

AGENDA
POLICY ADVISORY OPINION COMMITTEE MEETING
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

Via Videoconference

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November 18, 2020—10:30 AM

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Discuss and Possibly Act on the Following Agenda Items:

1. Preliminary Matters (Rolando Rubiano, P.E., Chair)
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Excuse absent Committee members
 - D. Welcome Visitors
 - E. Public Comment
2. August 19, 2020 Policy Advisory Opinion Committee Meeting Minutes
3. Policy Advisory Opinion Request Regarding whether the Installation of Fiber Optic Lines by a Telecommunications Provider Qualifies for the Public Works or Telephone Company Exemptions in the Texas Engineering Practice Act (Policy Advisory Request No. 53)
4. Policy Advisory Opinion Request Regarding the Application of the Exemption for Employees of Certain Utilities or Affiliates to the Crossing of Transit Corridors (Policy Advisory Request No. 55)
5. Policy Advisory Opinion Request Regarding the Application of the Texas Engineering Practice Act to Predominant Use Studies Involving the Use of Natural Gas or Electricity by a Business Entity (Policy Advisory Request No. 56)
6. Policy Advisory Opinion Request Regarding the Requirements of an Engineer to Sign and Seal Amended Engineering Plans and the Ability of a Governmental Entity to Accept Unsealed Revised Plans (Policy Advisory Request No. 57)
7. Update on Work Group Regarding the Use of and Sealing Procedure for Digital Three-Dimensional Models (Policy Advisory Request No. 50)
8. Issues for consideration for future Committee meetings
9. Adjourn

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