



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

General Issues Committee Meeting

(Mathewson, DeWoody, Derie, Fleming)

July 21, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.
William P. Hobby Building
333 Guadalupe Street, Tower III, Room 102
Austin, Texas 78701

AGENDA

The Committee may discuss and take action regarding any of the following agenda items.

- A. Call to order, roll call and certification of quorum, order of business
- B. Approval of minutes from General Issues Committee meeting held on April 28, 2016
- C. Public comment (limited to five minutes per person; more time may be allotted as needed at the discretion of the Committee Chair)
- D. Proposal of new rule, 22 TAC 851.35, regarding Voluntary Surrender of a License, Registration or Certification, and recommendation to the full Board for posting to the Texas Register for public comment
- E. Description and development of a standing advisory committee that would inform the TBPG regarding opportunities to comment to any federal or state agency regarding the need to include Professional Geoscientists as individuals qualified to perform work that includes the public practice of geoscience in relevant agencies' proposed rules
- F. Update on information regarding communications to TBPG about proposed rules for state or federal agencies that need to include Professional Geoscientists as individuals qualified to perform work that includes the public practice of geoscience, including a TBPG central contact point, information on website, newsletter item, and outreach
- G. Development of consumer information/publications and flyers to be available on the website and general distribution in other settings. Topics will include:
 - What is geology
 - What is geophysics
 - What is soil science
 - The benefits of hiring a licensed Professional Geoscientist
- H. Report on status of "The Value of Professional Geoscience Licensing in Texas" document and communication with the document's authors
- I. Review of staff proposed Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) regarding the role of an Authorized Official of a Firm
- J. Date and agenda items for next meeting
- K. Adjournment

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