



# **TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

## **Application Review and Continuing Education Committee Meeting – Zoom Conference**

*April 27, 2021*

### **MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. Members present were Committee Chair Steven Fleming, P.G., Edward F. Janak, Jr., PG, Bereket Derie, PhD, P.G., and Margon Dillard.
2. Public attendees were acknowledged.
3. Approval of minutes from the November 19, 2020 committee meeting was approved as written.
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
6. Review of applications for exam, work, and education waivers received prior to the date of the committee meeting, including:
  - A. Dr. Jorge Barrios: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request.
  - B. Dr. Hamed Elmowafy: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request.
  - C. Joseph Drew: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request.
  - D. Ethan Perry: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examination. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request.
  - E. Ricki Kobernik: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a substitution of work experience for the education requirement. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request.
  - F. Jennifer Califf: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examination. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request.
  - G. Dr. James A Golab: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examination. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request.
  - H. Dr. Julie O’Leary: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examination. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request.

- I. Charles Willmore: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examination. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request.
  - J. Dr. Antonio Cameron-Gonzalez: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examination. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request.
  - K. Gavin Hudgeons: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request.
  - L. Justin Evans: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request.
  - M. Dr. Timothy Meckel: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examinations. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request.
  - N. Jeremy Touchy: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a substitution of the qualifying work experience for the education requirement. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request contingent upon passing the exams.
  - O. Dr. Mamdouh Shebl: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request.
7. Discussion regarding alternative license status was discussed. No action taken.
  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. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board to post the amendments to the Texas Register for comments.
  9. TBPG's Waiver Policy, 22 TAC 851.22, possible amendment. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board to post the amendment to the Texas Register for comments.
  10. Geoscientist-in-Training Certification, 22 TAC 851.40 possible amendment. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the amendment to post to the Texas Register for comments.
  11. Geoscientist-in-Training Certification Requirements and Application Procedures, 22 TAC 851.41, possible amendment. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board to post the amendment to the Texas Register for comments.
  12. Fees, 22 TAC 851.80 Fees, possible amendment. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board to post the amendment to the Texas Register for comments.
  13. Status of Advisory Committee related to licensing opportunities were discussed.
  14. Potential outreach initiatives were presented.
  15. Future Committee meetings, including dates and agenda items. The next meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2021.
  16. The meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.