



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

Compliance and Enforcement Committee Meeting

(Prescott-Chair, Dillard, Johnson, Fleming)

August 13th, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

1. The Compliance and Enforcement meeting was called to order at 10:05 am. Roll was called, and a quorum was certified. Members present were Committee Chair W. David Prescott, III, P.G., Becky Johnson, P.G., Margon Dillard, Public Member, and Steven Fleming, P.G.
2. The April 28, 2021 Compliance and Enforcement Committee meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
3. Public comment. There were no public comments.
4. Compliance Report. Rebecca Funderburg reviewed the current compliance program statistics, the complaints dismissed by staff, and the enforcement penalties collected for General Revenue. Executive Director Rene Truan reported on COVID's impact on enforcement activities.
5. Implementation of Sunset recommendations, including the potential elimination of firm registration. Executive Director Rene Truan provided background on the Sunset recommendations and possible action options for the committee to consider.
6. Sunset Advisory Commission recommendation. Rule amendments and repeals related to 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. The committee discussed and determined they would recommend a proposed amendment to the full Board to add a \$250 temporary firm registration fee.
7. Recommendation to the full Board for proposed amendments to the following rules for posting to the Texas Register for public comment: 22 TAC 851.101, 851.102, 851.103, 851.104, 851.105, 851.106, 851.108, 851.109, 851.111, 851.112, 851.113, 851.151, 851.152, 851.153, 851.154 (repeal), 851.156, 851.157, 851.158, 851.159, 851.203, 851.204, and 851.220. This item was voted on at the April 2021 meeting and then put on hold for legal review. No additional changes were required and the vote from the previous meeting stood.
8. Recommendation to the full Board for proposed amendment to rules regarding firm registration for posting to the Texas Register for public comment, including 22 TAC 851.30. Becky Johnson, P.G., moved to recommend to the full Board the proposed amendment to rule 851.30 for posting to the Texas Register for public comment. Margon Dillard seconded and the committee voted unanimously to carry the motion.
9. Recommendation to the full Board for proposed amendment to rules regarding definitions for posting to the Texas Register for public comment, including 22 TAC 851.10. Becky Johnson, P.G., moved to recommend to the full Board the proposed amendment to rule 851.10 for posting to the Texas Register for public comment. Steven Fleming seconded and the committee voted unanimously to carry the motion.
10. Recommendation to the full Board for proposed amendment to rules regarding temporary firm registration for posting to the Texas Register for public comment, including 22 TAC

851.31. The committee discussed and determined they would recommend the proposed amendment regarding temporary firm registration to the full Board.

11. Potential outreach initiatives were discussed.

12. Date for upcoming meetings and agenda items for next meeting. The next meetings will be held on November 18 and 19, 2021.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.