



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

TBPG Board Meeting

February 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
1801 Congress Avenue, Suite 10.101
Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order at 9:01am. Members in attendance were TBPG Chair Mark Varhaug, P.G., Vice-Chair Steven Fleming, P.G., and Members LaFawn Thompson, Bereket Derie, PhD., P.G., Eric Anderson PhD., P.G., and Rusty Branch, P.G., with one seat pending appointment. Member Kingham and Member Ransom were absent. Quorum was established.
2. Minutes from the November 14th, 2025 meeting were approved as presented.
3. Minutes from the January 9th, 2026 meeting were approved as presented.
4. There were no public comments.
5. Board Chair Mark Varhaug reported on Board Operations, announced the Committee assignments and discussed Board officers.
6. Executive Director Rene Truan reported on Operations, Finances, Staff and Program Updates. Compliance Manager Gordon Magenheimer provided the Compliance Report.
7. Reports on recent Committee meetings.
 - A. Application Review and Continuing Education Committee meeting report was given by Committee Chair Bereket Derie, PhD, P.G.. Licensing Specialist Katie Colby provided the Licensing Report including licensing data, ASBOG exam statistics, TGE exam statistics, and CSSE exam statistics.

Member Ransom joined the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

- B. Compliance Enforcement Committee did not meet.
- C. General Issues Committee meeting report was given by Committee Chair Mark Varhaug. Compliance Manager Gordon Magenheimer provided information on the ASBOG Fundamentals examination report, Review and discussion of rules and New outreach and licensing initiatives.



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D. Finance Committee did not meet.

Break was taken at: 10:55 a.m.

Meeting resumed at: 11:16 a.m.

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A. William Dornfeld: 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. Mary Hughes: 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. Jessica Lynch: 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. Matthew Hicks: 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. Clayton Coble: 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. Michelle Warner: 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. Kristy Milliken: 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. David Maldonado: 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. Thomas Buerkert: 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. Roger Grantham: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the Council of Soil Science Examiners Examination(s). The Board unanimously voted to grant the applicant's request for a waiver.



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8. Adoption of amendments to TAC 851.10 Definitions regarding Distinguished PG. recognition programs as posted to the Texas Register for Public Comment on January 23, 2026 were approved unanimously as written.
9. Adoption of amendments to TAC 851.10 Definitions regarding Emeritus PG. recognition programs as posted to the Texas Register for Public Comment on January 23, 2026 were approved unanimously as written.
10. Adoption of new rule to TAC 851.24 (a) regarding Distinguished PG. recognition program posted to the Texas Register for Public Comment on January 23, 2026 was approved unanimously as written.
11. Adoption of new rule to TAC 851.24 (b) regarding Emeritus P.G. recognition program as posted to the Texas Register for Public Comment on January 23, 2026 was approved unanimously as written.
12. Firm registration periodic review was discussed, Compliance Manager Gordon Magenheimer reported on the results of the Firm survey that was completed as part of this review.
13. No action was taken on the Agreed Board order for Complaint 2026-00013.
14. Public and Private outreach initiatives were discussed.
15. Future Board meetings, including dates, arrangements and agenda items were discussed.
16. Meeting was adjourned at: 12:27 p.m.