



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

General Issues Committee Meeting

July 26, 2013

3:00 p.m.

333 Guadalupe Street, Tower 2, Room 400A
Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

- A. The regularly scheduled meeting of the General Issues Committee was called to order at 3:45 p.m. on July 26, 2013 in room 400A of the William P. Hobby building. Roll was called. Members present were Committee Chair Kelly Krenz-Doe, P.G., Christopher Mathewson, P.G., P.E., PhD, and Justin McNamee, Public Member. Member Charles Knobloch, P.G., JD was absent. A quorum was certified.
- B. The minutes from General Issues Committee meeting held on April 18, 2013 were unanimously approved as written.
- C. There were no comments from the public.
- D. Regarding hydraulic fracking, the Committee reviewed a report prepared by Barry Cohn, PhD. The Committee officially acknowledged the research by Dr. Cohn relative to the environmental impact of hydro-fracking in Texas, and expressed appreciation for the work he provided. No action was taken by the Committee.
- E. Regarding public comments received and recommendation for adoption of amendment to 22 TAC §851.156, regarding a Professional Geoscientist's Seal, and the use and format of an electronic seal, one comment was received. The committee reviewed the comment and recommends that the proposed rule be adopted by the Board as proposed, and that the comment be considered in the upcoming review of the entire rule.
- F. Regarding a complaint filed with TBPE involving ethics and a conflict of interest issue, the Committee reviewed the circumstances of the complaint and took no action.
- G. Regarding a future meeting date, no dates were determined. A list of future items was reviewed.
- H. The Committee was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.