



# **TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

## **Board Meeting**

*August 23, 2019, 9:00 a.m.*

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

## **AGENDA**

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

- A. Call to order, roll call, certification of quorum, order of business.
- B. Approval of minutes from the April 26, 2019 Board Meeting.
- C. Public comment (limited to five minutes per person; more or less time may be allotted as needed at the discretion of the Board Chair).
- D. Chairman's Report: Re-establishing joint partnership with TBPE; outreach; TBPG goals.
- E. Executive Director's Report: Fiscal matters; agency operations; Sunset updates; update on training for Board members.
- F. Ongoing Board Member training.
- G. Reports on recent Committee meetings and activities
  1. Application Review and Continuing Education Committee meeting (8/22/19)
    - Potential actions to revise the Texas Geophysics Exam; item bank; Angoff scoring methods.
    - Modifications of TBPG forms.
    - Formation of Advisory Committee.
    - Potential outreach initiatives.
  2. Compliance and Enforcement Committee meeting (8/22/19)
    - Update of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) regarding policies guiding the administrative handling of complaints by staff, specifically to delegate authority to staff.
    - Update of penalty matrix.
    - Implementation of Sunset recommendations, including the elimination of firm registration.
    - Sunset Advisory Commission recommendations. Consideration of proposal of the following amendments and repeals related to the removal of the firm registration requirement: 22 TAC 850.10, 850.62, 850.82, 851.10, 851.20, 851.29, 851.35, 851.80, 851.85, 851.101, 851.102, 851.103, 851.104, 851.105, 851.106, 851.107, 851.111, 851.112, 851.113, 851.151, 851.156, 851.157, 851.159, 851.204, and proposed repeal of 22 TAC 851.30 and 851.152.
    - Options regarding "Emeritus" or other license status of a PG license.
    - Potential outreach initiatives.
  3. General Issues Committee meeting (8/22/19)
    - Additional continuing education options for ethics.
    - Potential outreach initiatives.
  4. Financial Review/Strategic Planning Committee meeting (8/23/19)
    - Financial review and analysis of expenditures for FY 2019.
    - CAPPs completion.

- Financial impact regarding needed IT upgrades.
  - Potential outreach initiatives.
- H. Staff Reports: **(Tab 1)**
1. Licensing Report, including licensing data, examination statistics.
  2. Financial Report, including revenues, expenditures, travel updates.
  3. Enforcement Report, including current enforcement numbers, Complaint Review Team (CRT) meeting highlights, recent outreach opportunities, enforcement penalties.
- I. Applications for P.G. license received from the following individuals. **(Tab 2)**
- a) Sebastian Saavedra: Applicant requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examination.
- J. Sunset Advisory Commission recommendations. Application Review/Continuing Education Committee recommendation regarding public comments received and the following rulemaking actions. **(Tab 3)**
1. Adoption of amendment to 22 TAC 851.20, regarding the statutory notarization requirement for individuals applying for the Professional Geoscientist license.
  2. Adoption of amendments to 22 TAC 851.20, 851.22, 851.23, and repeal of 851.24, regarding the statutory letter of reference requirement for individuals applying for a P.G. license.
  3. Adoption of amendments to 22 TAC 851.40, 851.41, regarding the letter of reference requirement for individuals applying to register as a GIT.
- K. Proposed Agreed Board Orders. **(Tab 4)**
1. Complaint #2019002
  2. Complaint #2019003
- L. Formation of Advisory Committees.
- M. Potential public/private outreach initiatives.
- N. Date for upcoming meetings and agenda items for next meeting. **(Tab 5)**
- O. Adjournment.

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