



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

Board Meeting

April 28, 2021, 1:00 p.m.

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TBPG BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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AGENDA

The Board may discuss and take action regarding any of the following agenda items.

1. Call to order, roll call, certification of quorum, order of business.
2. Welcome new Board Member.
3. Approval of minutes from the November 20, 2020 Board Meeting.
4. Public comment (limited to five minutes per person; more or less time may be allotted as needed at the discretion of the Board Chair).
5. Chair's Report: Committee assignments, Board Member term expirations, and discussion regarding "what geoscientists do."
6. Executive Director's Report: COVID-19 response and planning, Agency Performance Reporting, 87th Legislative Session Update.
7. Reports on recent Committee meetings. **(Tab 1)**
 - A. Application Review and Continuing Education Committee meeting (4/27/2021)
 - Licensing Report: licensing data, ASBOG exam statistics, TGE exam statistics.
 - Discussion regarding alternative license status.
 - Status of Advisory Committee related to licensing opportunities.
 - Potential outreach initiatives.
 - B. Compliance and Enforcement Committee meeting (4/28/2021)
 - Firm Registration Advisory Committee report.
 - Compliance Report: Review of current compliance program statistics, recent CRT meetings; complaints dismissed by staff; enforcement penalties collected for General Revenue.
 - Implementation of Sunset recommendations, including the potential elimination of firm registration.
 - Sunset Advisory Commission recommendation. Possible future proposed rule amendments and repeals related to the potential elimination of the firm registration requirement, including: 22 TAC 850.10, 850.62, 850.82, 851.10, 851.20, 851.29, 851.35, 851.80, 851.85, 851.101, 851.102, 851.103, 851.104, 851.105, 851.106, 851.107, 851.111, 851.112, 851.113, 851.151, 851.156, 851.157, 851.159, 851.204; 22 TAC 851.30 and 851.152.
 - Potential outreach initiatives.
 - C. General Issues Committee meeting (4/28/2021)
 - Potential outreach initiatives.



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- D. Financial Review/Strategic Planning Committee meeting (4/28/2021)
- Financial Report for FY 2021.
 - Legislative Session.
 - COVID-19 related expenses.
 - Annual Non-Financial Data Report 2020.
8. Applications for P.G. license, including requests for waivers and substitutions. **(Tab 2)**
- A. Jorge Barrios: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations.
 - B. Hamed Elmowafy: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations.
 - C. Joseph Drew: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations.
 - D. Ethan Perry: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examination.
 - E. Ricki Kobernik: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a substitution of work experience for the education requirement.
 - F. Jennifer Califf: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examination.
 - G. James A Golab: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examination.
 - H. Julie O’Leary: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examination.
 - I. Charles Willmore: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examination.
 - J. Antonio Cameron-Gonzalez: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examination.
 - K. Gavin Hudgeons: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations.
 - L. Justin Evans: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations.
 - M. Dr. Timothy Meckel: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examinations.
 - N. Jeremy Touchy: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a substitution of the qualifying work experience for the education requirement.
 - O. Dr. Mamdouh Shebl: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations.
9. Proposed dismissal of complaint from the Complaint Review Team. **(Tab 3)**
- A. Complaint 2021-00006

10. Proposed Agreed Board Order. **(Tab 3)**
 - A. Complaint 2021-00005
11. TBPG four-year rule review of 22 TAC Chapters 850 and 851 in their entirety and proposed amendments to the following rules: **(Tab 4)**
 - General Issues Committee: 22 TAC §§850.1, 850.10, 850.60, 850.61, 850.62, 850.63, 850.65, 850.100, 850.101, 850.102, 850.103, 850.104, 850.105; 22 TAC 851.10, 851.85.
 - Financial Review and Strategic Planning Committee: 22 TAC §§850.1, 850.10, 850.81, 850.82; 22 TAC 851.10, 851.80
 - Application Review and Continuing Education Committee: 22 TAC §§850.1, 850.10, 851.10, 851.20, 851.21, 851.22, 851.23, 851.25, 851.26, 851.27, 851.28, 851.29, 851.31, 851.32, 851.35, 851.40, 851.41, 851.43, 851.44, 851.80, 851.83
 - Compliance and Enforcement Committee: 22 TAC §§850.1, 850.10, 851.10, 851.30, 851.101, 851.102, 851.103, 851.104, 851.105, 851.106, 851.107, 851.108, 851.109, 851.110, 851.111, 851.112, 851.113, 851.151, 851.152, 851.153, 851.154, 851.155, 851.156, 851.157, 851.158, 851.159, 851.201, 851.202, 851.203, 851.204, and 851.220
12. Amendment to 22 TAC 851.22 regarding TBPG's waiver policy. **(Tab 5)**
13. Amendment to 22 TAC 851.30, regarding firm registration. **(Tab 6)**
14. Amendment to 22 TAC 851.31, regarding temporary firm registration. **(Tab 7)**
15. Amendment to 22 TAC 851.40, regarding Geoscientist-in-Training certification. **(Tab 8)**
16. Amendment to 22 TAC 851.41, regarding Geoscientist-in-Training certification requirements and application procedures. **(Tab 9)**
17. Amendment to 22 TAC 851.80, regarding fees. **(Tab 10)**
18. Agency response related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
19. Officer elections for Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer and Committee assignments.
20. Potential public/private outreach initiatives.
21. Future Board meetings, including dates and agenda items. **(Tab 11)**
22. Annual Board Member Training, including antitrust presentation, and 2021 manual.
23. Adjournment.

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