



# **TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

## **Application Review and Continuing Education Committee Meeting – Zoom Conference**

*August 12, 2021*

### **MINUTES**

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. Members present were Committee Chair Mark Varhaug, P.G., Edward F. Janak, Jr., PG, Bereket Derie, PhD, P.G., and LaFawn Thompson.
2. Public attendees were acknowledged.
3. Approval of minutes from the April 27, 2021 committee meeting were approved as written.
4. Public comment (limited to five minutes per person; more or less time may be allotted as needed at the discretion of the committee chair).
5. Licensing Report: licensing data, ASBOG exam statistics, TGE exam statistics, CSSE were presented.
6. Review of applications for exam, work experience, and education waivers received prior to the date of the committee meeting, including:
  - A. Lori Bryan: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG FG examination. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request.
  - B. Dr. Neil Deeds: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examinations. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request.
  - C. Jeffery Daugherty: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request.
  - D. Dr. Andrew Davidoff: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request.
  - E. Alfred Gomez: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request.
  - F. Anthony W Fears: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request.
  - G. Dr. Ruarri Day-Stirrat: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request to waive the FG exam and further guidance/clarification for the PG exam.

- H. Dr. Minoo Kosarian: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations. Request incomplete; no action taken.
  - I. Kara Posso: Applicant for PG licensure requesting that work experience obtained prior to meeting the education requirement to count towards the 5 years of qualifying work experience. No action taken.
7. Recommended to the Full Appointed Board the adoption of amendment to 22 TAC 851.41, regarding Geoscientist-in-Training certification requirements and application procedures.
  8. Recommended to the Full Appointed Board the adoption of amendment to 22 TAC 851.80, regarding fees.
  9. Waiver Policy for the Texas Geophysics Examination (TGE). Dr. Derie to provide a draft policy for waiver of the TGE and present at the next Committee meeting.
  10. Qualifying work experience requirement for P.G. licensure. The Committee to review its current requirement and consider if any clarity is needed.
  11. Status of Advisory Committee related to licensing opportunities. No action taken
  12. Potential outreach initiatives were presented.
  13. Future Committee meetings, including dates and agenda items were presented.
  14. The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.