



# **TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

## **Application Review and Continuing Education Committee**

October 27, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.

William P. Hobby Building

333 Guadalupe Street, Tower I, Room 1264

Austin, Texas 78701

## **MINUTES**

- A. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. Members present were Committee Chair W. David Prescott, II, P.G., Board Chairman C. Thomas Hallmark, P.G., PhD and Christopher Mathewson, P.G., PE, PhD.
- B. Minutes from the July 21, 2016 committee meeting was approved as written.
- C. Committee Chair W. David Prescott acknowledged that Mr. Varhaug was present to address the committee regarding his request for waiver of the ASBOG® examinations to be discussed during agenda item F.
- D. The report on Licensing Data and exam statistics were presented.
- E. The Committee moved to recommend the proposed policy for the waiver of the education requirement for licensure as edited to the full TBPG Appointed Board for consideration and possible adoption as provided by Texas Occupations Code §1002.259.
- F. Application for P.G. license received from Mark Varhaug requesting a waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology and Practice of Geology examinations. Mr. Varhaug met the criteria in Boards waiver policy for each examination. The committee unanimously moved to recommend to the full TBPG Appointed Board Mr. Varhaug's request.
- G. The Committee moved to recommend the draft policy criteria for retaking the Texas Geophysics Examination for consideration and possible adoption by the full TBPG Appointed Board.
- H. Review TBPG new written processes related to admission to the ASBOG® Fundamentals and Practice Examinations and the Texas Geophysics Examination (TGE). This item refers to a Sunset Standard/Licensing/Testing (#38): regarding our testing processes. Staff has prepared written processes and procedures for administering both the ASBOG® and TGE examinations and the committee believes that tests and testing processes adequately meets this standard.
- I. Review progress the TBPG's "Texas Geophysics Examination Candidate Handbook." Staff is working with Gainesville Independent Testing Service on continue efforts on improvements to the Texas Geophysics Examination Candidate Handbook. There are still a few areas needing clarification and/or improvements. The handbook is available on TBPGs website for candidates requesting information regarding the exam.
- J. Staff is continuing its efforts in working with other State licensing Boards on obtaining reciprocity agreement requests.
- K. Committee recommendation to the full Appointed Board regarding adoption of proposed amendment to 22 TAC §851.29, Endorsement and Reciprocal Licensure. No comments were received. The Committee unanimously moved to recommend the proposed new rule as published in the Texas Register to the full Board for adoption.

- L. Committee recommendation to the full Appointed Board regarding adoption of proposed amendment to 22 TAC §851.31, Temporary License. No comments were received. The Committee unanimously moved to recommend the proposed new rule as published in the Texas Register to the full Board for adoption.
- M. The date for the next committee meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2017. Future agenda items will include progress of the TGE Handbook (Agenda item H) and activities related to reciprocity agreements (Agenda item J)
- N. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.