



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

General Issues Committee Meeting

November 18, 2011 at 7:30 a.m.
333 Guadalupe Street, Tower 2, Room 500
Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

- A. The regularly scheduled meeting of the General Issues Committee was called to order at 7:32 a.m.
- B. Roll was called and a quorum was certified. Members present were Committee Chair Kelly Krenz-Doe, P.G., Charles Knobloch, P.G., J.D., Justin McNamee. Committee Member Judy Reeves, P.G., Ph.D. arrived at the meeting at approximately 8:45 p.m., as the chair opened agenda item E.
- C. The minutes from the General Issues Committee meeting held on July 29, 2011 were approved as amended.
- D. Committee Chair Krenz-Doe offered individuals from the public the option to speak during the public comment period or during the specific agenda item they wished to address. All opted for the latter; public comments were not provided at this time. Individuals providing public comments regarding agenda items E or F included Philip Bennett, Ph.D., on behalf of the University of Texas, Jackson School of Geosciences; Michael Young, Ph.D., on behalf of the Bureau of Economic Geology (BEG), University of Texas (UT) at Austin; Eric Potter, on behalf of BEG, UT Austin; Susan Havorka, Ph.D., on behalf of BEG, UT Austin; and Matthew Cowan, P.G., on behalf of the Texas Association of Professional Geoscientists (TAPG) and the Houston Geological Society (HGS).
- E. Regarding public comments related to proposed TBPG new rules and amendments, 851.104, 851.152, 851.108, 851.156, the committee discussed the written comments received and public testimony. The Committee unanimously approved to recommend to the Board that the amendment to 851.104 be adopted as edited; that the amendment to 851.108 be adopted as proposed; that the amendment to 851.152 remain in the committee for further consideration; and that the amendment to 851.156 be adopted as edited.
- F. Regarding public comments received related to draft Advisory Opinion Request (AOR #6), the Committee discussed the written comments received and public testimony. The Committee unanimously approved to recommend to the Board that the AOR #6 remain in the committee for further consideration and further input from the public.

The committee recessed at 9:09 a.m. to reconvene immediately after the TBPG Board meeting in the Hobby building room 100. The Committee reconvened at 2:44 p.m. in room 100. Members Kelly Krenz-Doe, Charles Knobloch, and Judy Reeves were present. Member Justin McNamee was not in attendance. A quorum was certified.

- G. Regarding the inquiry regarding whether a P.G. license is required to collect and disseminate publicly available groundwater information and an opinion concerning potable water well drilling informally to neighbors with no contractual agreement or other compensation associated with these actions, the Committee determined that this inquiry would best be handled as an Advisory Opinion Request in order for the full Board to make a determination on this issue.
- H. Regarding routine correspondence sent to new P.G.s, Geoscience Firms, and GITs regarding the code of professional conduct or other matters of importance, the Committee reviewed correspondence sent out to new license holders and recommended some minor edits.
- I. Regarding the proposed P.G. certificates, the Committee determined to continue using the original P.G. certificate stock for all new Professional Geoscientist certificates.

- J. Regarding the re-issuing of original license certificates to licensees who received the interim certificates, the Committee determined that a re-issue is not necessary.
- K. Regarding a future meeting date, the next Committee meeting was tentatively scheduled on January 20, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.
- L. The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.