



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

Board Meeting

August 8, 2014, 11:00 a.m.

AECOM

5444 Westheimer Rd.

Westheimer I Training Room

Houston, Texas 77056

MINUTES

- A. The meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists was called to order at 11:10 a.m. Member Krenz-Doe was called on to provide safety procedures in the event of an emergency. Member Krenz-Doe called roll and a quorum was certified. Board members in attendance were Board Chairman Charles Knobloch, P.G., JD, C. Thomas Hallmark, P.G., Ph.D, Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Krenz-Doe, P.G., Christopher Mathewson, P.G., P.E., Ph.D, W. David Prescott II, P.G., and Gregory Ulmer, JD. Members Becky Johnson, P.G., and Joseph P. DeWoody were absent.
- B. Minutes from the May 2, 2014 Board Meeting were approved as written.
- C. Public comments were provided by three individuals: Matthew Cowan, P.G., George Dunfield, P.G., and Dan L. Smith, P.G.
- D. Regarding the request for licensing requirement waiver for Mr. Kellam Colquitt for waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology (FG) examination, the Board unanimously approved the waiver of the FG exam.
- E. Regarding TBPG's four-year rules review process, Chairman Knobloch outlined the four-year rules review process and the resources page available on the TBPG website, including the review plan, the requirement for state agencies to conduct the review, the right of individuals to petition the Board for a rule change at any time, the guiding principles that the Board uses to guide its review, and the Government Code and Administrative Code that govern contested hearings that are handled by the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).
- F. Public Hearing. Comments were provided by the following individuals: Dan Smith, P.G. Andrew Duncan, Dave Rensink, P.G., Glenn Lowenstein, P.G., George Dunfield, P.G., Matthew Cowan, P.G.
- G. Regarding TBPG's four-year rules review process and Chapters 850 and 851, the Board unanimously approved the following items:
 - Extending the period to make comments on the proposed changes by 60 days;
 - Scheduling additional public hearings in Houston, Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin, and one other location to allow adequate public input to the rules;
 - Making public the comments received regarding the proposed rules, if this is in compliance with state law as determined by the Attorney General's Office;
 - The August 22 committee meetings will be held as scheduled and that additional committee meetings be held as needed for public input.
- H. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Charles Knobloch, P.G., J.D.
TBPG Chairman