



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

Board Meeting

July 17, 2015, 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 and certification of quorum, order of business
- B. Oath of office and swearing in of new Board Members
- C. Approval of minutes from the April 17, 2015 Board Meeting
- D. Public comment (limited to five minutes per person; more time may be allotted as needed at the discretion of the Board Chair)
- E. Chairman's Report: Challenges that TBPG faces, number of licensees, TBPG statute mandate, salary of agency staff
- F. Executive Director's Report: fiscal and budgetary matters, agency personnel changes, use of staff resources, Governor Abbott's memo regarding Preserving Religious Liberty for all Texans, and review of a document displaying "TBPG Committee descriptions, rules assignments, and Committee and Board tasks"
- G. Reports on recent Committee meetings and activities (any topic that a Committee discussed and that will appear elsewhere on the Board agenda will not appear on these lists)
 - 1. Application Review and Continuing Education Committee meeting (7/16/15)
 - Negative reference statements received from reference providers for applicants for P.G. licensure
 - Exam waiver request policy
 - Review of TBPG's strategies regarding reciprocity, including current reciprocity agreements and TBPG rules providing for licensure of individuals currently licensed in other jurisdictions
 - Draft template to be used by the TBPG for reciprocity agreements
 - 2. Compliance and Enforcement Committee meeting (7/16/15)
 - Guidance Document No. 1-Use and Application of the P.G. Seal and Guidance and Guidance Document No. 2-Texas Geoscience Practice Act Requirements for Employees of State and Local Governments.
 - 3. General Issues Committee meeting (7/16/15)
 - Question for follow up: Does the Board need additional rules to govern staff?
 - 4. Financial Review / Strategic Planning Committee (7/17/15)
 - Financial review and analysis of expenditures for FY 2015
 - Biennial Revenue Estimate for FY 2016-2017
 - Timing of required financial and strategic planning filings
- H. 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
- I. Request for waiver received from the following applicant for licensure:
 - Daniel Cravens: Applicant for P.G. license requesting a waiver of the ASBOG® Practice of Geology Examination
 - J. Proposed Agreed Board Orders:
 - Complaint Case No. 2014008
 - Complaint Case No. 2015007
 - Complaint Case No. 2015018
 - Complaint Case No. 2015019
 - Complaint Case No. 2015024
 - Complaint Case No. 2015032
 - Complaint Case No. 2015030
 - K. Projected agency budget for FY 2016, including options for redistributing expenditures to fund a salary increase for the Executive Director and to fund other staff salary increases
 - L. Evaluation, employment, and salary of the Executive Director
 - M. Legislative issues: Update of bills/measures reported on last quarter and overview of passed legislation that could affect TBPG
 - N. Proposal of new rule, 22 TAC 851.26, regarding agency implementation of revisions to Texas Occupations Code Chapter (TOC) 55, Licensing of Military Service Member, Military Veteran or Military Spouse for posting to the Texas Register for public comment
 - O. Proposal 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” and TBPG Rules 22 TAC §§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, 851.156, and 851.157 for posting to the Texas Register for public comment
 - P. Report on status of Texas Geophysics Exam
 - Q. Proposed 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
 - R. Penalties and Suggested Sanctions table
 - S. Implementation of changes to the Texas Geoscience Practice Act, §§1002.201-1002.207, as amended by SB 138, 83rd Legislative Regular Session 2013
 - T. Date and agenda items for next meeting (October 16, 2015)
 - U. 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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