



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

Board Meeting

July 22, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

William P. Hobby, Jr. Building
333 Guadalupe Street, Tower I, Room 1250A
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. Oath of office and swearing in of new Board Members
- C. Approval of minutes from the April 29, 2016 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: preparation for TBPG's Sunset Review, welcome and comments to newly appointed Board Members
- F. Executive Director's Report: fiscal and budgetary matters and use of staff resources, Sunset Review items, information about Board Members on the TBPG website
- G. Reports on recent Committee meetings and activities
 1. Application Review and Continuing Education Committee meeting (07-21-16)
 - Determine whether TBPG's qualifying licensing examinations meet the Sunset Occupational Licensing Model's standard, including: ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology and Practice of Geology examinations, CSSE Fundamentals of Soil Science and Practice of Soil Science examinations, and Texas Geophysics examination
 - Review TBPG rules and processes related to: 1) qualifying applicants/examination candidates for examination and 2) administration for all parts of the ASBOG® and Texas Geophysics Examination (TGE), including: ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology and Practice of Geology examinations, CSSE Fundamentals of Soil Science and Practice of Soil Science examinations, and Texas Geophysics examination
 - Consider a draft written justification for the TBPG's use of the Texas Geophysics Examination
 2. Compliance and Enforcement Committee meeting (07-21-16)
 - Review of TBPG's complaint tracking reports in consideration of the Sunset standards
 - Review steps TBPG can take relating to the reinstatement or re-licensure of a person who was the respondent to a previous complaint
 3. General Issues Committee meeting (07-21-16)
 - Development of a standing advisory committee that would inform the TBPG regarding opportunities to comment to any federal or state agency regarding the need to include Professional Geoscientists as individuals qualified to perform work that includes the public practice of geoscience in relevant agencies' proposed rules

- Update on information regarding communications to TBPG about proposed rules for state or federal agencies that need to include Professional Geoscientists as individuals qualified to perform work that includes the public practice of geoscience, including a TBPG central contact point, information on website, newsletter item, and outreach
 - Development of consumer information/publications and flyers to be available on the website and general distribution in other settings. Topics will include: what is geology, what is geophysics, what is soil science, and the benefits of hiring a licensed Professional Geoscientist
 - Report on status of “The Value of Professional Geoscience Licensing in Texas” document and communication with the document’s authors
 - Review of staff proposed Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) regarding the role of an Authorized Official of a Firm
4. Financial Review/Strategic Planning Committee meeting (07-22-16)
- All items will appear later on the agenda
- H. Staff Reports:
1. Licensing Report, including current licensing numbers, exam statistics and efforts to enter into reciprocity agreements with other jurisdictions
 2. Financial Report, including revenues, expenditures, appropriations request process
 3. Enforcement Report, including current enforcement numbers, Complaint Review Team (CRT) meeting highlights, recent outreach opportunities, staff dismissal of the following complaints: 2016034, 2016036, 2016038, 2016040, 2016041, and 2016042
- I. Proposed Agreed Board Orders:
- Complaint Case No. 2016010
 - Complaint Case No. 2016013
 - Complaint Case No. 2016019
 - Complaint Case No. 2016023
 - Complaint Case No. 2016024
 - Complaint Case No. 2016025
- J. TBPG Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2017-2021
- K. Legislative Appropriations Request for FY 2018-2019
- L. Discussion and possible action regarding the employment, evaluation and salary of the Executive Director
- M. Consideration of Application Review and Continuing Education Committee’s recommended proposal of amendment to 22 TAC §851.29, Endorsement and Reciprocal Licensure, for posting to the Texas Register for public comment
- N. Consideration of Application Review and Continuing Education Committee’s recommended proposal of amendment to 22 TAC §851.31, Temporary License, to be consistent with statutory requirements found in TGPA §1002.258 for posting to the Texas Register for public comment
- O. Consideration of the Compliance and Enforcement Committee’s recommendation for proposal of amendment regarding the continuing education program – including revisions to 22 TAC §851.32, Continuing Education Program, for posting to the Texas Register for public comment
- P. Consideration of General Issues Committee’s recommended proposal of new rule, 22 TAC 851.35, regarding Voluntary Surrender of a License, Registration or Certification, for possible posting to the Texas Register for public comment



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- Q. Consideration of the Compliance and Enforcement Committee's recommendation for proposal of new rule regarding compliance with board orders, including possible new rule number and title, 22 TAC §851.113 Duty to abide by Board order and timely pay administrative penalty, for posting to the Texas Register for public comment
- R. Consideration of Compliance and Enforcement Committee's recommended proposal of new rule, 22 TAC 851.203, regarding default proceedings in contested case hearings scheduled with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for possible posting to the Texas Register for public comment
- S. Consideration of Compliance and Enforcement Committee's recommended proposal of new rule regarding costs of administrative hearings, including possible new rule number and title, 22 TAC §851.204 Costs of Administrative Hearings, for posting to the Texas Register for public comment
- T. Consideration of the Compliance and Enforcement Committee's recommended changes to the TBPG's complaint procedures and possible changes to the TBPG's Complaint Standard Operating Procedures
- U. Consideration and possible adoption of Application Review and Continuing Education Committee's recommended ASBOG® Practice Exam Waiver Request Policy
- V. Consideration and possible adoption of Application Review and Continuing Education Committee's recommended criteria for the waiver of the education requirement as provided by Texas Occupations Code §1002.259
- W. Consideration and possible adoption of Application Review and Continuing Education Committee's recommended criteria for the substitution of experience for the education requirement as provided by Texas Occupations Code §1002.255(b)
- X. Consideration and possible adoption of Application Review and Continuing Education Committee's recommended policy statement concerning waiver of the experience requirement for licensure
- Y. Consideration and possible adoption of Application Review and Continuing Education Committee's recommended examination accessibility policy
- Z. Applications for P.G. license received from the following individuals:
- Jorge Rangel Aldao: Applicant for P.G. license requesting a waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology and Practice of Geology examinations
 - Dr. John Paul Brandenburg: Applicant for P.G. license requesting a waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology examination
 - Jerry C. Eumont: Applicant for P.G. license requesting a waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology and Practice of Geology examinations
- AA. Date and agenda items for next meeting
- BB. Adjournment

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