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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.

47 **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

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- 49 • July 22 & 23, 2008 General Business Meeting

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

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54 MOTION: Dr. McNeill made a motion to accept these minutes.

55 SECOND: Dr. Scott seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

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

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63 **APPLICATION REVIEW**

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65 **ENDORSEMENT**

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67 Charles Adams

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

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71 After discussion the following motion was made:

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73 MOTION: Dr. McNeill made a motion to approve this application for licensure
74 by endorsement.

75 SECOND: Mr. Smith seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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77 Peter W. Bayley

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

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81 After discussion the following motion was made:

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83 MOTION: Mr. Funderburk made a motion to approve this application for
84 licensure by endorsement.

85 SECOND: Dr. Scott seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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87 Tamara Onorato

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

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91 After discussion the following motion was made:

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93 MOTION: Mr. Smith made a motion to approve this application for licensure
94 by endorsement.

95 SECOND: Dr. McNeill seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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97 Paul Rydel

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

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101 After discussion the following motion was made:

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103 MOTION: Dr. McNeill made a motion to approve this application for licensure
104 by endorsement.

105 SECOND: Dr. Scott seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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107 EXAMINATION

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109 Heather Perry

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

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113 After discussion the following motion was made:

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115 MOTION: Dr. Scott made a motion to approve this application for licensure by
116 Examination.

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

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119 Shelley Day

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

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123 After discussion the following motion was made:

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125 MOTION: Dr. Scott made a motion to approve this application for licensure by
126 Examination.

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

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129 Gene Schrager

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

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133 After discussion the following motion was made:

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135 MOTION: Mr. Funderburk made a motion to approve this application for
136 licensure by Examination.

137 SECOND: Dr. Scott seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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139 CORRESPONDENCE FROM WALTER WOOD REGARDING RULE 61G16-
140 2.005, F.A.C.

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

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

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148 PROSECUTION ATTORNEY'S REPORT

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

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152 BOARD COUNSEL'S REPORT

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154 Ms. Edwards stated that the Board had previously voted to withdraw rule 61G16-
155 2.005, F.A.C.

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157 CHAIR'S REPORT

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

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

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

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

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175 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

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

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182 Mr. Funderburk recessed the meeting until 9:00 a.m. on October 23, 2008.

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184 The meeting was called to order on October 23, 2008, by Mr. Funderburk, Chair,
185 at 9:05 a.m.

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187 MEMBERS PRESENT

188 James Funderburk, Chair

189 Matthew Cain, Vice-Chair

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203 Stacey Merchant, Government Analyst II

204 Maureen Olsen, Deputy Secretary

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206 TASK FUNCTION FORM

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208 Mr. Funderburk reviewed the Task Function Form with the Board and Staff.

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210 DISCUSSION OF THE DEFINITION OF GEOLOGY

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212 Mr. Hurst provided the members with copies of the definitions from other states.

213 Mr. Hurst stated that he felt Wisconsin's definition for the "practice of geology"

214 was most like what he felt they were looking for.

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

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218 Dr. McNeill stated that he felt the Board should add the tasks traditionally

219 performed which is listed on the web page.

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221 Ms. Edwards stated that she felt a statutory change would be necessary to add

222 the tasks to the rule.

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224 After further discussion the following motion was made:

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226 MOTION: Dr. Scott made a motion to have Ms. Edwards draft language to
227 include the practice of geology.

228 SECOND: Dr. McNeill seconded and the motion passed 6 to 1. Mr. Smith
229 opposed.

230 CORRESPONDENCE FROM WALTER WOOD REGARDING RULE 61G16-
231 2.005, F.A.C.

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

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236 NEW/OLD BUSINESS

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238 The Board set the following 2009 Board Meeting Dates

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240 January 21 & 22, 2009 - St. Augustine

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242 April 23, 2009 – Tampa

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244 July 22 & 23, 2009 – West Palm Beach

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246 October 22, 2009 – Tallahassee

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

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

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