

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
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AUSTIN, TX 78741
NOVEMBER 14, 2024 - 9:00 AM

Discuss and Possibly Act on the Following Agenda items:

1. Preliminary Matters - Officer Presiding

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 9:00 a.m. (NOTE: all votes are unanimous unless noted.)

B. Roll Call

Ms. Trevino 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.
 Coleen Johnson, R.P.L.S.
 Catherine Norwood, P.E.

Mr. Steven Ogle, 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
Michael Sims, P.E.	Director of Compliance and Enforcement
Rick Strong, P.E.	Director of Licensing and Registration
Mason Schoolfield	Director of Operations
Elissa Mazza	Staff Attorney
Ed Brannan, P.E.	Technical Engineering Specialist
Brian Waltman, P.E.	Technical Engineering Specialist
Odilia Trevino	Executive Administrator

C. Excuse absent Committee members

All Committee members were present.

D. Welcome Visitors

Dr. Sina Nejad, P.E., P.Eng., Board Chair; Roberto Moreno, P.E., Board Member; Ademola Adejokun, P.E., Board Member; Kiran Shah, Board Member; Govind Nadkarni, P.E., Advisory Board Member; Colby Brackin, S.I.T., C.F.M.; and K.V. Vartevan, were present

E. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

2. Monitoring for bills relating to the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors during the 89th Legislative Session

Mr. Cheng reviewed the national and statewide election results.

Dr. Kinney explained the process of tracking bills.

No action required on this agenda item.

3. Important Dates for 89th Legislative Session

Dr. Kinney gave the following information:

- Early Filing of Legislation began on November 11, 2024
- Tracking Report was added on November 13, 2024
- Final bill filing date is in March 2025
- Regular session is scheduled to end June 2, 2025

No action required on this agenda item.

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

Future committee meetings will be in February, May and August of 2025.

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

5. Adjourn

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Johnson/Norwood) to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION passed.

Note: In accordance with Attorney General Opinion No. GA-0957, dated July 27, 2012, this is notification that some Board members who are not members of the Legislative Issues Committee may be present at this Committee meeting, thereby creating a quorum of the Board. This agenda does not authorize Board members, other than the Legislative Issues Committee members, to deliberate or vote on matters before the Legislative Issues Committee. All matters reported out of this Committee will be presented at a future Board meeting for deliberation and possible action.

The Committee may meet in closed session on any agenda item listed above as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

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Date Board approved minutes: 02/13/2025