



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

Compliance and Enforcement Committee Meeting

August 14, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Via ZOOM

MINUTES

- A. The Compliance and Enforcement meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was certified. Members present were Committee Chair Becky Johnson, P.G., Margon Dillard, Public Member, W. David Prescott, III, P.G., and Mark N. Varhaug, P.G., C.P.G.
- B. The February 20, 2020, Compliance and Enforcement Committee meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
- C. Public comment. There were no comments from the public.
- D. Compliance Report. Rebecca Funderburg reviewed the current compliance program statistics, the complaints dismissed by staff, the enforcement penalties collected for General Revenue, and cases referred to the Office of the Attorney General for collection. The updated rack card was discussed and reviewed by the Committee. Executive Director Rene Truan reported how the Agency is operating with regards to compliance under emergency response mode as a result of the Governor's disaster declaration.
- E. Update of penalty matrix. Edits continue to be made to the penalty matrix. Chair Johnson requested that the final draft of the penalty matrix, which will incorporate comments from the Office of the Attorney General, be sent out to board members before the next board meeting.
- F. Sunset Advisory Commission recommendation:
 - Implementation of firm registration. Executive Director Rene Truan reported that the Agency continues to study this topic. At the request of Chair Johnson, the firm registration questionnaire was resent to firms who had not responded after the February 2020 board meeting. Rebecca Funderburg reviewed the updated results of the firm registration. The Committee discussed staff moving forward with the previously Board approved firm registration advisory committee.
 - Possible future proposed rule amendments and repeals related to removing the firm registration: 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, and 851.204; and proposed repeal of 22 TAC §§851.30 and 851.152. This is an ongoing item; no action was taken.
- G. Overview of upcoming TBPG four year rule review of 22 TAC 850 and 851. Chair Johnson provided an overview of the upcoming rule review for TBPG.
- H. Potential outreach initiatives. The Committee discussed ethics videos, brochures, and university outreach.
- I. Date for upcoming meetings and agenda items for next meeting. The next meetings will be held on November 19 and 20, 2020.
- J. The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.