



# **TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

## **Application Review and Continuing Education Committee Meeting**

*April 27, 2021, 9:00 a.m.*

Videoconference call – Zoom (<https://zoom.us/>)

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## AGENDA

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

1. Call to order, roll call of board members, and certification of quorum.
2. Roll call of public attendees.
3. Approval of minutes from the November 19, 2020 committee meeting.
4. Public comment (limited to five minutes per person; more or less time may be allotted as needed at the discretion of the committee chair).
5. Licensing Report: licensing data, ASBOG exam statistics, TGE exam statistics **(Tab 1)**
6. Review of applications for exam, work, and education waivers received prior to the date of the committee meeting, including: **(Tab 2)**
  - A. Jorge Barrios: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations.
  - B. Hamed Elmowafy: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations.
  - C. Joseph Drew: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations.
  - D. Ethan Perry: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examination.
  - E. Ricki Kobernik: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a substitution of work experience for the education requirement.
  - F. Jennifer Califf: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examination.
  - G. James A Golab: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examination.
  - H. Julie O’Leary: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examination.
  - I. Charles Willmore: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examination.
  - J. Antonio Cameron-Gonzalez: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examination.
  - K. Gavin Hudgeons: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations.



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- L. Justin Evans: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations.
  - M. Dr. Timothy Meckel: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examinations.
  - N. Jeremy Touchy: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a substitution of the qualifying work experience for the education requirement.
  - O. Dr. Mamdouh Shebl: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations.
7. Discussion regarding alternative license status.
  8. TBPG four-year rule review of 22 TAC Chapters 850 and 851, in their entirety, including potential amendments to §§850.1, 850.10, 851.10, 850.20, 851.21, 851.22, 851.23, 851.25, 851.26, 851.27, 851.28, 851.29, 851.31, 851.32, 851.35, 851.40, 851.41, 851.43, 851.44, 851.83. **(Tab 4)**
  9. TBPG's Waiver Policy, 22 TAC 851.22, possible amendment. **(Tab 5)**
  10. Geoscientist-in-Training Certification, 22 TAC 851.40 possible amendment. **(Tab 8)**
  11. Geoscientist-in-Training Certification Requirements and Application Procedures, 22 TAC 851.41, possible amendment. **(Tab 9)**
  12. Fees, 22 TAC 851.80, possible amendment. **(Tab 10)**
  13. Status of Advisory Committee related to licensing opportunities.
  14. Potential outreach initiatives.
  15. Future Committee meetings, including dates and agenda items. **(Tab 11)**
  16. Adjournment.

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