



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

Board Meeting

February 5, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

William P. Hobby, Jr. Building
333 Guadalupe Street, Room 102
Austin, Texas 78701

AGENDA

The Board may discuss and take action regarding any of the following agenda items.

- A. Call to order, roll call, certification of quorum, order of business
- B. Approval of minutes from the October 16, 2015 Board Meeting
- C. Public comment (limited to five minutes per person; more time may be allotted as needed at the discretion of the Board Chair)
- D. Chairman's Report: TBPG's public comment on EPA new rule, ASBOG® cooperative licensure template, 2017-2018 Sunset Review process, new provisions in Texas law regarding "open carry"
- E. Executive Director's Report: fiscal and budgetary matters and use of staff resources, upcoming meeting with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, TBPG's Survey of Employee Engagement
- F. Reports on recent Committee meetings and activities (any topic that a Committee discussed that appears later on the Board agenda will not appear on these lists)
 1. Application Review and Continuing Education Committee meeting (02-04-16)
 - Exam Waiver Request Policy – draft criteria for waiver requests for the ASBOG® Practice of Geology exam
 - Report on status of changes to the administration of the Texas Geophysics Examination
 - Review of TBPG's recent reciprocity requests
 - Review and update of applicable Frequently Asked Questions from the TBPG website
 2. Compliance and Enforcement Committee meeting (02-04-16)
 - Discussion regarding the availability of P.G.s to review standard of care enforcement cases
 - Regarding 851.106 Responsibility to the Regulation of the Geoscience Profession and Public Protection, discussion regarding the need for a rule to require P.G.s to take action or report a public safety issue to the appropriate governmental agency, when the P.G. becomes aware of such circumstances
 - Discussion of whether the TBPG should consider developing/posting specific professional standards of care for possible adoption into TBPG's Board rules
 - Review and update of applicable Frequently Asked Questions from the TBPG website
 3. General Issues Committee meeting (02-04-16)
 - Review and update of applicable Frequently Asked Questions from the TBPG website

4. Financial Review / Strategic Planning Committee (2-5-16)
 - Financial review and analysis of expenditures for FY 2016
 - Public comments from four-year rules review: Should TBPG rules require specific approval by the Board for the Legislative Appropriations Request and a copy provided to every licensee?
 - Timing of required financial and strategic planning filings
- G. Staff Reports:
 - Licensing Report, including current licensing numbers, exam statistics
 - Financial Report, including current revenues, expenditures, appropriations request process
 - Enforcement Report, including current enforcement numbers, Complaint Review Team (CRT) meeting highlights, recent outreach opportunities, implementation of Texas Occupations Code §§1002.206-1002.207 as amended by SB 138, 83rd Legislative Regular Session 2013
- H. Application for P.G. license received from the following individuals:
 - Ahmed Saeed Afifi Elsayed: Potential request for waiver. Board review and action regarding application for P.G. license to see whether applicant meets the license requirements or if a waiver of education requirement is necessary for licensure.
 - JJ Hollingshead: Potential request for waiver. Board review and action regarding application for P.G. license to see whether applicant meets the license requirements or if a waiver of education requirement is necessary for licensure.
 - Michael Sorgenfrei: Applicant for P.G. license requesting a waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology exam
 - Edward James Bucher: Applicant for P.G. license requesting a waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology exam
- I. Proposed Agreed Board Orders:
 - Complaint Case No. 2015040
 - Complaint Case No. 2015045
 - Complaint Case No. 2015051
 - Complaint Case No. 2016001
 - Complaint Case No. 2016003
 - Complaint Case No. 2016004
 - Complaint Case No. 2016007
 - Complaint Case No. 2016008
 - Complaint Case No. 2016009
- J. Review and take appropriate action regarding the adoption of Advisory Opinion Request #13, regarding the requirements of firm registration on a firm located in Texas that does not perform geoscience in Texas
- K. Review and take appropriate action regarding the adoption of new rule, 22 TAC 851.26, regarding Licensing of Military Service Member, Military Veteran or Military Spouse
- L. Review and take appropriate action regarding the adoption of amendment to 22 TAC 851.20 regarding Professional Geoscientist Licensing Requirements and Application Procedure, relating to military service members, military spouses, and military veterans



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- M. Review and take appropriate action regarding the adoption of amendments to existing rules to clarify the definition and use of terms in TBPG rules, including the terms “Professional Geoscience” and “Professional Geoscience Services” throughout TBPG Rules in 22 TAC Chapters 850 and 851, including §§851.10 (30) and (31), and 850.62, 851.10, 851.20, 851.23, 851.29, 851.30, 851.101, 851.102, 851.104, 851.105, 851.106, 851.107, 851.108, 851.112, 851.152, 851.153, and 851.157
- N. Review and take appropriate action regarding the adoption of amendment to 22 TAC 851.156 Professional Geoscientist Seals and Geoscience Firm Identification
- O. Review and take appropriate action regarding the adoption of 22 TAC §851.32 regarding reasons a licensee may be considered exempt from the professional development educational requirements
- P. TBPG Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2017-2021
- Q. Legislative Appropriations Request for FY 2018-2019
- R. Complaint Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)
- S. “Penalties and Suggested Sanctions” table
- T. Report on status of Attorney General Opinion Request regarding whether the TBPG has the authority to accept a license resignation and whether the TBPG may impose conditions on a license resignation
- U. Date and agenda items for next meeting
- V. Adjournment

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