



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

BOARD MEETING

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

MINUTES

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

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists was called to order at 10:36am, Roll was called, and a quorum certified. Board Members in attendance were TBPB Chair Becky L. Johnson, P.G., Vice Chair W. David Prescott, III, P.G., Secretary/Treasurer Mark N. Varhaug, P.G., CPG, and Board Members Margon Dillard, Steven Fleming, P.G., Ed Janak, P.G., LaFawn Thompson, Bereket Derie, Ph.D, P.G., and Brandon Stowers.
2. Minutes from the November 18, 2022 Board Meeting were approved unanimously as presented.
3. No public comments were received.
4. Chair's Report: Chair Johnson asked Executive Director Rene Truan to speak on the 88th Legislative session.
5. Executive Director's Report: Executive Director Rene Truan spoke about business continuity, building the team and TBPB growth. He also reported on the current 88th legislative session.
6. Reports on recent Committee meetings.
 - A. Reports on recent Committee meetings. The Application Review and Continuing Education Committee Meeting Report from 02/09/23 was given by Committee Chair Mark Varhaug. The Licensing Report was outlined by TBPB's Licensing Coordinator Elsa Paynes, who reviewed licensing data, ASBOG exam statistics, TGE exam statistics, CSSE exam. Colorado plans to join the ASBOG states and begin licensing PGs.
 - B. The Compliance and Enforcement Committee Meeting Report from 02/09/2023 was given by Committee Chair David Prescott. The Compliance Report was summarized by Brycen Arnold, who reviewed current compliance program statistics; complaints dismissed by staff; a recent CRT, and enforcement penalties collected for General Revenue. Chair Prescott also addressed the ongoing item related to the review of Firm Registration, it will continue to be reviewed by the Compliance and Enforcement Committee.
 - C. The General Issues Committee Meeting Report from 02/09/23 was given by Committee Chair Ed Janak. He reported on the completed Committee response to the Public Comment that was mailed to Mr. Reilly on February 6th. He also reported that the committee will continue to discuss and consider ways to use Mr. Reilly's suggestions in upcoming outreach. Potential and recent outreach initiatives were also discussed.



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- D. The Financial Review/Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Report from 02/10/23 was given by Committee Chair Brandon Stowers. The Financial Report for FY 2022 was given by Financial Officer Genicka Williams. Also discussed at Committee was the 2022 Strategic Plan and performance measures.

Chair Prescott announced a break at 11:19am, meeting resumed at 11:30am.

7. The Board considered the following waiver requests;
- A. William Farrar: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology Examinations. The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request for the Fundamentals and Practice of Geology Examinations.
 - B. David Correll: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology Examination. No action was taken.
 - C. John Witmer: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology Examination. The Board unanimously voted to approve the applicant's waiver request for the Fundamentals of Geology
 - D. Leslie Boockoff: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology Examinations. The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request for the Fundamentals and Practice of Geology Examinations.
 - E. Caroline Wachtman: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology Examination. The Board unanimously voted to approve the applicant's waiver request for the Fundamentals of Geology
 - F. Sarah Deering: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology Examinations. The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request for the Fundamentals and Practice of Geology Examinations.
 - G. James Nutaitis: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology Examination. The Board unanimously voted to approve the applicant's waiver request for the Fundamentals of Geology
 - H. Mary Crist: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology Examination. The Board unanimously voted to approve the applicant's waiver request for the Fundamentals of Geology
8. The Board discussed and unanimously approved Proposed amendment to 22 TAC 851.43 GIT Certification Period and Renewal for posting to the Texas Register for Public Comment as edited.
9. The Board unanimously approved Proposed amendment to 22 TAC 851.10 regarding Definitions for posting to the Texas Register for Public Comment as edited.



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10. The Board unanimously approved Proposed amendment to 22 TAC 851.156 regarding Professional Geoscientist Seals for posting to the Texas Register for Public Comment as edited.
11. Proposed Agreed Board Order for Complaint 2023-00017. No Action was taken.
12. Proposed Agreed Board Order for Complaint 2020-00007. No Action was taken.
13. Potential public/private outreach initiatives.
14. Future Board meetings, including dates, arrangements, and agenda items.
The Board went into closed session at 12:25pm to obtain the advice of legal council for Agenda Item 15. Annual Board Member Training.
The Board resumed open session at 12:57pm. No action was taken in closed session.
15. Meeting adjourned at 12:57pm.

The Board may meet in closed session on any agenda item listed above as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Gov. Code Chapter 551. If you require auxiliary aids, services or material in an alternate format contact the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists, at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting date. Listed below are helpful numbers should assistance be needed. Phone: (512) 936-4408, email: licensing@tbpg.texas.gov, 1-800-relay-VV (for voice), 1-800-relay-TX (for TDD).