



# **TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

## **Application Review and Continuing Education (AR/CE)**

### **Committee Meeting**

July 16, 2015

### **Minutes**

- A. The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. Members present were Committee Chair W. David Prescott, II, P.G., Board Chairman C. Thomas Hallmark, P.G., and Kelly Krenz-Doe, P.G. Member Joseph P. DeWoody was absent.
- B. Committee Chair W. David Prescott acknowledged that a TBPG licensee was present to learn and observe the function of the Committee.
- C. The minutes from the April 16, 2015 Committee meeting were approved as presented.
- D. Regarding the following:
  - Daniel Cravens: The Committee moved to recommend to the full Appointed Board Mr. Cravens' request to waive the ASBOG® Practice of Geology Examination for P.G. licensure.
  - Henok Tewelde: The Committee determined that Mr. Tewelde met the education and qualifying work experience requirements for licensure.
- E. Regarding implementation of certain modified forms. The Committee directed staff to create a new exam request form for GITs. All other forms (Forms A, I, II, III and E) presented were approved as presented with minor edits.
- F. Regarding negative reference statements received from reference providers for applicants for P.G. licensure. The Committee directed staff to continue to bring negative references before the Committee for review; are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- G. Regarding Exam Waiver Request Policy. Chairman Hallmark presented the Committee with an outline of a new proposed policy for requesting a waiver of the Practice of Geology examination. The Committee directed staff to research previous waiver requests and provide the Committee with benchmark data to consider for possible modification to the current policy and present at the next Committee meeting.
- H. Regarding proposal of new rule, 22 TAC 851.26, regarding agency implementation of revisions to Texas Occupations Code Chapter (TOC) 55, Licensing of Military Service Member, Military Veteran or Military Spouse. The Committee moved to recommend to the full Appointed Board the proposed new rule for posting to the Texas Register for public comments.
- I. Regarding TBPG's strategies regarding reciprocity, including current reciprocity agreements and TBPG rules providing for licensure of individuals currently licensed in other jurisdictions. The Committee approved the draft letter addressed to member Boards who may be interested in a reciprocity agreement and directed staff to send out letters with the agreement and continue follow-up with member Boards and report back to the Committee.
- J. Regarding draft template to be used by the TBPG for reciprocity agreements. The Committee approved the template to be used for future requests.

- K. Regarding proposal of amendments to existing rules to clarify the definition and 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), and 850.62, 851.10, 851.20, 851.23, 851.29, 851.30, 851.101, 851.102, 851.104, 851.105, 851.106, 851.107, 851.108, 851.112, 851.152, 851.153, 851.156, and 851.157. The Committee moved to recommend to the full Appointed Board the proposed amendments for posting to the Texas Register for public comments.
- L. Regarding the report on Licensing Data and associated equilibrium number. The licensing chart and equilibrium number data were presented.
- M. Regarding the report on status of the Texas Geophysics Examination. An update on the status of the Texas Geophysics Examination was given by Member Krenz-Doe.
- N. Date and agenda items for next meeting (October 15, 2015).
- O. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.