pease

MEMBERS ABSENT
Donald McNeill (excused)
Matthew Cain, Chair (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT
Richard Morrison, Executive Director
David Flynn, Board Counsel
Stacey Merchant, Government Analyst II
Jonathan Russell Barker
Kristina Helen Dennis
Riza Imran Hosein

Diane Moore, Prosecuting Attorney, was not present at this meeting because no disciplinary hearings were scheduled.
REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- DECEMBER 9, 2009 TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
- AUGUST 6, 2009 TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

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

MOTION: Mr. Pease made a motion to accept these minutes with corrections.
SECOND: Mr. Poppell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEW

Endorsement

Stephen Van Johnson

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

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Pease made a motion to approve Mr. Johnson’s application for licensure by endorsement.
SECOND: Mr. Harmon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

William Richard Laton

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

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Pease made a motion to approve Mr. Laton’s application for licensure by endorsement.
SECOND: Mr. Caspary seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Colin Timothy Letch

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

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Harmon made a motion to approve Mr. Letch’s application for licensure by endorsement.
SECOND: Mr. Pease seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
Mr. Shivar was not present for the review of his application. After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Pease made a motion to approve Mr. Shivar’s application for licensure by endorsement.
SECOND: Mr. Caspary seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Barker was present for the review of his application. After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Pease made a motion to approve Mr. Barker’s application for licensure by examination.
SECOND: Mr. Harmon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Dennis was present for the review of her application. After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Caspary made a motion to approve Ms. Dennis’ application for licensure by examination.
SECOND: Mr. Pease seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Foster was not present for the review of his application. After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Pease made a motion to approve Mr. Foster’s application for licensure by examination.
SECOND: Mr. Harmon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
Riza Imran Hosein

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

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Pease made a motion to approve Mr. Hosein’s application for licensure by examination.
SECOND: Mr. Harmon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Clare Kramer

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

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Caspary made a motion to approve Ms. Kramer’s application for licensure by examination.
SECOND: Mr. Pease seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ronald F. Kiely

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

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Caspary made a motion to approve Mr. Kiely’s application for licensure by examination.
SECOND: Mr. Poppell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Deborah E. Veasey

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

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Caspary made a motion to approve Ms. Veasey’s application for licensure by examination.
SECOND: Mr. Harmon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CHAIR’S REPORT – JAMES HARMON

There was no Chair’s report.
Mr. Flynn reported that there were no rules in progress or JAPC letters at this time.

Mr. Flynn encouraged the members to make him aware of any changes needed in the rules. Mr. Flynn stated that he would begin working on the rules and suggested the board delegate a member to work with him on possible changes to the rules. After discussion, it was decided that Mr. Pease would be the delegate to work with Mr. Flynn.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – RICHARD MORRISON**

Mr. Morrison reviewed the financial statements and the revenue projections with the board.

Mr. Morrison also reviewed the complaints and investigation statistics with the board.

Mr. Morrison requested that the board review the agenda addendum overnight and act on the applications at board meeting tomorrow. The board agreed to review the addendum.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING “GEOLOGIST INTERN ACT” CREATED IN ILLINOIS**

The board discussed the pros and cons of having a Geologist in Training program and what would be required to start such a program in Florida.

After discussion, it was decided that Mr. Caspary would collect the laws and rules from other states with a GIT program for future discussion from the board.

The board also discussed whether there is a need for continuing education in this profession. After discussion, it was decided that there was not a need at this time.

Mr. Harmon recessed the meeting at 4:13 p.m.
The meeting was called to back to order by Mr. Harmon, Chair, at 9:06 a.m. on Thursday, January 28, 2010.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

James Harmon, Chair
Robert Poppell, Vice-Chair
Jorge Caspary
Jon Arthur
James Pease

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Donald McNeill (excused)
Matthew Cain (excused)

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Richard Morrison, Executive Director
David Flynn, Board Counsel
Stacey Merchant, Government Analyst II
James Peter Larkin

**INFORMAL HEARING FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATION FOR JAMES PETER LARKIN**

Mr. Larkin was present for the reconsideration of his application.

Mr. Flynn presented this case to the board stating that Mr. Larkin’s application for licensure by examination was denied at the October 22, 2009 meeting of the board. The denial was based on the applicant failing to establish completion of the requisite work experience for certification for licensure by examination in Florida. The applicant completed all geological course work necessary to meet the educational requirements in December 2008. Some of the applicant’s verified experience took place prior to the educational requirements being met.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

**MOTION:** Mr. Pease made a motion to uphold the previous denial of Mr. Larkin’s application.

**SECOND:** Mr. Poppell seconded and the motion passed 4 to 1. Dr. Arthur opposed.
APPLICATION REVIEW (ADDENDUM)

Endorsement

Michael Edward Serfes

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

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Pease made a motion to deny Mr. Serfes’ application for licensure by endorsement because he has not passed an examination.
SECOND: Dr. Arthur seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

After further discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Pease made a motion to approve Mr. Serfes’ application for licensure by examination contingent upon the payment of the examination fees.
SECOND: Mr. Harmon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Amanda L. Spencer

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

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Harmon made a motion to approve Ms. Spencer’s application for licensure by endorsement.
SECOND: Mr. Pease seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Examination

Stephen Holmes Brown

Mr. Brown 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. Brown’s application for licensure by examination.
SECOND: Mr. Poppell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
Ashley Phillips Housley

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

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Caspary made a motion to deny Ms. Housley’s application for licensure by examination based on failure to provide proof of 60 months of geological experience. Ms. Housley provided proof of 41.5 months of experience.

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

Jorge Luis Padron

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

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Caspary made a motion to deny Mr. Padron’s application for licensure by examination based on failure to provide proof that he meets the educational requirements. Mr. Padron did not provide a course description and the board was only able to identify 26 core courses.

SECOND: Mr. Poppell seconded and the motion passed 4 to 1. Mr. Pease opposed.

Lydia Wing

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

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Dr. Arthur made a motion to deny Ms. Wing’s application for licensure by examination because she did not provide proof of meeting the educational requirements. Ms. Wing did not provide an evaluation to show that her foreign degree is equivalent to a U.S. degree.

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

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Pease made a motion to nominate Mr. Harmon as Chair. Dr. Arthur seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pease made a motion to nominate Mr. Poppell as Vice-Chair. Mr. Caspary seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.