



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

Board Meeting

October 28, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

William P. Hobby, Jr. Building
333 Guadalupe Street, Tower III, 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 July 22, 2016 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: upcoming ASBOG® meetings
- E. Executive Director's Report: fiscal and budgetary matters and use of staff resources, Sunset Review items, organization of resource materials for Board members
- F. Reports on recent Committee meetings and activities
 1. Application Review and Continuing Education Committee meeting (10-27-16)
 - Review TBPG new written processes related to admission to the ASBOG® Fundamentals and Practice Examinations and the Texas Geophysics Examination (TGE)
 - Review progress the TBPG's "Texas Geophysics Examination Candidate Handbook"
 - Report on activities related to possible reciprocity agreements
 2. Compliance and Enforcement Committee meeting (10-27-16)
 - Review of TBPG's complaint tracking reports in consideration of the Sunset standards
 3. General Issues Committee meeting (10-27-16)
 - Description and 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
 - Review of progress and development of consumer information/publications and flyers to be available on the website and general distribution in other settings. Topics: what is geology; what is geophysics; what is soil science; the benefits of hiring a licensed Professional Geoscientist
 - Report on status of updated document, "The Value of Professional Geoscience Licensing in Texas" and communication with the document's authors
 - Consideration of a potential Frequently Asked Question and/or response regarding rule 851.30, Firm Registration, and the role of an Authorized Official of a Firm in light of a recent inquiry
 - Discussion of recent professional engineering licensure issues and considerations

- Consideration of whether TBPG may offer an inactive status for a license, registration, or certification
- G. 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, LAR submission
 3. Enforcement Report, including current enforcement numbers, Complaint Review Team (CRT) meeting highlights, recent outreach opportunities, staff dismissal of complaints , cases awaiting a hearing at SOAH, SB 138 update
- H. Consideration and possible adoption of the Application Review and Continuing Education Committee’s recommended criteria for the waiver of the education requirement as provided by Texas Occupations Code §1002.259
- I. Applications for P.G. license received from the following individuals:
- Mark Varhaug: Applicant for P.G. license requesting a waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology and Practice of Geology examinations
- J. Consideration and possible adoption of an Application Review / Continuing Education Committee proposed policy providing criteria for retaking the Texas Geophysics Examination.
- K. Consideration of the Compliance and Enforcement Committee’s recommended changes to TBPG’s Complaint Standard Operating Procedures
- L. Complaints that TBPG Complaint Review Teams have proposed for dismissal by the Appointed Board
- Complaint Case No. 2016031
 - Complaint Case No. 2016032
 - Complaint Case No. 2016033
 - Complaint Case No. 2016035
 - Complaint Case No. 2016037
 - Complaint Case No. 2016045
 - Complaint Case No. 2016052
 - Complaint Case No. 2016054
- M. Proposed Agreed Board Orders:
- Complaint Case No. 2015025
 - Complaint Case No. 2016020
 - Complaint Case No. 2016035
 - Complaint Case No. 2016043
 - Complaint Case No. 2016044
- N. TBPG’s use of Committee alternates
- O. Consideration of public comments received and recommendation from the Application Review and Continuing Education Committee’s recommendation regarding adoption of amendment to 22 TAC §851.29, Endorsement and Reciprocal Licensure
- P. Consideration of public comments received and recommendation from the Application Review and Continuing Education Committee’s recommendation regarding adoption of amendment to 22 TAC §851.31, Temporary License



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- Q. Consideration of public comments received and recommendation from the General Issues Committee's recommendation regarding adoption of new rule, 22 TAC 851.35, regarding Voluntary Surrender of a License, Registration or Certification
- R. Consideration of public comments received and recommendation from the Compliance and Enforcement Committee's recommendation regarding adoption of amendment to 22 TAC §851.32, Continuing Education Program
- S. Consideration of public comments received and recommendation from the Compliance and Enforcement Committee's recommendation regarding adoption of new rule, 22 TAC §851.113 Duty to abide by Board order and timely pay administrative penalty
- T. Consideration of public comments received and recommendation from the Compliance and Enforcement Committee's recommendation regarding adoption of new rule, 22 TAC §851.203, regarding default proceedings in contested case hearings scheduled with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH)
- U. Consideration of public comments received and recommendation from the Compliance and Enforcement Committee's recommendation regarding adoption of new rule, 22 TAC §851.204 Costs of Administrative Hearings
- V. Date and agenda items for next meeting
- W. Adjournment

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