



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

TBPG BOARD MEETING

November 19, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Hobby Building, 333 Guadalupe Street, Room 102
Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists was called to order at 9:08 a.m. on November 19, 2021. Roll was called, and a quorum was certified. Board members in attendance were TBPG Chair Becky L. Johnson, P.G., Vice-Chair W. David Prescott II, P.G., Secretary/Treasurer Mark N. Varhaug, P.G., CPG, Bereket M. Derie, PhD, P.G., Margon Dillard, Public Member, Steven Fleming, P.G., Edward F. Janak, Jr., P.G., Brandon Stowers, Public Member, and LaFawn Thompson, Public Member.
2. The minutes from the August 13, 2021 Board Meeting were unanimously approved as written.
3. Public comment. There were no comments received from the public.
4. Chair's Report: Outreach, outreach, outreach. TBPG Chair Becky Johnson emphasized the importance of outreach by highlighting two well-known examples demonstrating the importance of competence in the practice in geoscience.
5. Executive Director's Report: TBPG Executive Director Rene Truan addressed TBPG performance reporting for the 4th Quarter FY 2001. He also shared information regarding the TBPG office team and introduced TBPG's new team member Katie Colby. Director Truan updated the Board on the status of the office move in 2022 and shared pictures of the new office space.
6. Reports on recent Committee meetings.
 - A. The Application Review and Continuing Education Committee Meeting Report (11/18/2021) was given by Committee Chair Varhaug, who started the meeting. Elsa Paynes gave the licensing report and exam statistics. Then the Committee unanimously recommended to the Board adoption of amendments and repeals in 22 TAC §§850.10, 851.10, 851.20, 851.21, 851.22, 851.28, 851.29, 851.32, 851.40, 851.43 and 851.83 (repeal), provided no further public comments are received during the comment period. The committee discussed a draft waiver policy for the Texas Geophysics Examination; and outreach initiatives were discussed.
 - B. The Compliance and Enforcement Committee meeting report (11/18/2021) was given by Committee Chair Prescott. The compliance report was given; the Committee had discussed the Firm Registration Advisory Committee Recommendations Report that was presented to the Board at its April 28, 2021 Meeting. The Committee unanimously recommended that the Board not eliminate firm registration and follow the recommendations in the report. The Board unanimously adopted the recommendations from the Committee to not eliminate firm registration and to follow the recommendations outlined in the report.

- The Committee also unanimously recommended to the Board adoption of amendments and repeal of the following rules: 22 TAC §§850.10, 851.10, 851.30, 851.31, 851.101, 851.102, 851.103, 851.104, 851.105, 851.106, 851.108, 851.109, 851.111, 851.112, 851.113, 851.151, 851.152, 851.153, 851.154 (repeal), 851.156, 851.157, 851.158, 851.159, 851.203, 851.204, and 851.220, provided no further public comments are received during the comment period. Outreach was discussed.
- C. The General Issues Committee meeting report (11/18/2021) was given by Committee Chair Janak, who addressed an inquiry regarding the monitoring well installers' license; the Committee will look into this issue further. He reported that the Committee had unanimously recommended to the Board adoption of amendments to the following rules: 22 TAC §§850.10, 850.61, 850.62, 850.63, 850.65, 851.10, and 851.85, provided no further public comments are received during the comment period. Outreach was also discussed.
 - D. The Financial Review/Strategic Planning Committee meeting report (11/19/2021) was given by Committee Chair Stowers, who addressed the Financial Report for FYs 2021 and 2022. The Committee unanimously recommended to the Board adoption of amendments to the following rules: 22 TAC §§850.10 and 851.10, provided no further public comments are received during the comment period.
7. Applications for P.G. license, including requests for waivers and substitutions.
- A. Dr. Neil Deeds: Applicant for P.G. licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Practice of Geology examination. The applicant met the requirements of waiver of the P.G. exam. The Board unanimously approved waiver of the PG exam for the applicant.
 - B. Scott Schautschick: Applicant for P.G. licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examination. The applicant met the requirements of waiver of the FG and PG exams. The Board unanimously approved waiver of both exams for the applicant.
 - C. Emmanuel A Ekpo: Applicant for P.G. licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examination. The applicant met the requirements of waiver of the FG and PG exams. The Board unanimously approved waiver of both exams for the applicant.
 - D. Daniel Macguire: Applicant for P.G. licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examination. The applicant met the requirements of waiver of the FG and PG exams. The Board unanimously approved waiver of both exams for the applicant.
 - E. Victor Arriaga: Applicant for P.G. licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examination. The applicant did not meet the requirements for waiver of the FG exam; but he met the requirements for waiver of the PG exam. The Board unanimously approved waiver of the PG exam for Mr. Arriaga.
8. Proposed Agreed Board Orders.
- A. Complaint 2020-00007. No action was taken.
 - B. Complaint 2021-00008. The Board unanimously approved the Agreed Board Order for complaint 2021-00008.
 - C. Complaint 2021-00009. The Board unanimously approved the Agreed Board Order for complaint 2021-00009.



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9. Proposed amendment to rules regarding compliance and enforcement procedures, including 22 TAC 851.158. The Board unanimously approved proposal of the amendment to 22 TAC 851.158 once the current amendment is adopted.
10. Potential public/private outreach initiatives. No action was taken.
11. Future Board meetings, including dates, arrangements, and agenda items. The next Board meetings are scheduled on February 10 and 11, 2022.
12. Adjournment. The Board meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Becky Johnson", is written over a horizontal line.

Becky L. Johnson, P.G., Chair

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