



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

TBPG BOARD MEETING

May 8, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
1801 Congress Avenue, Conference room 7.101
Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order at 9:02am. Members in attendance were TBPG Chair Mark Varhaug, P.G., Vice-Chair Steven Fleming, P.G., Secretary Rusty Branch, P.G., and Members LaFawn Thompson, Bereket Derie, PhD., P.G., Eric Anderson PhD., P.G., and Danny Kingham, P.G., Member Ransom was absent. Quorum was established.
2. Minutes from the February 27, 2026 Board Meeting were approved as presented.
3. There were no public comments.
4. Board Chair Mark Varhaug reported on Board Operations, introduced new Public Board Member Wright, and discussed Committee and Board Meeting expectations.
5. Executive Director Rene Truan reported on Operations, Finances, Staff and Program Updates. Brief discussion regarding the results found in the Geoscience Firm Registration Survey. Provided updates regarding Emeritus and Distinguished program.
6. 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.
 - B. Compliance and Enforcement Committee meeting.
Compliance report was provided by Compliance Manager Gordon Magenheimer, P.G.
 - C. General Issues Committee meeting report was provided by Danny Kingham P.G. Compliance Manager Gordan Magenheimer provided information on the ASBOG Fundamentals Examination report, discussed new outreach initiatives, and presented the ongoing review of rules in TAC 850 and 851.

Member Wright left during General Issues report at 10:22 a.m.

- D. Financial Review and Strategic Planning Committee
Executive Director Rene Truan provided the Financial Report and FY 2026 FTE/Budget update, Legislative Appropriations Process, and Strategic Plan Discussion.

Break was taken at: 10:35 a.m.

Meeting resumed at: 10:56 a.m.

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- A. Luke Wilson: 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. Manasji Santra: 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. Katarzyna Charzynski: 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. Janet Coleman: 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. Jeremiah Parsley: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the Council of Soil Science Examiner Examination(s). The Board unanimously voted to grant the applicant's request for a waiver.
- F. Dr. Farag Mewafy: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the Texas Geophysics Examination. The Board unanimously voted to grant the applicant's request for a waiver.
- G. Dr. Robert DeCesari: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the Texas Geophysics Examination. The Board unanimously voted to grant the applicant's request for a waiver.
- H. David Campbell: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals Examination. The Board unanimously voted to grant the applicant's request for a waiver.

- 8. Adoption of amendments to TAC §850.61 (a)1 regarding wording from "will" to "may". Were approved unanimously as written.
- 9. No action regarding amendments to TAC §851.21.
- 10. No action regarding amendments to §851.25.
- 11. Public/private outreach initiatives were discussed.

12. Future Board meetings, including dates, arrangements, and agenda items were discussed.
13. Meeting was adjourned at: 11:37 a.m.

Mark N. Varhaug, P.G., C.P.G., TBPG Chairman