



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

TBPG BOARD MEETING

August 9, 2024, 8:30 a.m.
1801 Congress Avenue, Suite 7.101
Austin, Texas 78701

Minutes

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists was called to order at 8:35am, 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, Secretary/Treasurer Mark N. Varhaug, P.G., CPG, Officer Presiding and Board Members Margon Dillard, Ed Janak, P.G., Bereket Derie, Ph.D, P.G., Danny Kingham, PG and LaFawn Thompson. Member Sam McGee was not present.
2. Minutes from the May 10, 2024 Board Meeting were approved as presented.
3. No public comments were received.
4. Chair Prescott reported on Texas P.G. License Trends, Analysis and Retention Strategies. 89th Legislative Session Preparation.
5. Executive Director Truan reported on Operations and Staff Updates, introduced TBPG's newest Team Member Sunny Locke. He also spoke about the agency's Hurricane Beryl Disaster Response.
6. Reports on recent Committee meetings.
 - A. Application Review and Continuing Education Committee did not meet on 08/08/2024. The Licensing Report was outlined by Licensing Team Lead, Katie Colby: licensing data, ASBOG exam statistics, TGE exam statistics, and CSSE exam statistics.

A break was taken at 9:38am, the meeting resumed at 9:55am

- B. Compliance and Enforcement Committee meeting report from 08/08/2024 was given by Committee Chair Stephen Fleming. The Compliance Report was provided by Enforcement Manager Gordon Magenheim and Member Kingham provided an update on the status of the CCS workgroup.
- C. General Issues Committee meeting report from (08/08/2024) was given by Committee Chair Mark Varhaug. Mark Varhaug also reported on the Committee's discussion of university outreach regarding required coursework and potential benefits of PG licensure. Enforcement Manager Gordon Magenheim gave a presentation on the assistance he was providing to WTAM with their Soil Science program and his intentions to try to expand the presentation to include other schools.

- D. Financial Review/Strategic Planning Committee meeting report from (08/08/2024) was given by Committee Chair Margon Dillard. The Finance Report was provided by Chief Financial Officer Dr. Coretta Briscoe.
7. Applications for P.G. license, including requests for waivers and substitutions.
- A. John Sackett: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of Soil Science Examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - B. David Williamson: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - C. Samuel Talbert: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of ASBOG examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - D. Raul Ochoa: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of ASBOG Examination(s). No action was taken
 - E. Natalie Givens: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - F. Anthony Rios: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request for the ASBOG Fundamentals examination only. No action was taken on the applicant's request for a waiver of the ASBOG Practice of Geology examination.
 - G. Nicholas Drumsta: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - H. Ronald Lujan Amao: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of ASBOG Examination(s). No action was taken.
8. Proposed Agreed Board Order for Complaint 2024-00014. 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 December 6, 2024
11. Meeting was adjourned at 11:15am