

MINUTES
LICENSING AND REGISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
1917 S. INTERSTATE 35
AUSTIN, TX 78741
NOVEMBER 13, 2024 - 1:00 PM

Discuss and Possibly Act on the Following Agenda Items:

1. Preliminary Matters - Officer Presiding

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 1:00 p.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:

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

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
Rick Strong, P.E.	Director of Licensing and Registration
Michael Sims, P.E.	Director of Compliance & Enforcement
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

Colby Brackin, S.I.T., C.F.M.; and Personal Appearances via Zoom: Julio C. Narvaez;

Anthony R. Venson; Jeffrey Casarez; Md Amanullah Kabir; Eugene C. Mojekwu; Andrew Polizzi; Erika Resendez; Donatus Anyanwu; and Jose L. Burgos Zepeda were present

e. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

2. August 7, 2024, Licensing and Registration Committee Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Johnson/Adejokun) to approve the August 7, 2024, Licensing and Registration Committee minutes as presented.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

3. Applications for Licensure

• Personal Interview Cases:

a. • Narvaez, Julio Cesar

Mr. Julio Narvaez 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 November 14, 2024, for Mr. Narvaez to be approved for Texas PE licensure.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

b. • Venson, Anthony Ray

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Cheng) to un-table the application for discussion. A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Anthony Venson appeared before the Committee based on a past criminal judgment. 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 November 14, 2024, for Mr. Venson to be approved for Texas PE licensure after reappearing before the Licensing and Registration Committee upon successful completion of the 90-hour Advanced Level Ethics course from the Texas Tech Murdough Center for Engineering.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

c. • Casarez, Jeffrey

Mr. Jeffrey Casarez 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/Cheng) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on November 14, 2024, that Mr. Casarez return before the Licensing and Registration Committee in a year after studying and preparing for the exam; after gaining an additional year of engineering experience; and providing an additional reference for that time.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

d. • Kabir, Md Amanullah

Mr. Md Kabir appeared before the Committee based on a recent criminal judgment. 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 November 14, 2024, for Mr. Kabir to be approved for Texas PE licensure after reappearing before the Licensing and Registration Committee upon successful completion of the 60-hour Intermediate Level Ethics course from the Texas Tech Murdough Center for Engineering.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

e. • Mojekwu, Eugene Chukwunonso

Mr. Eugene Mojekwu 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 November 14, 2024, for Mr. Mojekwu to be approved for Texas PE licensure upon successful completion of the 60-hour Intermediate Level Ethics course from the Texas Tech Murdough Center for Engineering.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

f. • Polizzi, Andrew

Mr. Andrew Polizzi appeared before the Committee based on a recent criminal judgment. The Committee and applicant discussed his experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Johnson/Adejokun) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on November 14, 2024, for Mr. Polizzi to reappear before the Licensing and Registration Committee, upon successful

completion of the 90-hour Advanced Level Ethics course from the Texas Tech Murdough Center for Engineering, to review his application and learnings from the course.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

g. • Resendez, Erika

Ms. Erika Resendez appeared before the Committee based on multiple past criminal judgments. The Committee and applicant discussed her experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on November 14, 2024, for Ms. Resendez to be approved for Texas PE licensure upon passing the NCEES PE exam.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

h. • Anyanwu, Donatus

Mr. Donatus Anyanwu appeared before the Committee based on prior Compliance and Enforcement actions that have a direct relationship to the duties and responsibilities of a professional engineer. The Committee and applicant discussed his experience and history.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on November 14, 2024, that Mr. Anyanwu's application for licensure be denied based on his Compliance and Enforcement history.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

i. • Burgos Zepeda, Jose Luis

Mr. Jose Zepeda appeared before the Committee based on prior Compliance and Enforcement actions that have a direct relationship to the duties and responsibilities of a professional engineer. The Committee and applicant discussed his experience and history.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Cheng) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on November 14, 2024, that Mr. Burgos Zepeda's application for licensure be denied based on his Compliance and Enforcement history.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

4. Recommendation on Adoption of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 131, Subchapter A - Scope and Definitions
 - §131.2 Definitions

5. Recommendation on Adoption of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter D – Education
 - §133.31 Educational Requirement for Applicants
6. Recommendation on Adoption of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter E – Experience
 - §133.43 Experience Evaluation
7. Recommendation on Adoption of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter F – Reference Documentation
 - §133.53 Reference Statements
8. Recommendation on Adoption of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter G – Examinations
 - §133.67 Examination on the Principles and Practice of Engineering
 - §133.69 Waiver of Examinations
9. Recommendation on Adoption of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 134, Subchapter C – Examinations
 - §134.25 Application from Out-Of-State Registration Holders
10. Recommendation on Adoption of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 134, Subchapter E – Experience
 - §134.43 Experience Evaluations
11. Recommendation on Adoption of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 134, Subchapter F – Reference Documentation
 - §134.53 Reference Statements
12. Recommendation on Adoption of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 134, Subchapter G – Examinations
 - §134.67 Examination on the Principles and Practices of Surveying
 - §134.68 Licensed State Land Surveyor Examination

The Committee made the decision to bundle the adoption rules since they had already been reviewed and posted for comment. There was a discussion on reason to withdraw §133.69 Waiver of Examinations.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on November 14, 2024, to adopt the rule amendments in agenda items #4 through #12, excluding §133.69.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Cheng) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on November 14, 2024, to withdraw rule §133.69 Waiver of Examinations.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

13. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 131,
Subchapter A - Scope and Definitions
§131.2 Definitions
14. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133,
Subchapter B - Professional Engineer Licenses
§133.11 Types of Licenses
15. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133,
Subchapter C - Professional Engineer License Application Requirements
§133.26 Application for Licensure Via Comity
§133.27 Application for Temporary License for Engineers Currently
Licensed Outside of the United States
16. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133
– Subchapter G - Examinations
§133.69 Waiver of Examinations

Dr. Kinney discussed the purpose of this Rules package as they relate to NCEES records and international licensures.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Cheng/Johnson) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on November 14, 2024, to propose for publication the rule amendments in agenda items #13 through #16.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

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

Mr. Strong reviewed the exhibit provided to the Committee members and provided exam updates. He thanked those involved for their hard work with the exams.

No action required on this item.

18. Licensing and Registration Director's Report
 - a) Engineer Results and Statistics: Licensing Application and Examination
Report

Mr. Strong reviewed the exhibit provided to the Committee members and provided application and exam results.

No action required on this item.

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

Mr. Strong reviewed the exhibit provided to the Committee members and provided

application and exam results.

No action required on this item.

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

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

20. Adjourn

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Adejokun) to adjourn the meeting at 4:21 p.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 Licensing and Registration 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 Licensing and Registration Committee members, to deliberate or vote on matters before the Licensing and Registration Committee. All matters reported out of this Committee will be presented at a future Board meeting for deliberation and possible action.

Note: This meeting may be held by videoconference call pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.127. The member presiding over the meeting will be physically present at the location of the meeting listed above and will preside over the meeting at that location. The meeting will be accessible to the public at the physical location listed above.

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 Committee approved minutes: 02/12/2025

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