



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

TBPG BOARD MEETING

February 16, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

1801 Congress Avenue, Suite 7.800

Austin, Texas 78701

Minutes

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists was called to order at 10:07 am, roll was called, and a quorum certified. Board Members in attendance were TBPG Chair W. David Prescott, II, P.G., Vice-Chair Steven Fleming, PG, Presiding Officer, Secretary/Treasurer Mark N. Varhaug, P.G., CPG, and Board Members Margon Dillard, Ed Janak, P.G., Bereket Derie, Ph.D, P.G., Sam McGee and Danny Kingham, PG. Member Thompson was not present.
2. Minutes from the November 17, 2023 Board meeting were approved as edited.
3. Public comment was received from Mr. James "Rusty" Branch regarding his interest in having an official recognition of his passing the Texas Geophysics examination in addition to already being licensed in the Geology discipline.
4. Chair Prescott gave a report on past or upcoming professional geoscientists education and outreach strategies activities and opportunities.
5. Executive Director Rene Truan spoke about Agency operations, licensing activity, budget/financials, compliance/enforcement activities, and introduction of new team members (Coretta Briscoe, Scott Yturri, and Gordon Magenheim).
6. Member Thompson joined the meeting at 10:29am

A break was taken at 10:34am, meeting resumed at 10:47am,

7. Reports on recent Committee meetings.
 - A. Application Review and Continuing Education Committee meeting report from 02/15/2024 was given by Committee Chair, Ed Janak. The Licensing Report was outlined by Licensing Team Lead, Katie Colby: licensing data, ASBOG exam statistics, TGE exam statistics, and CSSE exam statistics. The Texas Geophysics examinations and the vendor for it. Executive Director Rene Truan gave background on the TBPG Guidance Policy regarding PG license multidiscipline designation. The guidance policy was adopted at the November 17th Board meeting, and discussion continued regarding how the Board wants to recognize those people who have qualified by exam for more than one discipline.
 - B. Compliance and Enforcement Committee did not meet.
 - C. General Issues Committee did not meet.
 - D. Financial Review/Strategic Planning Committee did not meet.
8. Review of applications for exam, work experience, and education waivers/substitution received prior to the date of the meeting, including:

- A. J Gary Mitchell: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request, upon completion of 20 hours of Continuing Education.
 - B. Raymundo Martinez: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology Examinations. The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - C. Dr. James Hnat: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology Examination. The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - D. Bayardo Salmeron: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology Examination. The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
- 9. Potential public/private outreach initiatives were discussed.
 - 10. Future Board meetings, including dates, arrangements, and agenda items were discussed.
 - 11. Meeting was adjourned at 12:04pm.



W. David Prescott, PG, Chair