

## MINUTES

### Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Enforcement Committee Meeting August 14, 2025 - 9:30 am

Physical Meeting Location:

Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors  
1917 S Interstate 35  
Austin, TX 78741

#### **Discuss and Possibly Act on the Following Agenda Items:**

1. Preliminary Matters - Officer Presiding
  - A. Call to Order

Ms. Coleen Johnson, R.P.L.S., Chair, called the Enforcement Committee meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to order at 9:30 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:**

Coleen Johnson, R.P.L.S., Chair  
Roberto Moreno, P.E.  
Catherine Norwood, P.E.  
Albert Cheng, Alternate 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
Michael Sims, P.E.	Director of Compliance and Enforcement
Mason Schoolfield	Director of Operations
Jeff Mutscher	Chief Financial Officer
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

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Moreno) to excuse committee member Dr. Marguerite McClinton Stoglin.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

### D. Welcome Visitors

Dr. Sina Nejad, P.E., P.Eng., Board Chair; Mark Neugebauer, R.P.L.S., L.S.L.S., Board Member; Ademola Adejokun, P.E., Board Member; Kiran Shah, Board Member; Karen Friesse, P.E., Board Member; Jon Hodde, R.P.L.S., Advisory Board Member; Govind Nadkarni, P.E., Advisory Member; and Stephanie Stanford, P.E., Southwest Engineers, and representing TSPE, were present.

### E. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

## **RULE CHANGES to IMPLEMENT SENATE BILL 681 (89th Regular Session)**

2. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 137, Subchapter A - Individual and Engineer Compliance
  - §137.7 - License Expiration and Renewal
  - §137.9 - Renewal for Expired License
  - §137.13 - Inactive Status
  - §137.17 - Continuing Education
3. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 138, Subchapter A - Individual and Surveyor Compliance
  - §138.7 - License or Registration Expiration and Renewal
  - §138.9 - Renewal for Expired License or Registration
  - §138.13 - Inactive Status
  - §138.17 - Continuing Education
4. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 137, Subchapter D - Firm and Governmental Entity Compliance
  - §137.75 - Registration Renewal and Expiration
5. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 138, Subchapter D - Firm and Governmental Entity Compliance
  - §138.75 - Registration Renewal and Expiration
6. Recommendation on Proposal to Repeal 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 137, Subchapter A - Individual and Engineer Compliance
  - §137.11 - Expiration and Licensed in Another Jurisdiction
7. Recommendation on Proposal to Repeal 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 138, Subchapter A - Individual and Surveyor Compliance
  - §138.11 - Expiration and Licensed or Registered in Another Jurisdiction

The Committee requested Items 2 through 7 be presented together. Dr. Kinney provided a briefing on the changes. Mr. Sims discussed changes to the continuing education hours

requirements.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Cheng/Norwood) to group items #2 through #7 and recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on August 14, 2025, to approve for the proposed rule changes to be posted to the Texas Register for public comment.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

#### **RULE CHANGES to IMPLEMENT HOUSE BILL 5629 (89th Regular Session)**

8. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 139, Subchapter B - Complaint Process and Procedures
  - §139.22 Reporting Complaints Made Against Licenses Issued to Military Service Members, Military Veterans, or Military Spouses

#### **RULE CHANGES to IMPLEMENT SENATE BILL 1080 (89th Regular Session)**

9. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 139, Subchapter D- Special Disciplinary Provisions for License Holders
  - §139.43 License or Registration Holder with Criminal Conviction
10. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 139, Subchapter C - Enforcement Proceedings
  - §139.35 Sanctions and Penalties- Engineering
  - §139.37 Sanctions and Penalties- Surveying
11. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 140 - Criminal History and Convictions
  - §140.1 Criminal History and Convictions - Engineers
  - §140.3 Criminal History and Convictions – Surveyors

Items 8 through 11 were discussed together. Mr. Sims provided a briefing on the changes.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Moreno) to group items #8 through #11 and recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on August 14, 2025, to approve for the proposed rule changes to be posted to the Texas Register for public comment.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

12. Updates to the Board's Guidelines for Applicants, Licensees, and Registrants with Criminal Convictions

Mr. Sims gave a briefing on requirements and the need to update the guidelines based on the legislative changes. He stated staff need time to review and update the proposal and plans to bring forward an updated policy at the next Board meeting. Item was tabled for November meeting.

No action taken on this agenda item.

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

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

14. Adjourn

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Moreno/Norwood) to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

Date Board approved minutes: 11/20/2025