

TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS
General Issues Committee Meeting

333 Guadalupe St., Tower 1, Suite 1264
Austin, Texas 78701
October 8, 2009

Summary of Minutes

- A. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.
- B. Roll was called and a quorum was certified. Members present were Committee Chair Y. Lynn Clark, P.G., Kelly Krenz-Doe, P.G., and Ronald Kitchens. Member Charles Knobloch, P.G. was not in attendance.
- C. Public comment. Mr. Matthew Cowan, P.G. was present as a member of the public. No comments were offered at this time.
- D. Approval of minutes from General Issues Committee on August 13, 2009. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.
- E. Relating to proposed changes to 22 TAC 851.106: Responsibility to the Geoscience Profession. The Committee unanimously approved an amendment to 22 TAC 851.106 (d) to read: "A Professional Geoscientist shall remain mindful of his/her obligation to the profession and to public health, safety, and welfare and shall report to the Board known or suspected violations of the Act or the Rules of the Board." The item will be presented to the Board for approval.
- F. Relating to an amendment to 22 TAC 851.30 to clarify language regarding exemptions to firm registration. The Committee had nothing to propose regarding an amendment to 22 TAC 851.30. It was recommended to obtain advice from the Agency's attorney, Mr. Kevin Heyburn, before proceeding.
- G. Relating to Advisory Opinions. The Committee unanimously proposed a new rule regarding Advisory Opinions to be presented to the Board for approval. The Committee also recommended that Advisory Opinion instructions presented to the committee by staff be posted on the website.
- H. A future meeting date and agenda items were not determined.
- I. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.