MINUTES

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
1940 NORTH MONROE STREET
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399

OCTOBER 22, 2008
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The meeting was called to order on October 22, 2008, by Mr. Funderburk, Chair, at 1:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
James Funderburk, Chair
Matthew Cain, Vice-Chair
James Harmon
Robert Poppell
Donald McNeill
Tom Scott
Stuart Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT
James Pease (Excused)

OTHERS PRESENT
Richard Morrison, Executive Director
Barbara Edwards, Board Counsel
Eric Hurst, Prosecuting Attorney
Stacey Merchant, Government Analyst II
Maureen Olsen, Deputy Secretary
Charles Adams
Heather Perry

Mr. Morrison introduced Deputy Secretary Maureen Olsen to the Board. Deputy Secretary Olsen thanked the Board for their hard work and gave them an overview of her experience. Deputy Secretary Olsen also updated the Board on the changes and improvements to the Department and welcomed any suggestions from the Board.
REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

• July 22 & 23, 2008 General Business Meeting

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

MOTION: Dr. McNeill made a motion to accept these minutes.
SECOND: Dr. Scott seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Scott announced that this would be his next to the last Board Meeting as he had accepted another job and would be leaving the Florida Geological Survey.

Dr. Scott also reminded the Board that a current board member would need to be appointed to the Probable Cause Panel in his place.

APPLICATION REVIEW

ENDORSEMENT

Charles Adams

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

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Dr. McNeill made a motion to approve this application for licensure by endorsement.
SECOND: Mr. Smith seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Peter W. Bayley

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

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Funderburk made a motion to approve this application for licensure by endorsement.
SECOND: Dr. Scott seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Tamara Onorato

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

After discussion the following motion was made:
MOTION: Mr. Smith made a motion to approve this application for licensure by endorsement.
SECOND: Dr. McNeill seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Paul Rydel

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

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Dr. McNeill made a motion to approve this application for licensure by endorsement.
SECOND: Dr. Scott seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

EXAMINATION

Heather Perry

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

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Dr. Scott made a motion to approve this application for licensure by Examination.
SECOND: Mr. Harmon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Shelley Day

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

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Dr. Scott made a motion to approve this application for licensure by Examination.
SECOND: Mr. Harmon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Gene Schrager

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

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Funderburk made a motion to approve this application for licensure by Examination.
SECOND: Dr. Scott seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
CORRESPONDENCE FROM WALTER WOOD REGARDING RULE 61G16-2.005, F.A.C.

The Board reviewed this correspondence and discussed some proposed language submitted by Mr. Pease.

After discussion, the Board decided to table this discussion until the following day.

PROSECUTION ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Mr. Hurst stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

BOARD COUNSEL’S REPORT

Ms. Edwards stated that the Board had previously voted to withdraw rule 61G16-2.005, F.A.C.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Mr. Funderburk reported that the ASBOG meeting would be held in St. Charles, Illinois. Mr. Funderburk also reported that they would be electing officers at this meeting.

Mr. Funderburk also stated that there was concern over the Fundamentals Portion of the examination and the fact that Florida candidates performed poorly. The pass rate for Florida candidates on this portion is roughly 50%.

Dr. Scott stated that he would like the Board revisit the possibility of having a Geologist In Training, however, Chapter 492.105, F.S., makes them meet the education and experience requirements.

After discussion, the Board decided to get some data from ASBOG to see which states perform the best on the Fundamentals portion of the examination and indentify whether or not they have a GIT program.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Morrison reviewed the complaints and investigations report with the Board.

Mr. Morrison also reviewed the Board’s operating and unlicensed activity accounts financial statements with the Board.

Mr. Funderburk recessed the meeting until 9:00 a.m. on October 23, 2008.
The meeting was called to order on October 23, 2008, by Mr. Funderburk, Chair, at 9:05 a.m.

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TASK FUNCTION FORM
Mr. Funderburk reviewed the Task Function Form with the Board and Staff.

DISCUSSION OF THE DEFINITION OF GEOLOGY
Mr. Hurst provided the members with copies of the definitions from other states. Mr. Hurst stated that he felt Wisconsin’s definition for the “practice of geology” was most like what he felt they were looking for.

Dr. Scott stated that he felt the Board’s existing definition is complete enough.

Dr. McNeill stated that he felt the Board should add the tasks traditionally performed which is listed on the web page.

Ms. Edwards stated that she felt a statutory change would be necessary to add the tasks to the rule.

After further discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Dr. Scott made a motion to have Ms. Edwards draft language to include the practice of geology.
SECOND: Dr. McNeill seconded and the motion passed 6 to 1. Mr. Smith opposed.
CORRESPONDENCE FROM WALTER WOOD REGARDING RULE 61G16-2.005, F.A.C.

After further discussion, the Board decided to table this discussion until the January 2009 meeting.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

The Board set the following 2009 Board Meeting Dates

- January 21 & 22, 2009 - St. Augustine
- April 23, 2009 – Tampa
- July 22 & 23, 2009 – West Palm Beach
- October 22, 2009 – Tallahassee

Mr. Morrison asked the Board to please submit any Newsletter Articles to him.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.