

**Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
Licensing and Registration Committee Meeting Minutes
1917 S. Interstate 35
Austin, Texas 78741
February 14, 2024
2 p.m. Central Time**

1. Preliminary Matters (Catherine Norwood, P.E., Chair)

a. Call to Order

Ms. Catherine Norwood, P.E., Chair, called the Licensing and Registration Committee meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to order at 2:00 p.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

Mr. Sims called the roll. It was noted for the record that a quorum was present.

The following Committee members were present:

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| Catherine Norwood, P.E. | Chair |
| Ademola Adejokun, P.E. | Member |
| Coleen Johnson, R.P.L.S. | Member |

The following staff members were present:

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| 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 |
| Ed Brannan, P.E. | Technical Engineering Specialist |
| Mason Schoolfield | Director of Operations |

c. Excuse absent Committee members

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Johnson/Adejokun) to excuse committee member Albert Cheng, Public Member. A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

d. Welcome Visitors

Sina K. Nejad, P.E., P.Eng., Board Chair; Roberto Moreno, P.E., Board Member; Kiran Shah, Board Member; Colby Brackin; Philip Badger, Applicant; Derrick Waterman, Applicant; Darrel Harned.

e. Public Comment

Mr. Colby Brackin addressed the board asking the Board to create a rule for surveyor applicants to waive the education requirement.

2. November 8, 2023, Licensing and Registration Committee Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Johnson/Adejokun) to approve the November 8, 2023, Licensing and Registration Committee minutes as presented. A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

3. Applications for Licensure

- **Personal Interviews Cases:**
 - **Badger, Philip Edmund III**

Mr. Philip Badger appeared before the Committee based on multiple past criminal judgments. The Committee and applicant discussed his experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Adejokun/Johnson) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 15, 2024, for Mr. Badger to be approved for Texas PE licensure after submitting documentation of the successful completion of the 30-hour Basic Level Ethics course from Texas Tech Murdough Center for Engineering.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

- **Waterman, Derrick Justin**

Mr. Derrick Waterman appeared before the Committee based on multiple past criminal judgments. The Committee and applicant discussed his experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 15, 2024, for Mr. Waterman to be approved for Texas PE licensure after submitting documentation of the successful completion of the 60-hour Intermediate Level Ethics course from Texas Tech Murdough Center for Engineering.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

4. Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors' Land Surveying Exam Update

Mr. Strong gave an update on the NCEES PE exam. All 8-hour exam disciplines have been converted to computer-based testing (CBT). The CBT structural engineering exam will be converted this year.

Mr. Strong stated that the first Texas Specific Surveying Exam was administered on October 13, 2023, with 98 test-takers. Forty-eight examinees passed, for a 49% pass rate, which is in line with the national exam and with the previous RPLS exam. The new exam format will be offered three times per year. Overall, feedback on the new exam was extremely positive. He also presented additional TSSE Statistics for the October 2023 exam.

Mr. Strong thanked those involved for their hard work with the exams.

5. International Licensure Report

Dr. Kinney provided an update on the international meetings he and Dr. Nejad attended as part of the Texas delegation. The meetings were also attended by UK Government Ministers, senior executives from prominent UK engineering companies, and leaders of the UK Engineering Council (ECUK). The discussion was regarding a mutual recognition agreement between NCEES and the Engineering Council of licensing credentials for reciprocity. NCEES and ECUK are anticipating finalizing a Mutual Recognition Agreement in March and then forwarding it to the individual state boards for consideration.

6. Licensing and Registration Director's Report

(a) Engineer Results and Statistics: Licensing Application and Examination Report

Mr. Strong reviewed the report with the Committee members and provided application and exam results.

(b) Surveyor Results and Statistics: Registration Application and Examination Report

Mr. Strong reviewed the report with the Committee members and provided application and exam results.

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

No new business was proposed for the Committee meeting in May.

8. Adjourn

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Johnson/Adejokun) to adjourn the meeting at 3:04 p.m. A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

Date Committee approved minutes: May 15, 2024

Date Board approved minutes: May 16,2024