



# **TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

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

*November 18, 2021, 9:00 a.m.*

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

### **MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. Members present were Committee Chair Mark Varhaug, P.G., Edward F. Janak, Jr., PG, Bereket Derie, PhD, P.G., and LaFawn Thompson.
2. No public attendees were acknowledged.
3. Minutes from the August 13, 2021 committee meeting were approved as written.
4. No public comments were received.
5. Licensing Report: licensing data, ASBOG exam statistics, TGE exam statistics, and CSSE updates were presented.
6. Review of applications for exam, work experience, and education waivers received prior to the date of the committee meeting, including:
  - A. Dr. Neil Deeds: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Practice of Geology examination. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request.
  - B. Scott Schautschick: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examination. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request.
  - C. Emmanuel A Ekpo: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examination. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request.
  - D. Daniel Maguire: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examination. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request.
  - E. Victor Arriaga: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examination. Applicant did not meet the policy requirement for the ASBOG Fundamental of Geology examination. Therefore, the Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request to waive the ASBOG Practice of Geology only.
7. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board to adoption amendments and repeal of the following rules: §§850.10, 851.10, 851.20, 851.21, 851.22, 851.28, 851.29, 851.32, 851.40, 851.43 and 851.83 (repeal).
8. Waiver Policy for the Texas Geophysics Examination (TGE). Dr. Derie presented a possible draft policy of the TGE. After discussion, staff was tasked to provide the

Committee the blueprint of the examination for further discussion at the next committee meeting. No action taken.

9. Status of Advisory Committee related to licensing opportunities. No action taken.
10. Potential outreach initiatives were presented.
11. Future meetings, including dates, arrangements, and agenda items were discussed.
12. The meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.