

LOUISIANA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS
9643 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809



JOINT APPLICATION REVIEW/EXAMINATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, May 26, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
via ZOOM

MINUTES

Examination Review Committee Chair David Williamson called the meeting to order at 10:05 pm and commenced roll call. Present were Application Review and Examination Review Committee members Stiegler, Elizabeth McDade, William Schramm, and David Williamson. Also present were Brenda Macon, LBOPG Executive Secretary, Mallory Pilié, LBOPG Project Coordinator, and Machel Hall, Assistant Attorney General and LBOPG legal counsel. No guests were present.

As no guests were present, the two committees immediately began discussing the first item of business, which was consideration of a request for waiver. Committee members were confused regarding what type of waiver (military – active service, state employee, or simply a waiver of the examination requirement) the person was requesting because the applicant seemed to allude to all three. The committee quickly determined that the applicant was not eligible for the state employee waiver because she was not a state employee. Also, the applicant information indicated that she was not, in fact, active-duty military but, instead, a federal employee working at a military installation. They decided that they needed clarification from the applicant of the type of waiver she was requesting.

They then discussed the information the applicant had submitted and the relevance of that information to a waiver of examination request. During this discussion, Hall clarified that, to show “good cause,” as required in the statute, the applicant would need to provide evidence of two things: 1) the reason she cannot take the examinations; and 2) that she has sufficient knowledge and experience to substitute for the examinations, which are required by the board for precisely that – to show that the applicant’s knowledge and experience in geoscience are broad enough to exhibit professional proficiency in the field.

Ultimately, the committee decided to have Macon draft a written request for additional information to the applicant, submit that draft to the members of both committees, and to send the final version to the applicant. McDade suggested having the applicant clarify which waiver type she is requesting (military or simple examination waiver) and then submit the information required for that specific waiver type. Because the reviewer had already examined the applicant’s materials, several questions were already prepared. The committee members felt that these questions should be sent to the applicant for her responses.

Because a quorum of board members would be unable to meet in a timely manner following this joint committee meeting, the committee members chose not to make any recommendations or take any additional actions. Williamson adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am.