



# **TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

## **General Issues Committee Meeting**

October 27, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.  
William P. Hobby Building  
333 Guadalupe Street, Tower I, Room 1264  
Austin, Texas 78701

### **AGENDA**

*The Committee 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 General Issues Committee meeting held on July 21, 2016
- C. Public comment (limited to five minutes per person; more time may be allotted as needed at the discretion of the Committee Chair)
- D. Consideration of public comments received and recommendation to the Appointed Board regarding adoption of proposed new rule, 22 TAC 851.35, regarding Voluntary Surrender of a License, Registration or Certification
- E. 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
- F. 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
- G. Report on status of updated document, "The Value of Professional Geoscience Licensing in Texas" and communication with the document's authors
- H. 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
- I. Discussion of recent professional engineering licensure issues and considerations
- J. Consideration of whether TBPG may offer an inactive status for a license, registration, or certification
- K. Date and agenda items for next meeting
- L. Adjournment

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