

IDAHO BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS
Bureau of Occupational Licenses
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Board Meeting Minutes of 8/6/2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Steven L Derricott - Chair
Kurt Priebe
Thomas F Mullen
Mickey E Gunter Ph.D.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Donna R Welch

BUREAU STAFF: Tana Cory, Bureau Chief
Dawn Hall, Deputy Bureau Chief
Julie Eavenson, Administrative Support Manager
Lori Peel, Investigative Unit Manager
Maurie Ellsworth, General Counsel
Deborah Sexton, Management Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 1:12 PM MDT by Steven L Derricott.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Gunter made a motion to approve the minutes of January 22, 2018. It was seconded by Mr. Mullen. Motion carried. Dr. Gunter withdrew the previous motion. It was seconded by Mr. Mullen. Motion carried.

Mr. Mullen made a motion to approve the minutes of April 2, 2018. It was seconded by Mr. Derricott. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ms. Cory gave the legislative report. The deadline to submit legislative ideas to the Governor's Office was July 13, 2018 and the deadline to submit proposed law and rule changes to the Governor's Office is August 17, 2018 for the 2019 Legislative Session.

INTERIM COMMITTEE: OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING & CERTIFICATION LAWS COMMITTEE

Ms. Cory said that the Executive Order report was submitted to the Governor and Lt. Governor prior to July 1 and it has been linked on the Board's main webpage.

Ms. Cory updated the Board on the legislative interim committee on occupational licensing and certification laws. The Occupational Licensing & Certification Laws Committee met on June 22. Ms. Cory was invited to present on the process and executive order reports for the Boards served by the Bureau. It also heard from Greg Wilson, chief of staff to Lieutenant Governor Little; Albert Downs, policy specialist for the National Conference of State Legislatures; and Patrick Grace, regional manager for the Division of Building Safety.

In her presentation before the Committee, Ms. Cory noted that 29 of the 30 Boards served by the Bureau had submitted their reports. She let the Board know that all of the reports were submitted before the July 1 deadline and each Board's report has been posted to its website.

Comments by the Committee included that its efforts appeared to be on a parallel track with those of the executive order, and committee members outlined a framework where each of them would take a few reports to review with members of the Boards who wrote them. The co-chairs encouraged legislators on the committee to volunteer to review reports where they felt like they had a connection to the occupation or had constituents who serve on the Board.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Hall gave the financial report, which indicated that the Board had a cash balance of \$59,296.81 as of 7/31/2018.

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Ms. Peel gave the investigative report, which is linked above.

Ms. Peel explained the voluntary surrender process to members of the Board.

Ms. Peel discussed the collections process with members of the Board.

Mr. Mullen made a motion to allow the Chairman to accept a reasonable request for payment in regard to case number GEO-2017-1. It was seconded by Mr. Priebe. Motion carried.

OPEN MEETING LAW

Mr. Ellsworth reviewed HB611 that made changes to the open meeting law regarding meeting notices and agendas. Changes effective July 1, 2018 included: notices and agendas must be posted online if the agency has an online presence; identification of all "action items" must be noted on the agenda; and final action may not be taken on an agenda item added after the start of the meeting unless an emergency is declared.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the To Do List and no action was taken.

The Board discussed outreach to the universities. Mr. Mullen made a motion to request staff work with Dr. Gunter to provide a paragraph notifying department chairs and interested parties of the process for licensing and of the exam dates of the Fundamentals of Geology (FG). It was seconded by Mr. Priebe. Motion carried. Mr. Mullen amended the motion to remove paragraph and add a "brief summary." It was seconded by Mr. Priebe. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the endorsement/mutual recognition application. Dr. Gunter made a motion to direct staff to revise the application as discussed. It was seconded by Mr. Mullen. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the application process and possible mutual recognition law and rule changes. The Board determined the process has been working well. Mr. Mullen made a motion to direct staff to draft a letter that would refer applicants applying through mutual recognition to Idaho Code §54-2822(c) once a completed application has been received and requested the Board review the draft at its next meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Priebe. Motion carried.

ASBOG

Mr. Mullen made a motion to approve the payment of the 2019 dues to the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG). It was seconded by Dr. Gunter. Motion carried.

Dr. Gunter made a motion to pay expenses for Mr. Mullen to attend the annual ASBOG meeting and council of examiners. It was seconded by Mr. Mullen. Motion carried. Dr. Gunter amended the motion to authorize the Chairman to designate an alternate to attend if there was a cancelation. It was seconded by Mr. Mullen. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed correspondence from the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists in regard to a sunset review report. No further action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Mullen made a motion that the Board go into executive session under Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law. The purpose of the executive session was to consider license application materials. It was seconded by Dr. Gunter. The vote was: Mr. Derricott, aye; Dr. Gunter, aye; Mr. Priebe, aye; and Mr. Mullen, aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Mullen made a motion to come out of executive session. It was seconded by Mr. Priebe. The vote was: Mr. Derricott, aye; Dr. Gunter, aye; Mr. Priebe, aye; and Mr. Mullen, aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS

Mr. Mullen made a motion to approve applicant number 901160635 pending additional information and review by the Chair. It was seconded by Dr. Gunter. Motion carried.

Mr. Mullen made a motion to approve the following for the Fundamentals of Geology (FG) and Practice of Geology (PG) examinations:

901160260
901160395
901160256

It was seconded by Mr. Priebe. Motion carried.

Mr. Mullen made a motion to approve applicant number 901155848 for the PG examination. It was seconded by Mr. Priebe. Motion carried.

Mr. Mullen made a motion to approve the following for licensure:

Barry Clark Miller – PGL 1620

It was seconded by Dr. Gunter. Motion carried.

Mr. Mullen made a motion to approve the following for the FG examination pending additional information:

901160394

It was seconded by Dr. Gunter. Motion carried.

Mr. Mullen made a motion to approve the following for the Fundamentals of Geology (FG) examination:

901159616
901159354

901159803
901160258
901160257

It was seconded by Mr. Priebe. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dr. Gunter made a motion for Mr. Derricott to continue as Chairman and elect Mr. Mullen as Vice-Chairman. It was seconded by Mr. Priebe. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING was scheduled for January 14, 2019 at 1:00 PM MST.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mullen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:19 PM MDT. It was seconded by Mr. Priebe. Motion carried.

Steven L Derricott, Chair

Kurt Priebe

Thomas F Mullen

Mickey E Gunter

Donna R Welch

Tana Cory, Bureau Chief