



# **TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

## **Board Meeting**

*April 17, 2015, 8:30 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 and certification of quorum, order of business
- B. Approval of minutes from the January 30, 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 Chairman)
- D. Chairman's Report: Parliamentary Rules for Board meetings and Guidelines for Board Discussions
- E. Executive Director's Report: fiscal and budgetary matters, agency personnel changes, use of staff resources, March 2015 ASBOG® examinations-report on special one-time weather circumstances
- F. Reports on recent Committee meetings and activities:
  - Application Review and Continuing Education Committee meeting (4/16/15)
    - Applicant for P.G. license requesting a waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals and Practice of Geology Examinations
    - Examination waiver request policy
    - Regarding 22 TAC 851.24, should the Board adopt a specific standard for expiration of a reference statement relating to an applicant for P.G. licensure
    - Governor Abbott's Blueprint for Occupational Licensing
    - Review TBPG rules and licensing procedures with regard to provisions for implementation of Occupations Code Chapter (TOC) 55 License for Military Service Member or Military Spouse and pending legislation that would amend TOC Chapter 55
    - TBPG's strategies in regard to reciprocity, including current reciprocity agreements and TBPG rules providing for licensure of persons currently licensed in other jurisdictions
    - Draft template to be used by the TBPG for reciprocity agreements
    - Display of license, registration and certification status on the TBPG website
    - Regarding definition or use of terms in TBPG rules, including the terms "Professional Geoscience" and "Professional Geoscience Services" and TBPG Rules 22 TAC §§851.10 (30) and (31)
    - Licensing Data and associated equilibrium number
    - Status of Texas Geophysics Examination
  - Compliance and Enforcement Committee meeting (4/16/15)

- Update of the “Penalties and Suggested Sanctions” table
  - Report on implementation of changes to TGPA §§1002-201-1002.207, as amended by SB 138, 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Regular Session 2013
  - Question by TWDB: When TWDB contracts with agencies such as USGS or the BEG for geoscience work, do the employees of those agencies providing the work need to be licensed?
  - Staff enforcement report
  - General Issues Committee meeting (4/16/15)
    - Voluntary license resignation, including related legal and policy matters
    - Definition of “full name” and the name a person may use on their PG license: full name, legal name, professional name if different, nickname, etc.
    - Question: Does the individual performing the technical review of geoscience work submitted to a state agency in support of a permit or other application need to be licensed?
    - Licensing projections and the associated equilibrium number
- 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
- H. Requests for waiver from the following applicant for licensure:
- Daniel Cravens: Applicant for P.G. license requesting a waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals and Practice of Geology Examinations
- I. Legislative issues: Governor Abbott’s “Blueprint Plan” for Occupational Licensing in Texas, and overview of pending legislation that could affect TBPG
- J. Proposed Agreed Board Orders presented to the Board:
- Complaint Case No. 2014036
  - Complaint Case No. 2015004
  - Complaint Case No. 2015006
  - Complaint Case No. 2015009
  - Complaint Case No. 2015014
- K. Implementation of changes to the Texas Geoscience Practice Act, Sections 1002.201-1002.207, as amended by SB 138, 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Regular Session 2013
- L. Report on status of Texas Geophysics Exam
- M. Next Board meeting date and future topics
- N. Adjournment

The Board may meet in closed session on any agenda item listed above as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Gov. Code Chapter 551.

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