

**Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
Legislative Issues Committee Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2023
9:00 am-9:30 am Central Time**

Physical Meeting Location:

**Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Headquarters
1917 S. Interstate 35, Austin, TX 78745**

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

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.
Cristabel Bodden

Technical Engineering Specialist
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; Bobby Balli, P.E., Board Advisory Member; Jon Hodde, R.P.L.S., Advisory Member; Govind Nadkarni, P.E., Board Advisory Member; Sina Nejad, P.E., P.Eng., Board Member; Mark Neugebauer, R.P.L.S., L.S.L.S., Board Member; Stephanie Stanford, P.E., Texas Society of Professional Engineers; and Scott Stewart, ACEC Texas, were present.

E. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

2. February 16, 2023 Legislative Issues Committee Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Johnson/Friese) to approve the February 16, 2023, 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 and Dr. Kinney provided an update on the timing and important dates related to the remaining portion of the 88th Regular Legislative Session.

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 he reviewed the list provided by Dr. Kinney and did not see anything of pressing concern for the Board.

Dr. Kinney briefed the Committee on the proposed across the board raise for all state employees included in the draft state budget and the proposed adjustment to the Board's Sunset review found in Senate Bill 1659.

Mr. Cheng informed the Committee that Board Members Cheng, Friese, and

Norwood's appointments to the Board have been confirmed by the Senate.

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

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

6. Adjourn

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Johnson/Shah) to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Date Committee approved minutes: August 10, 2023.

Date Board approved minutes: August 10, 2023.