



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

TBPG BOARD MEETING

November 14, 2025, 8:30 a.m.
1801 Congress Avenue, Room 10.102
Austin, Texas 78701

Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:32 am. Members in attendance were TBPG Chair Mark Varhaug, P.G., Vice-Chair Steven Fleming, PG, acting Secretary/Treasurer Danny Kingham, P.G. and Members LaFawn Thompson, Bereket Derie, Ph.D., Eric Anderson PhD., P.G., Jeremy Ransom and Rusty Branch, P.G.. Member Sam McGee was absent. Quorum was certified.
2. Minutes from the August 22, 2025 Board Meeting were approved as presented.
3. No public comments were received.
4. Board members introduced themselves and welcomed new members.
5. Chair Mark Varhaug, P.G. provided the Chair's Report. He spoke about current Board Operations, upcoming Committee Assignments and the election of Board officers at the next meeting.
6. Executive Director Rene D. Truan provided the Executive Director's Report. He spoke about Operations, Staff and Program Updates.
7. Reports on recent Committee meetings.
 - A. Application Review and Continuing Education Committee meeting report was given by acting Committee Chair Danny Kingham. Licensing Specialist Katie Colby provided the Licensing Report including licensing data, ASBOG exam statistics, TGE exam statistics, and CSSE exam statistics.
 - B. Compliance and Enforcement Committee meeting report was given by Committee Chair Steven Fleming. Compliance Manager Gordon Magenheim provided the Compliance Enforcement report.
 - C. General Issues Committee meeting report was given by Committee Chair Mark Varhaug. Compliance Manager Gordon Magenheim provided information on the Discussion of requirements for Texas P.G. Emeritus Status, Distinguished Texas P.G. Recognition and New outreach and licensing initiatives.

D. Financial Review and Strategic Planning Committee report was given by acting Committee Chair, Steven Fleming, P.G. Dr. Coretta Briscoe provided the Financial Report including the FY 2025 FTE/Budget, FY 2026 Budget and the AFR Status FY 2025.

8. Review of applications for exam, work experience, and education waivers received prior to the date of the committee meeting, including:
 - A. Gene Schragar: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously voted to grant the applicant's request for a waiver.
 - B. Dr. Andrey Shvidchenko: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously voted to grant the applicant's request for a waiver.
 - C. Grace Bastianon: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously voted to grant the applicant's request for a waiver.
 - D. Dr. Rene Frijhoff: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously voted to grant the applicant's request for a waiver.
 - E. Jesus Gallegos: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously voted to grant the applicant's request for a waiver.
 - F. David Shoore: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously voted to grant the applicant's request for a waiver.
 - G. Dr. Shuhab Khan: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously voted to grant the applicant's request for a waiver.
 - H. Frank Sims: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously voted to grant the applicant's request for a waiver.
 - I. William Gough: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously voted to grant the applicant's request for a waiver.
 - J. Karen Perkins: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). No action was taken.
 - K. Lauren Robinson: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously voted to grant the applicant's request for a waiver.
 - L. Raymond (Scott) McDonald: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Examination(s). The Board unanimously voted to grant the applicant's request for a waiver.



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9. The status of TBPG's Four Year Rule Review was provided to Board members. The Four Year Rule Review was completed at the August 2025 Board meeting and the rules published to the Texas Register without amendment.
10. Public/private outreach initiatives were discussed.
11. The next Board meeting was scheduled for February 6, 2026.
12. Meeting was adjourned at 11:28 am.

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