



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

Application Review and Continuing Education (AR/CE)
Committee Meeting
April 16, 2015

MINUTES

- A. The meeting was called to order at 9:20a.m.. Members present were Committee Chair, W. David Prescott, II, P.G., Chairman C. Thomas Hallmark, P.G., and Joseph P. DeWoody. Member Kelly Krenz-Doe, P.G., was absent.
- B. Committee Chair W. David Prescott acknowledged that there were no public comments.
- C. The minutes from the January 29, 2015 Committee meeting were approved as presented.
- D. Discussion and possible action on the following requests:

Daniel Cravens: Applicant for P.G. license requesting a waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals and Practice of Geology Examinations. The Committee moved to recommend to the full Appointed Board Mr. Cravens request to waive the ASBOG® Fundamentals and Practice of Geology Examination for P.G. licensure.
- E. Regarding the Exam Waiver Request Policy. Chairman Hallmark agreed to look at the overall policy and provide a draft new policy for consideration by the Committee to possibly recommend to the full Appointed Board.
- F. Regarding 22 TAC 851.24, should the Board adopt a specific standard for expiration of a reference statement relating to an applicant for P.G. licensure? The Committee decided that a reference should be considered current if the date the person providing the reference signed the reference statement is within 18 months of the date the application is received by the TBPG.
- G. Regarding Governor Abbott's "Blueprint Plan" for Occupational Licensing in Texas. The Committee reviewed Governor Greg Abbott's "Blueprint Plan for Occupational Licensing". No action was taken as a result of the item, but the Committee noted the various elements in the blueprint.
- H. Regarding TBPG rules and licensing procedures with regard to provisions for implementation of Occupations Code Chapter (TOC) 55 License for Military Service Member or Military Spouse and pending legislation that would amend TOC Chapter 55. The Committee instructed staff to: 1). watch bills that become law that affect TOC Chapter 55, and 2). provide a draft of staff recommended changes to TBPG rules that are necessary to fully implement Chapter 55, as amended by the 84th Texas Legislature to the Committee for review at the next meeting and consider recommending changes to the TBPG rule to the full Appointed Board for posting to the Texas Register for public comment.
- I. Regarding TBPG's strategies in regard to reciprocity, including current reciprocity agreements and TBPG rules providing for licensure of persons currently licensed in other jurisdictions. The Committee requested that TBPG staff continue to pursue formal reciprocity agreements with other states.
- J. Regarding the draft template to be used by the TBPG for reciprocity agreements. The Committee would like the Assistant Attorney General assigned to the agency (Melissa Juarez) to review the draft wholly and particularly with regard to whether a "hold harmless" clause is appropriate.

- K. Regarding the display of license, registration and certification status, including expired Geoscience Firms, on the TBPG website. The Committee reviewed the way expired licenses and firm registrations are displayed on the TBPG website and determined that no changes in how such are displayed are necessary.
- L. Regarding definition or use of terms in TBPG rules, including the terms “Professional Geoscience” and “Professional Geoscience Services” and TBPG Rules 22 TAC §§851.10 (30) and (31). Member Joseph DeWoody agreed to take on the task of reviewing the TBPG’s rules and developing a set of recommended changes for the Committee to consider.
- M. Regarding the report on Licensing Data and associated equilibrium number. The licensing chart and equilibrium number data were presented.
- N. Regarding the progress of the Texas Geophysics Examination. An update on the status of the Texas Geophysics Examination was given by Chairman Hallmark and Executive Director Horton.
- O. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.