

TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

Meeting of August 19, 2002
E. O. Thompson Building, 4th Floor
920 Colorado
Austin, Texas

Summary of Minutes

Chairman Kevin Coleman called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m., August 19, 2002. Members present were Kelly Krentz-Doe, Gordon Ware, William K. Coleman, Edward Miller, Kimberly Phillips, Shiela Hall, and Murray Milford. Roll call verified a quorum was present. Absent this meeting was Rene Pena.

Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation staff present included: William Kuntz, Executive Director; Brian Francis, Deputy Executive Director; Don Dudley, Director of Licensing and E-Commerce; Kevin Ketchum, Intergovernmental Affairs; Chris Kadas, General Counsel; Jeff Hill, Asst. General Counsel; Tomas Spradlin, Budget Analyst, and Caroline Jackson, Legal Assistant.

Chairman Kevin Coleman moved to agenda item C., Public Comment. There was no public comment.

Chairman, Kevin Coleman moved to agenda item D, Staff Reports. Don Dudley, Director of Licensing and E-Commerce introduced Annita Herrera who has been hired to help process geoscientist applications when we begin receiving them. He also presented a draft of the application for the Boards review and comments. Discussion followed regarding reference letters, grandfathering, reciprocity, waivers, consumer privacy information and several other concerns related to the application and application processing.

Chairman Kevin Coleman moved to agenda item E, Work Group Reports, Licensing Rules. Vice Chairman, Ed Miller advised the Board that the licensing and examination rules have been filed with the Texas Register. Deadline for comments to these rules is August 26th.

Chairman Kevin Coleman moved to agenda item E, Work Group Reports, Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR). Deputy Executive Director Brian Francis reported that the Work Group met in Lubbock and spent several hours going over a lot of the issues that are included in the LAR. A more detailed report will be given at agenda item G.

Chairman Kevin Coleman moved to agenda item E, Work Group Reports, Strategic Plan. Board member Gordon Ware reported that the Work Group also met and depending on any comments today the plan should be ready to be adopted. A more detailed report will be given at agenda item H.

Chairman, Kevin Coleman moved to agenda item F, Discussion and possible action to approve the adoption of proposed rules establishing the procedures and requirements necessary for the functioning of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists: 22 T.A.C., Part 39, Chapter 850, 850.1, 851.10, 850.60 - 850.63, 850.65, and 850.80 850.82. Executive Director, Bill Kuntz advised the Board that no comments were received on these proposed rules. Ed Miller motioned to adopt the rules as presented which was seconded by Kelly Krenz-Doe. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Chairman Kevin Coleman moved to agenda item G, Discussion and possible action to approve the Legislative

Appropriations Request (LAR). Deputy Executive Director Brian Francis and Budget Analyst Tom Spradlin presented the LAR work product to the Board. They presented the Administrative Statement and gave an overview of the proposed LAR as submitted. In order for Board members to read and review the proposed LAR more thoroughly Chairman Kevin Coleman recessed the Board at 10:22 a.m. Brian Francis requested Board members to focus attention on the exceptional item portion because it addresses the allocation of employees and the dollars that are being tied to these employees.

The Board reconvened at 11:07 a.m. A more detailed review and discussion of the proposed LAR was led by Tomas Spradlin and Brian Francis. The Board took a short recess at 11:55 a.m. The Board reconvened at 12:00 p.m. Gordon Ware motioned to approve the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists Legislative Appropriations Request for the 2004-2005 biennium. Additionally, the Acting Executive Director may, at his discretion, make non-substantive grammatical changes, mathematical corrections, and financial adjustments to reflect current data received, and modifications of the Conclusion section to be consistent with the Strategic Plan. The motion was seconded by Shiela Hall and passed by unanimous vote.

The Board took a short recess at 12:45 p.m. The Board reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

Chairman Kevin Coleman moved to item I, Discussion and possible action to approve joining the Association of State Board of Geology (ASBOG) as an associate board member. Vice Chairman Ed Miller stated that this organization provides the licensing activities for geologists on a national basis. Many of the states that license geologists recognize reciprocity with your state if you also require the ASBOG examination. The annual fee for membership is \$2,950 and the one-time examination access fee is \$18,000. They normally provide examinations twice a year with training. They also have an associate membership that is \$500 a year which will allow a board to join for two years. Discussion followed. Shiela Hall motioned for the Board to join the Association of State Board of Geology as associate member for calendar year 2003. The motion was seconded by Gordon Ware and passed by unanimous vote.

The Board convened for lunch at 1:10 p.m. The Board reconvened at 2:12 p.m.

Chairman Kevin Coleman moved to agenda item H, Discussion and possible action to approve the Strategic Plan. Kevin Ketchum presented an overview of the proposed Strategic Plan to the Board. A review and discussion of the Strategic Plan followed. Kimberly Phillips motioned to approve the Strategic Plan for FY 2003-2007 contingent upon changes as discussed and agreed upon. Additionally the Acting Executive Director may make at his discretion non-substantive changes as needed. Murray Milford seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous vote.

Chairman Kevin Coleman moved to agenda item J, Discussion and possible action to develop a system to issue license numbers to qualified professional geoscientists. This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

Chairman Kevin Coleman moved to agenda item K, Discussion of ethics and enforcement rules, and continuing education requirements. This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting before the legislative session.

Chairman Kevin Coleman moved to agenda item L, Executive Session. The executive session was not held.

Chairman Kevin Coleman moved to agenda item M, Recommendations for agenda items for next meeting. Items suggested were to approve the minutes of the May 28, July 9, and August 19, 2002 meetings,

discussion and possibly vote on adoption of proposed licensing rules, and discussion regarding possible changes to statute in next legislative session.

Chairman Kevin Coleman moved to agenda item N, Discussion of date, time, and location of next Board meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for October 11, 2002 at 9:30 a.m. at the E. O. Thompson Building, 920 Colorado, 4th Floor, Austin, Texas.

Chairman Kevin Coleman moved to agenda item O. Adjournment. Murray Milford motioned to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Kimberly Phillips. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned.

William K. Coleman, *Chairman*
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