



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

Compliance and Enforcement Committee Meeting (Johnson, Hallmark, Mathewson, Prescott)

*August 22, 2014 at 1:00 PM
Room 400A, Tower II, William P. Hobby, Jr., SOB
333 Guadalupe St.
Austin, Texas*

Minutes

- A. The Compliance and Enforcement Committee (C&E) meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m., roll was called and quorum established. C&E members present were Becky Johnson, PG, Committee Chair; Chris Mathewson, PhD, PG, PE, Professional Member; Thomas Hallmark, PhD., P.G., Professional Member, and Alternate Member David Prescott. Staff members Charles Horton, Executive Director; Wesley McCoy, PG, Enforcement Coordinator; and Molly Roman, Operations Manager were also in attendance.
- B. The minutes from the May 2, 2014 C&E meeting were approved, as is.
- C. No members of the public were present, no public comment was made.
- D. No members of the public were present, so no public hearing on the rule review was held.
- E. Discussion of public comments received so far for the rule amendments for the four year rule review. Comments will no longer be formally addressed until the close of the comment period on October 2, 2014.
- F. The Executive Director reported on the progress made to date for the implementation of SB-138.
- G. Discussion of the possible need for clarification of which activities performed by individuals in the academic community require a license. Dr. Hallmark presented a paper summarizing his research into the issue and a motion was made, seconded, and passed that the paper would be scheduled for future Board agenda for consideration as a potential Advisory Opinion.
- H. Discussion of the TBPG Enforcement Sanctions table. Staff was directed to revise the table to reflect increased penalties. Motion was made, seconded and approved to send the existing table to the next meeting of the full Board.
- I. Discussion regarding the process for TBPG to recognize the automatic revocation, by operation of law, of a license upon the license holder's imprisonment following a felony conviction, felony community supervision revocation, revocation of parole, or revocation of mandatory supervision, as required by Texas Occupations Code Chapter 53, no action taken.
- J. Staff presented the Enforcement Report.
- K. After discussing the future committee and Board meeting schedule the Committee adjourned at 2:53 p.m.