



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

Board Meeting

February 23, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

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

MINUTES

- A. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was certified. Members present were Board Chairman C. Thomas Hallmark, PhD, PG, W. David Prescott, II, PG, Vice-Chair, Becky Johnson, PG, Secretary/Treasurer, Lindsey Lee Bradford, Public Member, Steven Fleming, PG, Professional Member, Christopher Mathewson, PhD, PG, PE, Professional Member, Gregory Ulmer, JD, Public Member. Member Bereket M. Derie, PhD, PG, Professional Member, arrived at 10:05 a.m.
- B. The minutes from the November 17, 2017 Board Meeting were unanimously approved as written.
- C. Public comment. Comments had been received previously by Leslie Crisp, PG, Bill Turner, PG, and Arnold Cunningham, PG. The Board reviewed the comments.
- D. Chairman's Report: Chairman Hallmark addressed the recent letters sent to ASBOG® and AIPG, and he mentioned the upcoming ASBOG® Meeting of Council of Examiners that will be held in Atlanta in April.
- E. Executive Director's Report: Executive Director Charles Horton addressed fiscal and budgetary matters; use of staff resources; Sunset Review/Schedule; and he reported on the issue of TBPG advocating for retention ponds in the City of Houston per a licensee's request.
- F. Reports on recent Committee meetings and activities
 1. Application Review and Continuing Education Committee meeting (02/22/18)
 - Committee Chair Christopher Mathewson reported on recent efforts toward reciprocity agreements with Wyoming and Minnesota.
 2. Compliance and Enforcement Committee meeting (02/22/18)
 - Committee Chair Becky Johnson reviewed an update to the TBPG Complaint Standard Operating Procedure.
 3. General Issues Committee meeting (02/22/18)
 - Committee Chair Steven Fleming summarized an inquiry that was received regarding TCEQ's rule making process to implement Federal Regulations on Coal Combustion Residuals in Texas.
 4. Financial Review and Strategic Planning Committee meeting (02/23/18)
 - Committee Chair Greg Ulmer reviewed the Comptroller post payment audit, the upcoming Strategic Plan 2019-2023, Legislative Appropriations Request for FY 2020-2021.
- G. Staff Reports:
 1. Licensing Report. Ms. Elsa Paynes, Licensing Coordinator, reported on licensing numbers, examination statistics, and the upcoming ASBOG® exam.
 2. Financial Report. Committee Chair Ulmer gave the staff report, including revenues, expenditures, and travel updates.

3. Enforcement Report. Mr. T. Wesley McCoy, Enforcement Coordinator, addressed current enforcement numbers, Complaint Review Team (CRT) meeting highlights, recent outreach opportunities, staff dismissal of complaints, and cases awaiting a hearing at SOAH.
- H. Applications for P.G. license received from the following individuals:
 - a. Steve Wells: No action was taken.
 - b. Dr. Damayanti Banerji: No action was taken.
 - I. Rule review per Texas Government Code §2001.039 (Administrative Procedure Act-Agency Four Year Rule Review) regarding TBPG rules Chapters 850 and 851. Chairman Hallmark reviewed the guidelines and timetable for the rule review. The Committee Chairs then reported out on Committee activities related to the Review.
 - J. Complaints recommended for dismissal by TBPG's Complaint Review Teams. The Board unanimously dismissed the following complaints in a vote of 6-0, with Members Bradford and Mathewson recused: Complaint Case No. 2017056, Complaint Case No. 2017057, Complaint Case No. 2017061, Complaint Case No. 2018010.
 - K. Proposed Agreed Board Orders. The Board adopted the Proposed Board Order for Complaint Case No. 2018003 by unanimous consent, with Members Bradford and Mathewson recused.
 - L. Proposed Default Final Orders.
 1. The Board adopted the Default Final Order for Complaint Case No. 2013011 by unanimous consent, with Members Hallmark and Mathewson recused.
 2. The Board unanimously adopted the Default Final Order as modified for Complaint Case No. 2014041, with Members Hallmark and Mathewson recused.
 3. The Board unanimously adopted the Default Final Order as modified for Complaint Case No. 2017054, with Members Bradford and Johnson recused.
 - M. Development of consumer information/publications to be available on the website and general distribution in other settings. Member David Prescott presented new publications for Board review. After review and revision, the publications will be ready for use.
 - N. Date for upcoming meetings and agenda items for next meeting. The next meetings will be held April 26 and 27, 2018 in Austin.
 - O. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.



C. Thomas Hallmark, PhD, PG
TBPG Chairman