



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

Board Meeting

February 24, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

William P. Hobby, Jr. Building
333 Guadalupe Street, Tower III, Room 102
Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

- A. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m., roll was called, and a quorum was certified. Members present were Board Chairman C. Thomas Hallmark, PhD, PG, Vice-Chair W. David Prescott, II, PG, Secretary-Treasurer Becky Johnson, PG, Lindsey Lee Bradford, Public Member, Steven Fleming, PG, and Christopher Mathewson, PhD, PG, PE. Member Bereket Derie, PG, arrived late. Member Greg Ulmer, JD, was absent.
- B. The minutes from the October 28, 2016 Board Meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
- C. Public comment. One comment was reviewed regarding a requested reduction of fees for reasons related to medical disability.
- D. Chairman's Report. Dr. Hallmark reported out on a written description and updates to TBPG's current committees and the rules assignments.
- E. Executive Director's Report. Executive Director Charles Horton addressed recent and upcoming legislative hearings; currently filed bills that could affect TBPG; budget issues; state hiring freeze; and Sunset review-planning.
- F. Reports on recent Committee meetings and activities:
 1. Application Review and Continuing Education Committee meeting (2/23/17). Committee Chair Prescott reviewed the Committee's activities, including staff's handling of applications for which the applicant has a deficiency in the education requirement; the development of consumer related information/publications for TBPG; the completion of TBPG's "Texas Geophysics Examination Candidate Handbook;" and activities related to possible reciprocity agreements.
 2. Compliance and Enforcement Committee meeting (2/23/17). Committee Chair Johnson reported out on TBPG's annual complaint data for posting on the TBPG website; the completion of the Complaint Standard Operating Procedures, as adopted by the Appointed Board October 28, 2016; Committee discussion of CRT-recommended disciplinary actions for certain types of violations and SOAH; and alternatives for the default of a complaint case.
 3. General Issues Committee meeting (2/24/17). Committee Chair Mathewson outlined the committee's discussion regarding reduction of the annual renewal fee for P.G. license holders age 60 and older; and the review of statute and rules allowing geoscientists to use power equipment for extraction of soil and geologic samples and placement of piezometers.
- G. Staff Reports:
 1. Licensing Report. Licensing Coordinator Elsa Paynes reported on current licensing numbers and ASBOG® examination statistics.
 2. Financial Report. Executive Director Horton addressed the handouts regarding revenues, expenditures, and travel arrangements for Board Members.
 3. Enforcement Report. Enforcement Coordinator T. Wesley McCoy, P.G. covered information regarding current enforcement numbers, Complaint Review Team

- (CRT) meeting highlights, recent and upcoming outreach, staff dismissal of complaints, and the cases awaiting a hearing at SOAH.
- H. Review of TBPG FY 2016 performance measures data. Operations Manager Molly Roman reported on regulatory agency standards for performance measures and TBPG's actual performance related to target goals for fiscal year 2016.
- I. Applications for P.G. license received from the following individuals:
- a. Stuart Stothoff: The Board took no action regarding this application.
 - b. David Cullen: The Board took no action regarding this application.
 - c. JJ Hollingshead: The Board took no action regarding this application.
 - d. Sharma Dronamraju: The Board reviewed the Committee's recommendation regarding this applicant's request for waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations. The Board unanimously approved the waiver requests in a vote of 7-0.
 - e. Charles de Cruz Martins: The Board reviewed the Committee's recommendation regarding this applicant's request for waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology examination. The Board unanimously approved the waiver request in a vote of 7-0.
 - f. Scott Ikard: The Board took no action regarding this application.
- J. Application Review and Continuing Education Committee's recommendation to the full Board regarding proposal of amendment to 22 TAC §851.80, Fees. The Board proposed by unanimous consent an amendment to 22 TAC §851.80, for posting to the Texas Register for public comment, as edited.
- K. General Issue Committee's recommendation for proposal of amendment to 22 TAC §851.30, Firm Registration. The Board proposed by unanimous consent an amendment to 22 TAC §851.30, for posting to the Texas Register for public comment, as edited.
- L. General Issue Committee's recommendation for proposal of amendment to 22 TAC §851.10, Definition of Authorized Official of a Firm. The Board proposed by unanimous consent a proposal of amendment to 22 TAC §851.10, for posting to the Texas Register for public comment, as edited.
- M. Compliance and Enforcement Committee's recommendation to the full Board regarding proposal of amendment to 22 TAC §851.157, Complaints and Disciplinary Actions. The Board proposed by unanimous consent an amendment to 22 TAC §851.157, for posting to the Texas Register for public comment.
- N. Complaints recommended for dismissal by TBPG's Complaint Review Teams.
- Complaint Case No. 2014043 was dismissed by unanimous consent, with Members Mathewson and Hallmark recused.
 - Complaint Case No. 2016046 was dismissed by unanimous consent, with Members Mathewson and Bradford recused.
 - Complaint Case No. 2016055 was dismissed by unanimous consent, with Members Mathewson and Bradford recused.
 - Complaint Case No. 2014024 was dismissed by unanimous consent, with Members Hallmark and Mathewson recused.
- O. Proposed Agreed Board Orders: Complaint Cases 2015053 and 2016021 were adopted by unanimous consent with Member Mathewson recused. Complaint Cases 2016045, 2016048, 2016052, 2017002, 2017005, and 2017006 were adopted by unanimous consent with Members Bradford and Mathewson recused.



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- P. Officer elections. For the office of Chairman, C. Thomas Hallmark, PhD, PG, was unanimously re-elected by acclimation. For the office of Vice-Chairman, W. David Prescott, II, PG, was unanimously re-elected by acclimation. For the office of Secretary-Treasurer, Becky Johnson, PG, was unanimously re-elected by acclimation.
- Q. Date and agenda items for next meeting. The next meetings are scheduled for April 27 and 28, 2017, in Austin, Texas.
- R. The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. T. Hallmark".

C. Thomas Hallmark, PhD, PG
TBPG Chairman