

1                                   **BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST**

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3                                   **GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**

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5                                   **Florida Gulf Coast University**

6                                   **The Water School (Academic Building 9 - Room 214)**

7                                   **11098 FGCU Blvd N, Fort Myers, FL 33965**

8                                   **Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.**

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10       **I.     CALL TO ORDER**

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12       The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:02 a.m. by Mr. Norman Meeks, Chair.

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14       **II.    ROLL CALL**

15               **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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17       Norman Meeks, Chair  
18       Michael Alfieri, Vice Chair  
19       Clint Kromhout

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21               **STAFF PRESENT**

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23       Rick Morrison, Executive Director, DBPR  
24       Alicia Holmes, Government Analyst II, DBPR  
25       Kara Aikens, Board Counsel

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27               **OTHERS PRESENT**

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29       Court Reporter  
30       Karolin Firtana Elcomert  
31       Zachary Raves  
32       Martina Rogers  
33       Lawrence Yednak  
34       Ryan Fetter  
35       Robert Speirs  
36       Maxwell Florey  
37       Erik Kinard  
38       Robert Butler

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39 Zane Rook  
40 Andrea Doggett  
41 Elena Waterman  
42 Mayowa Jimoh  
43 Erica Valerio  
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47 The meeting was opened with a roll call and a quorum was established.  
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### 49 **III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

50 Board members reviewed the minutes from April 22, 2026, General Business Meeting.

51 **MOTION:** Mr. Kromhout made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections from Mr. Meeks  
52 of lines 111, 214, & 215.

53 **SECOND:** Mr. Alfieri seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.  
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#### 55 **Variance and Waiver Petition – Xavier Comas**

56 Xavier Comas was not present.

57 The Board reviewed the petition and after discussion, the following motion was made:

58 **MOTION:** Mr. Meeks made a motion to Deny applicant petition for Variance and Waiver.

59 **SECOND:** Mr. Kromhout seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### 60 **APPLICATION REVIEW**

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#### 62 **ENDORSEMENT**

##### 63 **Lawrence Yednak – 10 years Endorsement**

64 Lawrence Yednak was present.

65 The Board reviewed the application and after discussion, the following motion was made:

66 **MOTION:** Mr. Meeks made a motion to Approve the application for licensure by endorsement.

67 **SECOND:** Mr. Alfieri seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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**Eugene Tabacchi – 10 years Endorsement**

Eugene Tabacchi was not present.

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Meeks made a motion to approve the application for licensure by endorsement.

**SECOND:** Mr. Kromhout seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Sean Culkin - 10 years Endorsement**

Sean Culkin was not present.

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Meeks made a motion to approve the application for licensure by endorsement.

**SECOND:** Mr. Alfieri seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Ryan Temple - Endorsement**

Ryan Temple was not present.

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Meeks made a motion to approve the application for licensure by endorsement.

**SECOND:** Mr. Kromhout seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Matthew Gentoso - Endorsement**

Matthew Gentoso was not present.

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Alfieri made a motion to approve the application for licensure by endorsement.

**SECOND:** Mr. Kromhout seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Kevin O'Toole - Endorsement**

Kevin O'Toole was not present.

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Kromhout made a motion to approve the application for licensure by endorsement.

**SECOND:** Mr. Alfieri seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Wynne Casteel - Endorsement**

Kevin O'Toole was not present.

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Kromhout made a motion to approve the application for licensure by endorsement.

**SECOND:** Mr. Alfieri seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Olivia Rockett - Endorsement**

Olivia Rockett was not present.

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Meeks made a motion to Conditionally Approve the application for licensure by endorsement contingent upon applicant providing an updated geological experience verification form.

**SECOND:** Mr. Alfieri seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**INITIAL BY EXAMINATION**

**Michael Ludwig - Exam**

Michael Ludwig was not present.

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Meeks made a motion to approve the application for licensure by exam.

121 **SECOND:** Mr. Alfieri seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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123 **Xavier Comas – Exam**

124 Xavier Comas was not present.

125 The Board reviewed the application and after discussion, the following motion was made:

126 **MOTION:** Mr. Meeks made a motion to **DENY** application based on lack of 5 years of  
127 professional geological work experience with the option to withdraw application within 30 days.

128 **SECOND:** Mr. Alfieri seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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130 **Mayowa Jimoh – Exam**

131 Mayowa Jimoh was present.

132 The Board reviewed the application and after discussion, the following motion was made:

133 **MOTION:** Mr. Meeks made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the Fundamentals portion  
134 of exam only.

135 **SECOND:** Mr. Alfieri seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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137 **Frederick Fenner - Endorsement**

138 Frederick Fenner was not present.

139 The Board reviewed the application and after discussion, the following motion was made:

140 **MOTION:** Mr. Kromhout made a motion to approve the application for licensure by  
141 endorsement.

142 **SECOND:** Mr. Meeks seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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144 **Jonathan Ascher - Exam**

145 Jonathan Ascher was not present.

146 The Board reviewed the application and after discussion, the following motion was made:

147 **MOTION:** Mr. Meeks made a motion to Conditionally Approve the application for licensure by  
148 examination contingent upon applicant submitting current employment verification within the  
149 month of August.

150 **SECOND:** Mr. Kromhout seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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152 **Nelly Sagastume - Exam**

153 Nelly Sagastume was not present.

154 The Board reviewed the application and after discussion, the following motion was made:

155 **MOTION:** Mr. Kromhout made a motion to approve the application for licensure by exam.

156 **SECOND:** Mr. Alfieri seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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158 **Leighanne Haverlin - Exam**

159 Leighanne Haverlin was not present.

160 The Board reviewed the application and after discussion, the following motion was made:

161 **MOTION:** Mr. Meeks made a motion to approve the application for licensure by exam.

162 **SECOND:** Mr. Alfieri seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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164 **Karolin Firtana Elcomert - Upgrade**

165 Karolin Firtana Elcomert was present.

166 The Board reviewed the application and after discussion, the following motion was made:

167 **MOTION:** Mr. Meeks made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the Practice portion of  
168 examination.

169 **SECOND:** Mr. Kromhout seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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171 **Zachary Gude - Upgrade**

172 Zachary Gude was not present.

173 The Board reviewed the application and after discussion, the following motion was made:

174 **MOTION:** Mr. Meeks made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the Practice portion of  
175 examination.

176 **SECOND:** Mr. Kromhout seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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178 **Martina Rogers – Exam**

179 Martina Rogers was present.

180 The Board reviewed the application and after discussion, the following motion was made:

181 **MOTION:** Mr. Meeks made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the Fundamentals portion  
182 of exam only.

183 **SECOND:** Mr. Alfieri seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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185 **Robert Butler - Upgrade**

186 Robert Butler was present.

187 The Board reviewed the application and after discussion, the following motion was made:

188 **MOTION:** Mr. Kromhout made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the Practice portion of  
189 examination.

190 **SECOND:** Mr. Meeks seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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192 **Maxwell Florey - Upgrade**

193 Maxwell Florey was not present.

194 The Board reviewed the application and after discussion, the following motion was made:

195 **MOTION:** Mr. Meeks made a motion to Conditionally Approve the applicant to sit for the Practice  
196 portion of examination contingent upon applicant providing updated geological work experience  
197 form employed through September 30, 2026.

198 **SECOND:** Mr. Kromhout seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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202 **Zachary Raves - Upgrade**

203 Zachary Raves was present.

204 The Board reviewed the application and after discussion, the following motion was made:

205 **MOTION:** Mr. Kromhout made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the Practice portion of  
206 examination.

207 **SECOND:** Mr. Alfieri seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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209 **Marie Peterson - Exam**

210 Marie Peterson was not present.

211 The Board reviewed the application and after discussion, the following motion was made:

212 **MOTION:** Mr. Meeks made a motion to approve the application for licensure by exam.

213 **SECOND:** Mr. Kromhout seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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215 **Leah Palomo – Upgrade**

216 Leah Palomo was not present.

217 The Board reviewed the application and after discussion, the following motion was made:

218 **MOTION:** Mr. Kromhout made a motion to **DENY** application based on lack of 5 years of  
219 professional geological work experience with the option to withdraw application within 30 days.

220 **SECOND:** Mr. Alfieri seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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222 **GEOLOGIST IN TRAINING**

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224 **Andrea Doggett - GIT**

225 Andrea Doggett was present.

226 The Board reviewed the application and after discussion, the following motion was made:



227 **MOTION:** Mr. Meeks made a motion to Conditionally Approve the applicant to sit for the  
228 Fundamentals portion of examination contingent upon submitting updated transcript of  
229 completion of courses within 30 days.

230 **SECOND:** Mr. Alfieri seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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232 **Ryan Fetter - GIT**

233 Ryan Fetter was present.

234 The Board reviewed the application and after discussion, the following motion was made:

235 **MOTION:** Mr. Meeks made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the Fundamentals portion  
236 of examination.

237 **SECOND:** Mr. Alfieri seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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239 **Erika Valerio - GIT**

240 Erika Valerio was present.

241 The Board reviewed the application and after discussion, the following motion was made:

242 **MOTION:** Mr. Meeks made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the Fundamentals portion  
243 of examination.

244 **SECOND:** Mr. Alfieri seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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246 **William Richmond – GIT (DENIED)**

247 William Richmond was not present.

248 The Board reviewed the application and after discussion, the following motion was made:

249 **MOTION:** Mr. Kromhout made a motion to **DENY** application based on lack of Geological  
250 Courses or withdraw application within 15 days of Notice of Intent to Deny.

251 **SECOND:** Mr. Alfieri seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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255 **Zane Rook - GIT**

256 Zane Rook was present.

257 The Board reviewed the application and after discussion, the following motion was made:

258 **MOTION:** Mr. Meeks made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the Fundamentals portion  
259 of examination.

260 **SECOND:** Mr. Alfieri seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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262 **Robert Speirs - GIT**

263 Robert Speirs was present.

264 The Board reviewed the application and after discussion, the following motion was made:

265 **MOTION:** Mr. Kromhout made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the Fundamentals  
266 portion of examination.

267 **SECOND:** Mr. Meeks seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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269 **Opeyemi Kehinde - GIT**

270 Opeyemi Kehinde was not present.

271 The Board reviewed the application and after discussion, the following motion was made:

272 **MOTION:** Mr. Kromhout made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the Fundamentals  
273 portion of examination.

274 **SECOND:** Mr. Meeks seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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276 **Pedrimar Diaz Goday - GIT**

277 Pedrimar Diaz Goday was not present.

278 The Board reviewed the application and after discussion, the following motion was made:

279 **MOTION:** Mr. Kromhout made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the Fundamentals  
280 portion of examination.

281 **SECOND:** Mr. Meeks seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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284 **Samuel Kent - GIT**

285 Samuel Kent was not present.

286 The Board reviewed the application and after discussion, the following motion was made:

287 **MOTION:** Mr. Kromhout made a motion to approve the applicant to sit for the Fundamentals  
288 portion of examination.

289 **SECOND:** Mr. Meeks seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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291 The Board reviewed the applications for Geologist in Training. All applications were approved.

292 **MOTION:** Mr. Kromhout made a motion to approve the applicants sitting for the Fundamentals  
293 portion of examination.

294 **SECOND:** Mr. Alfieri seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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  - 298 • Tre Davidson
  - 299 • Rakib Howlader
  - 300 • Katelyn Garcia
  - 301 • Sadira Jenarine
  - 302 • Hannah Hajec
  - 303 • Jamie Jones
  - 304 • Eli Prescott
  - 305 • Ciara Pearson
  - 306 • Patrick Olds

307 **CHAIR'S REPORT**

308 No Report

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310 **ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT**

311 Counsel discussed proposed rule language – Disciplinary Guidelines

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314 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

315 Mr. Morrison discussed the financial report.

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**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Upcoming Board Meetings

- October 28, 2026 – St. Augustine

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 2:03 pm

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