



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

TBPG BOARD MEETING

February 7, 2025, 8:30 a.m.
1801 Congress Avenue, Suite 7.800
Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

The Board may discuss and take action regarding any of the following agenda items.

1. Board meeting was called to order at 8:41am. Board Members in attendance were TBPG Chair W. David Prescott, II, P.G., 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, LaFawn Thompson and Sam McGee. Vice-Chair Steven Fleming, PG, was absent. Quorum was certified.
 2. Minutes from the December 6, 2024 Board Meeting were approved as written.
 3. No Public Comments were received.
 4. Board Chair David Prescott spoke about Education, Outreach and Board accomplishments.
 5. Executive Director Rene Truan reported on Operations, Staff Updates, Program Updates and Legislative Update.
 6. Reports on recent Committee meetings.
 - A. Application Review and Continuing Education Committee meeting (02/06/2025)
 - Licensing Report: licensing data, ASBOG exam statistics, TGE exam statistics, and CSSE exam statistics was presented by Licensing Specialist Katie Colby.
 - B. Compliance and Enforcement Committee did not meet.
 - C. General Issues Committee did not meet.
 - D. Financial Review and Strategic Planning Committee did not meet.
- A Break was taken at: 9:40am
Meeting resumed at: 9:52am
7. Review of applications for exam, work experience, and education waivers/substitution received prior to the date of the committee meeting, including:
 - A. Ronald Lujan Amao: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG exam(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.

- B. Joseph Hancock: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG exam(s) The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
- C. Joseph Houk: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG exam(s). The Board approved the applicant's waiver request.
- D. William Curry: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the Texas Geophysics exam. The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.

Board went into Closed Session at 10:27am under section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code for Board member training (Agenda Item 8).

Board returned to Open session at 11:17am. No action was taken in closed session.

- 8. Public/private outreach initiatives were discussed.
- 9. The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 9th, 2025.
- 10. Meeting was adjourned at 11:27am.

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