



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

Application Review and Continuing Education Committee

(Prescott, Hallmark, Krenz-Doe, DeWoody)

October 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

333 Guadalupe Street – Room 102, Tower III

Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

- A. The meeting was called to order at 9:25 a.m. Members present were Committee Chair W. David Prescott, II, P.G., Board Chairman C. Thomas Hallmark, P.G., Kelly Krenz-Doe, P.G., and Member Joseph P. DeWoody.
- B. Committee Chair W. David Prescott acknowledged that there were no public comments.
- C. The minutes from the July 16, 2015 Committee meeting were approved as presented.
- D. Discussion and possible action on the following:
 - Olusanmi Emmanuel: Applicant for P.G. license requesting a waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology Examination. The Committee moved to recommend to the full Appointed Board Mr. Emmanuel's request to waive the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology Examination for P.G. licensure.
 - Daniel Luneau: Review application and supporting documentation for P.G. licensure. The Committee determined that Mr. Luneau's supporting documentation met the requirement for licensure.
- E. Regarding Exam Waiver Request Policy. The Committee directed staff to research previous waiver requests and provide the Committee with benchmark data to consider for possible modification to the current policy and present at the next Committee meeting.
- F. Proposal of new rule, 22 TAC 851.26, regarding agency implementation of revisions to Texas Occupations Code Chapter (TOC) 55, Licensing of Military Service Member, Military Veteran or Military Spouse. The Committee moved to recommend to the full Appointed Board the proposed new rule for posting to the Texas Register for public comments.
- G. Proposal of amendment to 22 TAC 851.20 regarding Professional Geoscientist Licensing Requirements and Application Procedure relating to military service members, military spouses, and military veterans. The Committee moved to recommend to the full Appointed Board the proposed rule amendment for posting to the Texas Register for public comments.
- H. Proposal of amendments to existing rules to clarify the definition and use of terms in TBPG rules, including the terms "Professional Geoscience" and "Professional Geoscience Services" throughout TBPG Rules in 22 TAC Chapters 850 and 851, including §§851.10 (30) and (31), and 850.62, 851.10, 851.20, 851.23, 851.29, 851.30, 851.101, 851.102, 851.104, 851.105, 851.106, 851.107, 851.108, 851.112, 851.152, 851.153, and 851.157. The Committee moved to recommend to the full Appointed Board the proposed rule amendment for posting to the Texas Register for public comments.
- I. Consideration of 22 TAC §851.32 regarding reasons a licensee may be considered exempt from the professional development educational requirements. The Committee moved to recommend to the full Appointed Board the proposed rule amendment for posting to the Texas Register for public comments.

- J. Report on status of the Texas Geophysics Examination and a review of the problems associated with an attempted administration on September 30, 2015. The Committee directed staff to contact Gainesville Independent Testing Services (GITS) regarding possible options for administering the examination.
- K. Review of TBPG's recent reciprocity agreement requests. An overview of TBPG's recent reciprocity requests were presented to the Committee.
- L. Review and update of applicable Frequently Asked Questions on TBPG website. The Committee tasked members to review the FAQs for possible edits and submit them to staff to compile for review by the Committee at the next meeting.
- M. Report on Licensing Data, exam statistics, and associated equilibrium number. The licensing data, exam statistics, and equilibrium number data were presented.
- N. Date and agenda items for next meeting (February 4, 2016).
- O. The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.