



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

Application Review and Continuing Education Committee Meeting

February 9, 2023, 12:00 p.m.
1801 Congress Avenue, Suite 7.800
Austin, Texas 78701

Videoconference call – Zoom

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.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 November 17, 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 exam statistics were presented. Staff were assigned the task to work with Dr. Derie to compile a list of Universities and send communication regarding the Texas Fundamentals of Geophysics Examination. Specifically, asking if they are interested in collaborating with TBPG to inform their students in the geoscience studies about licensing opportunities; including the GIT certification.
5. Review of applications for exam, work experience, and education waivers received prior to the date of the committee meeting, including:
 - A. William Farrar: 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 applicants request.
 - B. David Correll: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology Examination. The Committee did not recommend the applicants request. Mr. Correll did not meet the Waiver Policy requirement.
 - C. John Witmer: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology Examination. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the applicants request.
 - D. Leslie Boockoff: 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 applicants request.
 - E. Caroline Wachtman: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology Examination. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the applicants request.
 - F. Sarah Deering: 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 applicants request.



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- G. James Nutaitis: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology Examination. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the applicants request.
 - H. Mary Crist: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology Examination. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the applicants request.
6. Proposed amendment to 22 TAC 851.43 GIT Certification Period and Renewal. The Committee tabled this item for further discussion.
 7. License qualifications and criteria. No action taken.
 8. Status of Advisory Committee related to licensing opportunities. No action taken
 9. Outreach initiatives were presented.
 10. Future meetings, including dates, arrangements, and agenda items were discussed
 11. The meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.