

**Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
Legislative Issues Committee Meeting Minutes
1917 S. Interstate 35
Austin, TX 78741
February 16, 2023
10:00 am-10:30 am Central Time**

Discuss and Possibly Act on the Following Agenda Items:

1. Preliminary Matters (Albert Cheng, Chair)

A. Call to Order

Mr. Albert Cheng, Chair, called the Legislative Issues Committee meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors at 1917 S. Interstate 35, Austin, TX. (NOTE: all votes are unanimous unless noted.)

B. Roll Call

Ms. Bodden called the roll. It was noted for the record that a quorum was present.

The following Committee members were present:

Albert Cheng	Chair
Karen Friese, P.E.	Member
Coleen Johnson, R.P.L.S.	Member

The following Committee member was absent:

Kiran Shah	Member
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Melissa Juarez, Assistant Attorney General and General Counsel for the Board, was present to provide legal counsel to the Board.

The following staff members were present:

Lance Kinney, Ph.D., P.E.	Executive Director
Rick Strong, P.E.	Director of Licensing and Registration
Michael Sims, P.E.	Director of Compliance and Enforcement

Elissa Mazza

Staff Attorney

Jeff Mutscher

Chief Financial Officer

Mason Schoolfield

Director of Operations

Ed Brannan, P.E.

Technical Engineering Specialist

Cristabel Bodden

Executive Assistant

C. Excuse absent Committee members

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Friese/Johnson) to excuse Mr. Shah from the Legislative Issues Committee meeting. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

D. Welcome Visitors

Ademola Adejokun, P.E., Board Member; Steven J. Freeman, R.P.L.S., Texas Society of Professional Surveyors., Jon Hodde, R.P.L.S., Advisory Member; Mark Neugebauer, R.P.L.S., L.S.L.S., Board Member; Catherine Norwood, P.E., Board Member; Rolando Rubiano, P.E., Board Member; and Dr. Marguerite McClinton Stoglin, Board Member, were present.

E. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

2. November 17, 2022 Legislative Issues Committee Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Johnson/Friese) to approve the November 17, 2022 Legislative Issues Committee minutes as presented. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

3. Important Dates and Information Related to the 88th Legislative Session

Mr. Cheng stated that the deadline to file bills is March 10, 2023, and there are no huge overwhelming issues for consideration for the Board at this time.

No action was required on this agenda item.

4. Update on bills relating to the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

Mr. Cheng stated that Dr. Kinney had emailed Board members with updates on bills.

Mr. Cheng stated that he reviewed the list provided by Dr. Kinney and did not see anything of pressing concern for the Board at this time.

Dr. Kinney stated that he would keep the Board informed of any new developments or hot topics that get filed in the coming weeks.

No action was required on this agenda item.

5. Legislative Communication Plan

Dr. Kinney stated that the folders presented to the Board contain flyers with information on the agency with a double-sided summary about the agency and what the agency does.

Dr. Kinney stated that these folders are available for the Board to distribute and use for any meetings or presentations.

No action was required on this agenda item.

6. Future Committee Meetings: Agenda items, dates, locations, and other arrangements

No issues were presented or addressed for consideration at the next Committee meeting.

7. Adjourn

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Johnson/Friese) to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 a.m. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Date Committee approved minutes:

May 11, 2023

Date Board approved minutes:

May 11, 2023