



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

TBPG BOARD MEETING

August 22, 2025, 8:30 a.m.
1801 Congress Avenue, Room 10.101
Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

1. Board meeting was called to order at 8:31 am. 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, P.G., Bereket Derie, Ph.D, P.G., and LaFawn Thompson. Sam McGee was not present. Quorum was certified.
2. Minutes from the May 9, 2025 meeting were approved as written.
3. There were no public comments.
4. Board Chair David Prescott spoke about the Governor's Appointments and TBPG's Disaster Response for the July 4, 2025 flood.
5. Executive Director Rene D. Truan reported on Operations, Staff Updates and Program Updates. Financial Officer Coretta Briscoe presented the Financial Report.
6. Reports on recent Committee meetings.
 - A. Application Review and Continuing Education Committee meeting(8/21/2025)
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 (08/21/2025)
Compliance Enforcement report was presented by Compliance Manager Gordon Magenheimer, P.G.
 - C. General Issues Committee meeting (08/21/2025)
Committee Chair Mark Varhaug, P.G. reported on the discussions of the General Issues Committee, including:

The Committee recommended that the Board instruct Staff to create a Texas P.G. Emeritus program and further define the details of it. The Board passed the motion unanimously.

The Committee recommended that the Board instruct Staff to create a Texas Distinguished P.G. recognition program and further define the particulars of it. The Board passed the motion unanimously.

The Committee also Reviewed Board comments on TBPG Carbon Capture and Sequestration Report and recommended that the Board accept the final CCS report as written. The Board approved the final report unanimously.

Break was taken at 9:58 am
Meeting resumed at 10:18 am

- ASBOG Exam results report was presented by Compliance Manager Gordon Magenheimer.
- New outreach initiatives were discussed.

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

7. Review of applications for exams, work experience, and education waivers received prior to the date of the committee meeting, including:
 - A. Dr. Brooke Carson: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - B. Amy Clickner: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - C. Shana Mashburn: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - D. Robert Traylor: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - E. Joseph Christ: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - F. Douglas Schnoebelen: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - G. Corey Barton: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - H. Tewodros Tesfamichael: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - I. Jon Charzynski: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.



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- J. Rachel Storniolo: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - K. Dr. Atinuke Akingbade: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the Texas Geophysics Examination. The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - L. Sara Tirado: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the Texas Geophysics Examination. The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
 - M. Dr. Craig Hyslop: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the Texas Geophysics Examination. The Board unanimously approved the applicant's waiver request.
8. Rules: 22 Texas Administrative Code 850-851
- Discuss & Address Submitted Public Comments
 - Vote on Amendments
- The Board unanimously voted to publish TAC 850 and 851 to the TX Register for readoption without modification.
9. Public/private outreach initiatives were discussed.
10. The next scheduled Board meeting is November 14, 2025.
11. Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am