



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

Application Review and Continuing Education Committee

January 31, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.
William P. Hobby Building
333 Guadalupe Street, Tower III, Room 102
Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

- A. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. Members present were Committee Chair Steven Fleming, P.G., Board Chairman C. Thomas Hallmark, PhD, P.G., Bereket Derie, PhD, P.G., and Drusilla Knight-Villarreal.
- B. Minutes from the November 29, 2018 were approved as written.
- C. No public comments.
- D. The Licensing data, ASBOG[®] exam statistics, TGE exam statistics, and updates regarding reciprocity agreements were presented.
- E. Review of the following applicants:
 - a. Dr. Dusten Russell: Applicant for PG licensure requesting waiver of the Soil Science examination or the ASBOG[®] Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations. The Committee determined that that Dr. Russell did not meet the requirements of the waiver policy to waive the ASBOG[®] exams, therefore, the Committee did not support recommending to the full TBPG Appointed Board his request. The Committee did however, supported his request to waive the Fundamentals of Soil Science examination. The Committee directed staff to contact CSSE Board to request that Dr. Russell be allowed to sit for the Practice exam without sitting for the Fundamental examination.
 - b. Sanjay Sharma: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG[®] Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations. The Committee supported his request and recommended to the full Board for consideration.
 - c. Jon Gilbert: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the education requirement or substitution of the experience for the education. The Committee recommended his request to the full TBPG Appointed Board.
 - d. Michael Nibert: Applicant for PG licensure requesting licensure by reciprocity, a waiver of education requirement, and waiver of the ASBOG[®] Fundamentals of Geology examination. The Committee did not support recommending to the full TBPG Appointed Board his requests. The Committee will reconsider his request after he has passed both the ASBOG[®] Fundamentals and Practice examinations.
- F. Update regarding Texas Geophysics Exam (TGE). The Committee directed staff to coordinate with Jay Bowermeister, Gainesville Independent Testing, Inc. (GITs), Ms. Kelly Krenz-Doe, and potential Subject Matter Experts (SME) to set up a workshop to strengthen the TGE; item bank; Angoff scoring methods.
- G. The potential addition of an Environmental Science license was discussed. The Committee directed staff to research whether there is support from within the industry to promote Environmental Science licensure, and if there are any national examinations for Environmental Science that could be used as a licensing examination.
- H. Date for upcoming meetings and agenda items for next meeting were presented.
- I. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.