

TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

General Issues Committee Meeting

July 16, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. 333 Guadalupe Street, Room 102 Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

- A. The meeting of the General Issues Committee was called to order at 2:01 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was certified. Committee members present were Committee Chair Christopher Mathewson, P.G., P.E., PhD, Members Kelly Krenz-Doe, P.G., and Becky Johnson, P.G. (alternate member). Member Charles Knobloch, P.G., JD and Member Joseph P. DeWoody (alternate member) were absent.
- B. The minutes from General Issues Committee meeting held on April 16, 2015 were approved as edited.
- C. Public comment. No comments from the public were offered.
- D. Regarding development of a request to the Attorney General Opinion regarding whether the TBPG has the authority to accept a license resignation and whether the TBPG may impose conditions on a license resignation, the Committee unanimously recommended a draft letter for submission to the Attorney General with minor edits, for review by the full Board. The Committee also recommended changing the appearance of the roster of licensees on the website to display only current license holders. This item was assigned for recommendation at the next Board meeting.
- E. Question for follow up: Does the Board need additional rules to govern staff? The Committee reviewed this issue raised from the four-year rules review, and determined that the Executive Director has authority over staff. These duties are delineated in rules and in the Act (in §1002.103), and there is no need for additional rules.
- F. Date for next meeting is October 15, 2015. Future agenda items to include a Wall Street Journal article regarding the disposal of waste fluids in the subsurface. Another item is the feasibility of changing the appearance of the roster on the website to display only current license holders.
- G. Adjournment at 3:04 p.m.