



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

General Issues Committee Meeting

April 27, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.
William P. Hobby Building
333 Guadalupe Street, Tower II, Room 225
Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

- A. The meeting of the General Issues Committee was called to order at 1:02 p.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was certified. Members present were Committee Chair Christopher Mathewson, PhD, PG, PE, and Members Steven Fleming, PG, and Lindsay Lee Bradford. Member Bereket Derie, PhD, PG, was absent.
- B. The minutes from General Issues Committee meeting held on February 24, 2017 were unanimously approved as written.
- C. Public comment. No members of the public were present.
- D. Proposal of amendment to 22 TAC §851.80, Fees, regarding reduction of the annual renewal fee for P.G. license holders who have a medical disability. The Committee unanimously approved an amendment to 851.80 for recommendation to the full Board for posting to the Texas Register for public comment.
- E. Report on activities related to the review of statute and rules allowing geoscientists to use power equipment for extraction of soil and geologic samples and placement of piezometers. Dr. Mathewson reported on recent activities related to this issue and opening a discussion with TDLR and the water well drillers.
- F. Date and agenda items for next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled on August 17, 2017. Some items for the Committee's agenda include: Review of public comments and recommendation to full Appointed Board on possible adoption of amendments to 22 TAC §851.80, Fees; §851.10 Definitions; §851.30, Firm Registration; and follow up on report regarding item E.
- G. The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.