



# **TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

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

*April 28, 2022, 11:00 a.m.*

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

### **MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:01 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. Approval of minutes from the February 10, 2022 committee meeting were approved as written.
3. No public comments were received.
4. Licensing Report: licensing data, ASBOG exam statistics, TGE exam statistics, and CSSE updates were presented.
5. Review of applications for exam, work experience, and education waivers received prior to the date of the committee meeting, including:
  - A. Natalya Kharitonova: 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. Melody Hacker: 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. Craig Courtney: 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. Amy Bush: 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.
  - E. Dr. Gretchen Miller: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology Examination. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request.
  - F. W. Odell Ward: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology Examination. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the request.
6. Proposal of amendments to 22 TAC §851.22, Waivers and Substitutions: Policy, Procedures, and Criteria was recommended to the Full Appointed Board for posting to the Texas Register for public comments.
7. License qualifications and criteria. the Committee discussed potentially developing rules to address the level of education and work experience that may be sufficient for PGs licensed in one discipline can be deemed qualified to practice in another discipline. The Committee to continue to discuss further.
8. Status of Advisory Committee related to licensing opportunities. No action taken.
9. Potential outreach initiatives were presented.
10. Future meetings, including dates, arrangements, and agenda items were discussed.
11. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m..