



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

Compliance and Enforcement Committee Meeting

(Johnson-Chair, Lee, Prescott, Varhaug)

April 25, 2019, 3:00 p.m.
Hobby Building, 333 Guadalupe Street
Tower III, Room 102
Austin, Texas 78701

AGENDA

The Committee may discuss and take action regarding any of the following agenda items.

- A. Call to order, roll call, and certification of quorum.
- B. Approval of January 31, 2019, Compliance and Enforcement Committee meeting minutes.
- C. Public comment (limited to five minutes per person; more or less time may be allotted as needed at the discretion of the committee chair).
- D. Staff Enforcement Report:
 - 1. Review of current enforcement numbers, Complaint Review Team (CRT) meeting highlights, and outreach efforts.
 - 2. Report on complaints dismissed by Enforcement Coordinator.
 - 3. Enforcement penalties collected for General Revenue.
- E. Sunset Advisory Commission recommendations:
 - 1. Direct the board to discontinue geoscience firm registration (non-statutory); Amendments to TBPG rules 22 TAC 850.10, 850.62, 851.10, 851.20, 851.30, 851.80, 851.85, 851.101, 851.102, 851.103, 851.104, 851.105, 851.106, 851.107, 851.111, 851.112, 851.151, 851.152, 851.156, 851.157, 851.159.
 - 2. Direct the board to cease routinely opening unlicensed public practice complaints against expired licensees who failed to timely renew (non-statutory).
 - 3. Direct the board to further develop policies guiding the administrative dismissal of complaints by staff, specifically to provide staff clear direction to handle continuing education complaints unless aggravating circumstances require board involvement (non-statutory).
 - 4. Direct the board to publish its penalty matrix on its website (non-statutory).
 - 5. Amend Texas Occupations Code, Section 1002.452 to increase the board's maximum administrative penalty amount from \$100 to \$1,500 per day for each violation. The application of the maximum penalty should be limited to only the most serious offenses (statutory).
 - 6. Apply the Sunset across-the-board recommendation regarding complaint processing for complaints against the board (statutory).
 - 7. Apply the Sunset across-the-board recommendation regarding alternative dispute resolution (statutory).
- F. Civil liability immunity for Advisory Committee Members.
- G. "Emeritus" status of Texas P.G. license.
- H. Potential outreach initiatives.
- I. Date for upcoming meetings and agenda items for next meeting.
- J. Adjournment.

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