



# **TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

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

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

Videoconference call – Zoom

### **MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:34 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 May 11, 2023, committee meeting was approved as written.
3. No Public comment were received.

The Committee went into closed session to consult with legal counsel regarding Item 9 at 12:40 p.m. The meeting resumed at 1:28 p.m. No action taken.

4. Licensing Report: licensing data, ASBOG exam statistics, TGE exam statistics, and CSSE exam statistics were presented.
5. Review of applications for exam, work experience, and education waivers/substitution received prior to the date of the committee meeting, including:
  - A. David Correll: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of ASBOG Examination(s). The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board to grant the applicant's request.
  - B. Adam Haecker: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of ASBOG Examination(s). The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board to grant the applicant's request.
  - C. Michael Kenney: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of ASBOG Examination(s). The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board to grant the applicant's request.
  - D. Craig Kissock: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of ASBOG Examination(s). The Committee tabled this request to seek the guidance of the Full Appointed Board.
  - E. Christine Peters: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of ASBOG Examination(s). The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board to grant the applicant's request.



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- F. Robert Keirstead: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of ASBOG Examination(s). The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board to grant the applicant's request.
  - G. Dr. Gordon Holmes: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the Texas Geophysics Examination. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board to grant the applicant's request.
  - H. Arun Neupane: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the Education requirement. Request incomplete, no action taken by the Committee.
  - I. Zhipeng Liu: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver/substitution of a licensing requirement. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board to grant the applicant's request.
6. Adoption of amendment to 22 TAC §851.21 Licensing Requirements – Examinations. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board to adopt the amendment as posted to the Texas Register.
  7. Adoption of amendment to 22 TAC §851.22 Waivers and Substitutions: Policy, Procedures, and Criteria. The Committee recommended to the Full Appointed Board to adopt the amendment as posted to the Texas Register.
  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. No action taken.
  10. Outreach initiatives. No action taken.
  11. Future meetings, including dates, arrangements, and agenda items. No action taken.
  12. The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.