



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

General Issues Committee Meeting

April 16, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

333 Guadalupe Street, Tower II, Room 500

Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

- A. The meeting of the General Issues Committee of the TBPG was called to order at 3:01 p.m. in the William P. Hobby, Jr. building, in Austin, Texas. Roll was called and a quorum was certified. Members present were Committee Chair Christopher Mathewson, P.G., P.E., PhD., Kelly Krenz-Doe, P.G., and Joseph P. DeWoody. Member Charles Knobloch, P.G., JD, was not in attendance.
- B. Minutes from the General Issues Committee meeting held on October 31, 2014 were approved as written.
- C. No comments were offered from the public. In attendance were Barbara Roeling, P.G., David Cooney, George Dunfield, P.G., and Katherine Nelson, P.G.
- D. Regarding the issue of voluntary license resignation, the Committee reviewed the issue. TBPG doesn't have a definite answer on whether statutory authority is required in order to allow a license holder to resign a license. Assistant Attorney General Melissa Juarez recommended either requesting an OAG opinion on whether TBPG can allow a license resignation, or recommending a change to the TBPG statute. The Committee will address the issue with the full Board at its Board meeting on April 17, 2015.
- E. Regarding the definition of "full name" and the name a person may use on their Professional Geoscientist license, the Committee reviewed the issue and the legal definition of "full name." No further action was needed.
- F. Regarding the question: Does the individual performing the technical review of geoscience work submitted to a state agency in support of a permit or other application need to be licensed? The Committee reviewed the issue and determined that the individual that does the technical review of the geoscience work does not need to be licensed because that task is not the public practice of geoscience.
- G. The Committee reviewed the licensing projections and the associated equilibrium number. No action was taken.
- H. Next meeting date is July 16, 2015. Future agenda items include the review of the question: Does the Board need additional rules to govern staff?
- I. Adjourned at 3:55 p.m.