

Process and Timeline

2020-2021 Agency Review of Existing Rules Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists

Meeting 1: August 2020. Beginning of Rule Review Process

- Distribution of the following reference materials:
 - 1. Process and Timeline.**
 - 2. General Outline.**
 - 3. Guiding Principles.**
 - 4. Committee Overview Guidance Document.** This document describes each Board Committee. It also contains each Committees' assigned rule sections, and has a description of the various tasks commonly performed by each Committee. This is a comprehensive overview of how committees work.
 - 5. Current TBPG Rules.**
 - 6. Texas Geoscience Practice Act.**
- **Board Member Instructions:** Each Board member is to review the rules that are assigned to their committees by October 1, 2020. Please submit all suggested changes to your Committee Chair by October 1, so all the changes can be compiled. All Board members should then come to the next Committee meetings prepared for a work session during which all of the rules Committee Members wish to address are discussed. See details for Meeting 2.

Meeting 2: November 2020. Committee Work Sessions

- Each Committee and full Board meeting will include a public comment agenda item. This agenda item provides an opportunity for individuals/stakeholders to provide input on TBPG rules.
- Committee work sessions: Members and staff should come to the meeting with thoughts and recommendations for fixing each rule section. Each Committee considers/reviews all of its rule sections. Those sections for which change may be appropriate are discussed more fully.
- Full Board Meeting: Each Committee reports out to the Appointed Board. The report will include identification of each section the Committee is considering recommending to be changed. The report should also briefly describe the nature of the change. For example: "The XX rule puts requirements on an AOF that is not appropriate. The committee recognizes that a change to the role of the AOF is needed."

Meeting 3: February 2021. Committee Recommendations to Full Board for posting to Texas Register for Public Comment

- Each Committee and full Board meeting will include a public comment agenda item. This agenda item provides an opportunity for individuals/stakeholders to provide input on TBPG rules.

- Each Committee agenda will identify each section on which the Committee may vote to recommend rule changes to the Appointed Board to publish in the Texas Register for public comment. The Committee will have drafted rule text changes in meeting 2 (or the committee may have assigned a person or persons to draft requested changes for meeting 3). The Committees will vote on specific text changes to recommend to the full Board.
- The full Appointed Board will review each Committee recommended change, deliberate as necessary, and vote on proposed rule changes to post to the Texas Register for public comment (with or without changes from that which was recommended by the Committee).
- TBPG staff post a notice in the Texas Register that TBPG is participating in its four year rule review.
- TBPG staff will post recommended changes to the Texas Register for a 30 day public comment period. These will also be posted on the TBPG website.

Meeting 4: April 2021. Review of Public Comments and Potential Adoption of Proposed Rule Changes by the Appointed Board

- Each Committee and full Board meeting will include a public comment agenda item. This agenda item provides an opportunity for individuals/stakeholders to provide input on TBPG rules.
- Each Committee will review all public comments received, and propose responses to the comments, including any changes in text in response to public input. As always, public comments could prompt Committees to make minor changes to the proposed text. Public comments could also prompt Committees to recommend that the Appointed Board not adopt one or more proposed changes. A Committee could also recommend adoption of some proposed rules and recommend additional work on other rules. Depending on the nature of changes, the Committee may wish to ask the Appointed Board to repost some other set of changes to a particular proposed change to the rules because public comment identified an issue that needed to be addressed but could not be addressed upon adoption.
- The full Appointed Board will then adopt the rule changes that it wishes to implement and close the four year rule review. Follow up work on rules can be continued after the conclusion of the four year rule review.
- Finally, TBPG staff will post the adoptions to the Texas Register and close the four year rule review process in the Texas Register.

Meeting 5: August 2021. Additional rule adoptions if any reposting was necessary.

- Committee meetings and Board meeting to post additional rule adoptions. **TBPG will continue its work on the rules as necessary to ensure its review has been completed by the beginning of 2022.**