



## TBPG Summer Newsletter 2018

### Recent Board Meeting Highlights

Here are some highlights of the April 27, 2018 Board Meeting.

**Strategic Plan 2019-2023 and Customer Service Report.** Director Horton addressed the draft Strategic Plan and Customer Service Report. The Board unanimously approved that TBPG Chairman Hallmark work with staff to authorize and timely submit the final Strategic Plan.

**Legislative Appropriations Request for FY 2020-2021.** The Board unanimously approved that Mr. Horton work with Dr. Hallmark and Committee Chair Greg Ulmer, JD, to request the reinstatement of the previous 4% cut from the previous LAR and to request back any potential mandatory cut that may occur this session.

**Request for TBPG feedback from American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG)** regarding New Member Category-Nationally Accredited Professional Geologist. The Board approved unanimously that Chairman Hallmark respond to AIPG regarding the Board's feedback regarding their new member category.

**Four Year Rule Review.** Adoption of rule review per Texas Government Code §2001.039 (Administrative Procedure Act-Agency Four Year Rule Review) regarding TBPG rules Chapters 850 and 851. The Board unanimously adopted its four-year rule review, and readopted its rules in their entirety, subject to any changes proposed separately.

**Proposal of amendments, new rules, and repeals to TBPG rules.** The Board approved the proposal of new rules 22 TAC 851.22 and 851.85, and proposal of amendments to §§850.82, 851.10, 851.20, 851.21, 851.23, 851.24, 851.25, 851.28, 851.29, 851.30, 851.32, 851.40, 851.41, 851.43, 851.80, 851.101, 851.103, 851.104, 851.106, 851.109, 851.111, 851.112, 851.113, 851.156, 851.158, 851.203, and 851.204 for posting to the Texas Register for public comment.

**Complaints recommended for dismissal by TBPG's Complaint Review Teams.** The Board dismissed the following complaints by unanimous consent: 2018004, 2018005, 2018006, 2018007, and 2018012. These were dismissed by unanimous consent, with Members Mathewson and Bradford recused.

**Proposed Agreed Board Orders.** The Board adopted Complaint Case No. 2017062 by unanimous consent, with Members Bradford and Mathewson recused.

**Discussion and possible action regarding the employment, evaluation and salary of the Executive Director.** The Board discussed the hiring process for its next Executive Director, upon the retirement of Mr. Horton. No action was taken.

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### Current Licensing Numbers

3899 Professional Geoscientists  
154 GITs



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## Upcoming TBPG Meetings

The next Committee meetings will be held on August 16, 2018.

The next Board meeting will be held on August 17, 2018.

## Sunset Review of the TBPG

The mission and performance of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists are under review by the Legislature as required under the Texas Sunset Act. The Act provides that the Sunset Commission, composed of legislators and public members, periodically evaluate a state agency to determine if the agency is still needed and to explore ways to ensure that the agency's funds are well spent. Based on the recommendations of the Sunset Commission, the Texas Legislature ultimately decides whether an agency continues to operate into the future. Email: [sunset@sunset.texas.gov](mailto:sunset@sunset.texas.gov).

Information about the Sunset process, Sunset Commission meetings, and how to receive Sunset Commission email updates is available at: [www.sunset.texas.gov](http://www.sunset.texas.gov)

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