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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.**

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

22 James Harmon, Vice-Chair
23 Robert Poppell
24 Jorge Caspary
25 Jon Arthur
26 James Pease
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28 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

29 Donald McNeill (excused)
30 Matthew Cain, Chair (excused)
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32 **OTHERS PRESENT**

33 Richard Morrison, Executive Director
34 David Flynn, Board Counsel
35 Stacey Merchant, Government Analyst II
36 Jonathan Russell Barker
37 Kristina Helen Dennis
38 Riza Imran Hosein
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40 Diane Moore, Prosecuting Attorney, was not present at this meeting because no
41 disciplinary hearings were scheduled.
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47 **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

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- 49 • DECEMBER 9, 2009 TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
50 • AUGUST 6, 2009 TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

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

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54 MOTION: Mr. Pease made a motion to accept these minutes with corrections.

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

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57 **APPLICATION REVIEW**

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59 **Endorsement**

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61 **Stephen Van Johnson**

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

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65 After discussion the following motion was made:

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67 MOTION: Mr. Pease made a motion to approve Mr. Johnson's application for
68 licensure by endorsement.

69 SECOND: Mr. Harmon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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71 **William Richard Laton**

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

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75 After discussion the following motion was made:

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77 MOTION: Mr. Pease made a motion to approve Mr. Laton's application for
78 licensure by endorsement.

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

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81 **Colin Timothy Letch**

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

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85 After discussion the following motion was made:

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87 MOTION: Mr. Harmon made a motion to approve Mr. Letch's application for
88 licensure by endorsement.

89 SECOND: Mr. Pease seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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94 **Benjamin Justin Shivar**

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96 Mr. Shivar was not present for the review of his application.

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98 After discussion the following motion was made:

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100 MOTION: Mr. Pease made a motion to approve Mr. Shivar's application for
101 licensure by endorsement.

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

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104 **Examination**

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106 **Jonathan Russell Barker**

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108 Mr. Barker was present for the review of his application.

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110 After discussion the following motion was made:

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112 MOTION: Mr. Pease made a motion to approve Mr. Barker's application for
113 licensure by examination.

114 SECOND: Mr. Harmon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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116 **Kristina Helen Dennis**

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118 Ms. Dennis was present for the review of her application.

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120 After discussion the following motion was made:

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122 MOTION: Mr. Caspary made a motion to approve Ms. Dennis' application for
123 licensure by examination.

124 SECOND: Mr. Pease seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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126 **Timothy D. Foster**

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128 Mr. Foster was not present for the review of his application.

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130 After discussion the following motion was made:

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132 MOTION: Mr. Pease made a motion to approve Mr. Foster's application for
133 licensure by examination.

134 SECOND: Mr. Harmon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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140 **Riza Imran Hosein**

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

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144 After discussion the following motion was made:

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146 MOTION: Mr. Pease made a motion to approve Mr. Hosein's application for
147 licensure by examination.

148 SECOND: Mr. Harmon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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150 **Clare Kramer**

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

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154 After discussion the following motion was made:

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156 MOTION: Mr. Caspary made a motion to approve Ms. Kramer's application for
157 licensure by examination.

158 SECOND: Mr. Pease seconded and the motion passed unanimously

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160 **Ronald F. Kiely**

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

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164 After discussion the following motion was made:

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166 MOTION: Mr. Caspary made a motion to approve Mr. Kiely's application for
167 licensure by examination.

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

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170 **Deborah E. Veasey**

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

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174 After discussion the following motion was made:

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176 MOTION: Mr. Caspary made a motion to approve Ms. Veasey's application
177 for licensure by examination.

178 SECOND: Mr. Harmon seconded and the motion passed unanimously

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180 **CHAIR'S REPORT – JAMES HARMON**

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182 There was no Chair's report.

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186 **BOARD COUNSEL’S REPORT – DAVID FLYNN**

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188 Mr. Flynn reported that there were no rules in progress or JAPC letters at this
189 time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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222 Mr. Harmon recessed the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

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232 The meeting was called to back to order by Mr. Harmon, Chair, at 9:06 a.m. on
233 Thursday, January 28, 2010.

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235 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

236 James Harmon, Chair
237 Robert Poppell, Vice-Chair
238 Jorge Caspary
239 Jon Arthur
240 James Pease

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242 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

243 Donald McNeill (excused)
244 Matthew Cain (excused)

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246 **OTHERS PRESENT**

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

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

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

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

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265 After discussion, the following motion was made:

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267 MOTION: Mr. Pease made a motion to uphold the previous denial of Mr.
268 Larkin's application.

269 SECOND: Mr. Poppell seconded and the motion passed 4 to 1. Dr. Arthur
270 opposed.

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272 **APPLICATION REVIEW (ADDENDUM)**

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274 **Endorsement**

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276 **Michael Edward Serfes**

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

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280 After discussion the following motion was made:

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282 MOTION: Mr. Pease made a motion to deny Mr. Serfes' application for licensure by
283 endorsement because he has not passed an examination.

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

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286 After further discussion, the following motion was made:

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288 MOTION: Mr. Pease made a motion to approve Mr. Serfes' application for licensure
289 by examination contingent upon the payment of the examination fees.

290 SECOND: Mr. Harmon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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292 **Amanda L. Spencer**

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

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296 After discussion the following motion was made:

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298 MOTION: Mr. Harmon made a motion to approve Ms. Spencer's application
299 for licensure by endorsement.

300 SECOND: Mr. Pease seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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302 **Examination**

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304 **Stephen Holmes Brown**

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306 Mr. Brown was not present for the review of his application.

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308 After discussion the following motion was made:

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

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

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314 **Ashley Phillips Housley**

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

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318 After discussion the following motion was made:

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

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

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326 **Jorge Luis Padron**

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

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330 After discussion the following motion was made:

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

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

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338 **Lydia Wing**

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

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342 After discussion the following motion was made:

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

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

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350 **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

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352 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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

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

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