



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

TBPG BOARD MEETING

May 10, 2024, 8:30 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 8:30 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, P.G., Secretary/Treasurer Mark N. Varhaug, P.G., CPG, and Board Members Margon Dillard, Bereket Derie, Ph.D, P.G., Ed Janak, P.G., Sam McGee, Danny Kingham, P.G. and LaFawn Thompson.
 2. Minutes from the February 16, 2024 Board meeting were approved as presented.
 3. No Public Comments were received.
 4. Chair Prescott gave a report on past or upcoming professional geoscientists education and outreach strategies, encouraging efforts to increase outreach and various ways that can be accomplished. He also spoke about the upcoming 89th Legislative Session Preparation.
 5. Executive Director Rene Truan reported on staff updates, staff accomplishments, agency operations and the upcoming 89th Legislative Session preparation.
 6. Reports on recent Committee meetings.
 - A. Application Review and Continuing Education Committee meeting report from 05/09/2024 was given by Committee Chair, Ed Janak. The Licensing Report was outlined by Licensing Team Lead, Katie Colby: licensing data, ASBOG exam statistics, TGE statistics, and CSSE exam statistics.
 - B. Compliance and Enforcement Committee meeting report from 05/09/2024 was given by Committee Chair Stephen Fleming. The Compliance Report was provided by Enforcement Manager Gordon Magenheim.
 - C. General Issues Committee meeting report from (05/09/2024) was given by Committee Chair Mark Varhaug. Member Kingham gave an update on the Carbon Capture and Sequestration workgroup meetings and a brief overview of the workgroup's discussion. Mark Varhaug also reported on the Committee's discussion of University outreach regarding required coursework and potential benefits of PG licensure.
 - D. Financial Review/Strategic Planning Committee meeting report from (05/09/2024) was given by Committee Chair Margon Dillard. The Finance Report was provided by Chief Financial Officer Coretta Briscoe.
- Break was taken at 9:24 am
Meeting was resumed at 9:35 am
7. Proposed Agreed Board Order for Complaint 2020-00007 regarding Tracey O'Shay was presented by Michael Hoover from the Office of the Attorney General and approved unanimously by the Board.

8. Review of applications for exam, work experience, and education waivers/substitution received prior to the date of the meeting, including:
 - A. Thomas Deen: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request, pending completion of the required work experience.
 - B. Jason Lincoln: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - C. Robert Mallisee: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - D. Tamara Norton: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - E. Richard Mauro: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - F. Ashley Holmes: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - G. Patrick Morton: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - H. Jason Sackett: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the CSSE examination(s). No action was taken.
 - I. Shantu Singh: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the Texas Geophysics examination. No action was taken.
 - J. Mark Rutkowski: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - K. Stephen Tucker: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the education requirement. No action was taken.
9. Public/private outreach initiatives were discussed.
10. Future Board meetings, including dates, arrangements, and agenda items were discussed. Next scheduled Board meeting is August 9, 2024.
11. Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am

Mark Varhaug, PG, Officer Presiding