



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

Application Review and Continuing Education Committee Meeting

May 11, 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 February 9, 2023 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 also reported that Universities were contacted to inquire about 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. Yuliya Dunaway: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Practice of Geology Examination. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the applicants request.
 - B. Robert Keirstead: 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.
 - C. Oscar Ramirez: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the Texas Geophysics Examination. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the applicants request.
 - D. Leandro Addarich Martinez: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology Examinations. Applicant met the all licensing requirements and no waiver was required. No action required.
 - E. Yomari E. Soto Lopez: 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.
 - F. Max Laracuate: 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.
 - G. Anthony Rios: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examination. Request incomplete. No action taken.



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- H. Alexander Herrmann: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the education requirement. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board the applicants request.
6. Adoption of amendment to 22 TAC 851.43 GIT Certification Period and Renewal. The Committee recommend to the Full Appointed Board the amendment as posted to the Texas Register.
 7. Proposed amendment to 22 TAC 851.21 Licensing Requirements – Examinations was recommended to the Full Appointed Board for posting to the Texas Register for public comments.
 8. Proposed amendment 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.
 9. License qualifications and criteria related to cross-discipline licensing was discussed. The Committee is working on drafting a policy.
 10. Status of Advisory Committee related to licensing opportunities. An Advisory Committee is not needed at this time. No action taken.
 11. Outreach initiatives were presented.
 12. Future meetings, including dates, arrangements, and agenda items were discussed.
 13. The meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.