



# **TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

## **Application Review and Continuing Education (AR/CE)**

### **Committee Meeting**

(Hallmark, Ulmer, Roeling, Krenz-Doe)

333 Guadalupe St, Room - 1264

Austin, Texas 78701

May 18, 2012

### **Minutes**

- A. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.
- B. Roll was call and a quorum was certified. Members present were Committee Chair C. Thomas Hallmark, P.G., Ph.D., Barbara Roeling, P.G., and Kelly Krenz-Doe P.G. Member Greg Ulmer, J.D. was absent.
- C. Regarding public comments: Mr. Matthew Cowen, P.G. was present as a representative of the Texas Association of Professional Geoscientists and as an observer for Houston Geological Society and gave comments regarding the proposed adoption of an amendment to §851.29.
- D. The minutes from the February 18, 2012 Application Review Committee meeting were unanimously approved with edits.
- E. Regarding the request for waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals exam for Mr. Louis Mazzullo: the Committee unanimously moved to recommend his waiver request to the full board.
- F. Regarding TBPG rule 851.25(d), regarding the requirement of submitting an official transcript along with a Foreign Transcript Evaluation by a National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) member: the Committee directed staff to provide wording for an amendment to the Board rule to present at next Committee meeting. In addition, the Committee indicated that applicants would need to provide a request for waiver of this eligibility requirement for licensure.
- G. Regarding “portability of licensure” or “cooperative licensure”: the Committee reviewed the public comments received regarding the proposed amendment to §851.29. After discussion, the Committee unanimously moved to recommend the amendment to the full board for adoption.
- H. Regarding TBPG’s Exam Waiver Request Policy authorized by Occupations Code 1002.259: the Committee approved the “Waiver of Licensing Examination Acknowledgement Form” and policy for posting on the TBPG website. In addition, the Committee directed staff to forward the “Frequently Asked Questions” (FAQ’s) regarding the Board’s policy on waiver requests to the Compliance and Enforcement Committee to continue the work process on the FAQ’s and to include on the Board’s website.
- I. Regarding the Continuing Education Program (CEP) Audit Policy; the Committee directed staff to update the CEP activity log to include the chart of documentation types required when submitting verification of activities list on the CE log, and to include the chart on the reverse side of the CE log to be posted on the Board’s website as well as to include an article in the Board’s quarterly newsletter the audit policy documentation requirements.

- J. Regarding TBPG rule §851.23 work experience requirement for PG licensure: the Committee indicated that there is no need to change the current rule to specify 5 years of “post graduate” work experience, as knowledge is gained through work experience. If an applicant believes that work experience gained prior to graduation should qualify for licensure, the applicant may request a waiver and present their case to the Committee for consideration.
- K. Regarding TBPG rule §851.30(7) the requirement of a Firm to have a full-time P.G. in responsible charge at each branch office: the Committee directed Mr. Charles Horton to discuss with the Board Chairman to confirm Committee assignment.
- L. Regarding TBPG rule §851.45, relationship of Geoscientist-in-Training Certification to Licensure of Professional Geoscientists: the Committee directed staff to make the suggested proposed minor modification to Board rule and present at the next committee meeting.
- M. The licensing data chart was presented providing the licensing numbers.
- N. Other TBPG Committee items of interest: No action.
- O. Future Agenda items:
  - California Geophysics Exam: No action.
  - Reciprocity Agreements: Status update information from Indiana and Pennsylvania was presented.
- P. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.