



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

Board Meeting

January 30, 2015, 8:30 a.m.

William P. Hobby, Jr. Building
333 Guadalupe Street, Tower 1, Room 1250-A
Austin, Texas 78701

Minutes

- A. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists was called to order at 8:41 a.m., roll was called, and a quorum was certified. Board members present were Board Chairman Charles Knobloch, P.G., JD, Vice-Chairman Charles T. Hallmark, P.G., PhD, Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Krenz-Doe, P.G., Becky Johnson, P.G., Christopher Mathewson, P.G., P.E., W. David Prescott, P.G., and Joseph P. DeWoody. Member Gregory Ulmer, JD was absent.
- B. Minutes from the November 7, 2014 Board Meeting were approved as amended.
- C. Public comment. No comments from the public were offered.
- D. Chairman's Report: Chairman Knobloch and Executive Director Horton presented an award to Mrs. Deena McNamee in honor of her husband, former Board Member Justin McNamee. Chairman Knobloch expressed appreciation for Justin's service to TBPG and to the State of Texas. Chairman Knobloch also requested a moment of respect for Dr. Robert Edward Sheriff who passed away recently, and mentioned his appreciation for his time on the Board.
- E. Executive Director's Report: Executive Director Horton reported on the agency's upcoming Risk Assessment reporting, his recent response to an inquiry from Quebec regarding oil and gas regulation in Texas, and updates from the Governor's Office of Budget and Policy, and the new Appointments Manager at the Governor's office.
- F. Reports on recent Committee meetings and activities:
 - Application Review and Continuing Education Committee meeting (January 29, 2015) report: Committee Chair Dr. Hallmark mentioned that the items that the committee considered would be discussed later on the agenda.
- G. Staff Reports:
 - Licensing Report: Licensing Coordinator Elsa Paynes addressed current licensing numbers, and recent ASBOG® exam statistics.
 - Financial Report: Chief Financial Officer Leticia Kappel reported on mileage reimbursement, current revenues, and expenditures.
 - Enforcement Report: Enforcement Coordinator T. Wesley McCoy mentioned current enforcement numbers, Complaint Review Team (CRT) meeting highlights, and upcoming outreach opportunities.
- H. Regarding requests for waiver for the following applicants for licensure:
 - Regarding Mr. Bryan Boyd's request to substitute work experience for the education requirement, the Board unanimously approved his request.
 - Regarding Ms. Susanne Richard's request to waive the Fundamentals of Geology Examination, the Board unanimously approved her request.

- Regarding Ms. Alyson McDonald's request for substitution of experience for the education requirement, the Board unanimously approved her request.
 - Regarding the Board's re-review of Dr. Brent A. Elliott's request to waive Practice of Geology Examination, the Board denied his request in a vote of 5-2, with Members Mathewson and Knobloch dissenting.
- I. Regarding the following Proposed Agreed Board Orders:
 - Complaint Case No. 2014037, the Board approved the complaint in a vote of 3-1, with Member Prescott dissenting, Member DeWoody abstaining, and Members Mathewson and Hallmark being recused.
 - Complaint Case No. 2014038, the Board approved the complaint in a vote of 4-0, with Member DeWoody abstaining, and Members Mathewson and Hallmark being recused.
 - Complaint Case No. 2014039, the Board unanimously approved the complaint, with Members Mathewson and Hallmark being recused..
 - J. The Board unanimously adopted amendments to 22 TAC §851.10, 851.30, 851.80, regarding firm registration requirements, as published in the Texas Register.
 - K. The Board unanimously adopted an amendment to 22 TAC §851.20, regarding Professional Geoscientist Licensing Requirements, as published in the Texas Register.
 - L. The Board unanimously adopted an amendment to 22 TAC §851.152, regarding Firm Compliance, as published in the Texas Register.
 - M. The Board unanimously adopted new rule 22 TAC §851.154, Loan Default Ground for Nonrenewal of License, as published in the Texas Register.
 - N. The Board unanimously adopted new rule 22 TAC §851.155, actions following certain notifications regarding child support delinquency, as published in the Texas Register.
 - O. The Board unanimously adopted Advisory Opinion #12, as published in the Texas Register.
 - P. A report was given by TBPG Executive Director Charles Horton, outlining TBPG's activities regarding the implementation of changes to the Texas Geoscience Practice Act, Sections 1002.201-1002.207, as amended by SB 138, 83rd Legislative Regular Session 2013.
 - Q. Regarding voluntary license resignation, the Board approved allowing a P.G. or a firm to voluntarily relinquish their license or registration effective upon actual notice to the Executive Director and determination that the Board has the legal authority to grant the request for relinquishment, in a vote of 5-0, with Members DeWoody and Hallmark abstaining. This item was sent to the General Issues committee for further review.
 - R. Regarding the Texas Geophysics Exam, Member Krenz-Doe gave a report outlining the status of the project.
 - S. Felony conviction and subsequent imprisonment of a P.G. licensee. The Board went into Executive Session regarding this item at 12:11 p.m. to consult with its attorney. Executive Session ended at 12:37 p.m. The meeting reconvened in open session at 12:43 p.m. No action was taken.
 - T. Officer elections and recognition of outgoing Board Members. The TBPG presented awards to Board Members whose terms are expiring. Awards were presented to Chairman Charles Knobloch and Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Krenz- Doe for their dedication and years of service to the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists. The Board also held officer elections. The Board unanimously elected C. Thomas Hallmark, P.G., PhD, as Chairman of TBPG. For the office of Vice-Chair of TBPG, the Board



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unanimously elected W. David Prescott, II, P.G. For the office of Secretary/Treasurer of TBPG, the Board unanimously elected Becky Johnson.

- U. The next Board meeting is scheduled on April 17, 2015. Committee meeting dates are scheduled on April 16, 2015.
- V. The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. Thomas Hallmark".

C. Thomas Hallmark, P.G., Ph.D.
TBPG Chairman