



# **TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

## **BOARD MEETING**

*May 12, 2023, 10:30 a.m.*  
1801 Congress Avenue, Suite 7.800  
Austin, Texas 78701

Videoconference call – Zoom

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## AGENDA

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

1. Call to order, roll call, certification of quorum, order of business.
2. Approval of minutes from the February 10, 2023 Board Meeting.
3. Public comment (limited to five minutes per person; more or less time may be allotted as needed at the discretion of the Board Chair).
4. Chair's Report including Business Continuity, Board Goals/Objectives and Committee Assignments
5. Executive Director's Report including Operations, Staff Updates and the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session.
6. Reports on recent Committee meetings. **(TAB 1)**
  - A. Application Review and Continuing Education Committee meeting (05/11/2023)
    - Licensing Report: licensing data, ASBOG exam statistics, TGE exam statistics, and CSSE exam statistics.
    - License qualifications and criteria.
    - Status of Advisory Committee related to licensing opportunities.
    - Outreach initiatives.
  - B. Compliance and Enforcement Committee meeting (05/11/23)
    - Compliance Report: Review of current compliance program statistics, recent CRT meetings; complaints dismissed by staff; enforcement penalties collected for General Revenue.
    - Ongoing review of Firm Registration.
    - Activities requiring Registration.
    - Outreach initiatives.
  - C. General Issues Committee meeting (05/11/23)
    - Nontraditional licensing activities.
    - Outreach initiatives.
7. Review of applications for exam, work experience, and education waivers received prior to the date of the committee meeting, including: **(TAB 2)**
  - A. Yuliya Dunaway: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Practice of Geology Examination.
  - B. Robert Keirstead: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology Examination.
  - C. Oscar Ramirez: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the Texas Geophysics Examination.



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- D. Leandro Addarich Martinez: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology Examinations.
  - E. Yomari E. Soto Lopez: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology Examinations.
  - F. Max Laracuente: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology Examinations.
  - G. Anthony Rios: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examination.
  - H. Alexander Hermann: Application for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the education requirement.
8. Adoption of amendment to 22 TAC §851.43 GIT Certification Period and Renewal. **(TAB 3)**
  9. Adoption of amendment to 22 TAC §851.10 regarding Definitions. **(TAB 4)**
  10. Adoption of amendment to 22 TAC §851.156 regarding Professional Geoscientist Seals and Geoscience Firm Identification. **(TAB 5)**
  11. Proposed amendment to 22 TAC §851.21 regarding Licensing Requirements **(TAB 6)**
  12. Proposed amendment to 22 TAC §851.22 regarding Waivers and Substitutions: Policy, Procedures, and Criteria **(TAB 7)**
  13. Default Board Order for Complaint 2023-00017. **(TAB 8)**
  14. Proposed Agreed Board Order for Complaint 2020-00007.
  15. Potential public/private outreach initiatives.
  16. Future Board meetings, including dates, arrangements, and agenda items.
  17. Adjournment.

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