

TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

TBPG BOARD MEETING

May 9, 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.

- Board meeting was called to order at 8:42am. 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., Danny Kingham, PG, LaFawn Thompson and Sam McGee. Bereket Derie, Ph.D, P.G. was not present. Quorum was certified.
- 2. Minutes from the February 7, 2025 were approved as written.
- 3. One public comment was received in writing from Mr. Michael Pouncey. This comment was read into the record by Sunny Locke.
- 4. Board Chair David Prescott spoke about Organizational updates and Board member terms.
- 5. Executive Director Rene Truan reported on Operations, Staff Updates, Program Updates, Financial Report and gave a Legislative Update.
- 6. Reports on recent Committee meetings.
 - A. Application Review and Continuing Education Committee meeting (05/08/2025)

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 meeting. (05/08/2025)

 Compliance report was provided by Compliance Manager Gordon Magenheim, P.G.
- C. General Issues Committee meeting. (05/08/2025)

 Committee chair Mark Varhaug reported on the discussions that the General Issues Committee had at their meeting, including:
 - Discussion and review of possible requirements for Emeritus or Retired Status for P.G.s.
 - Four Year Rule review.
 - Outreach
 - ASBOG report.

D. Financial Review and Strategic Planning Committee did not meet.

A Break was taken at: 9:36am Meeting resumed at: 9:55am

- 7. Review of applications for exam, work experience, and education waivers/substitution received prior to the date of the committee meeting, including:
 - A. Christopher Brown: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - B. Alejandro Sanchez: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - C. Olga Moskvina: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). Board member Varhaug recused himself. The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - D. Jerome Guynn: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - E. Mohamed Ahmed: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the Texas Geophysics Examination. The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - F. Richard Reid: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the Soil Science examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - G. Anna Morisani-Zechmeister: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
- 8. Proposed Agreed Board order for Complaint 2025-00004. The Board unanimously approved the Agreed Board Order.
- 9. Proposed Agreed Board order for Complaint 2025-00005. The Board unanimously approved the Agreed Board Order.
- 10. Proposed Agreed Board order for Complaint 2025-00006. The Board unanimously approved the Agreed Board Order.
- 11. Public/private outreach initiatives were discussed.
- 12. The next Board meeting was scheduled for August 22, 2025.
- 13. The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.