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Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Legislative Issues Committee Meeting August 14, 2025 - 8:30 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

Mr. Albert Cheng, Chair, called the Legislative Issues Committee meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to order at 8:30 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:

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
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

All members were present.

D. Welcome Visitors

Dr. Sina Nejad, P.E., P.Eng., Board Chair; Mark Neugebauer, R.P.L.S., L.S.L.S., Board Member; Kiran Shah, Board Member; Roberto Moreno, P.E., Board Member; Ademola Adejokun, P.E., PMP, Board Member; Jon Hodde, R.P.L.S., Advisory Board Member; Govind Nadkarni, P.E., Advisory Member; and Stephanie Stanford, P.E., Southwest Engineers BPE Liaison were present.

E. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

2. May 15, 2025, Legislative Issues Committee Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Friese/Johnson) to approve the May 15, 2025, Legislative Issues Committee minutes as presented.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

3. Update on bills relating to the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors passed during the 89th Legislative Session

Mr. Cheng provided an update on the bills passed related to the agency. He complimented the board and staff on how board is run, and bills are tracked. He stated the Special Session was near the end.

Dr. Kinney reviewed the exhibit provided. He stated 44 bills were passed and signed into legislation.

No action was required on this agenda item.

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

Dr. Kinney stated that we are continuing to monitor the session, and tracking any bills related to the agency, until it ends.

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 (Frieese/Johnson) to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION passed.

Date Board approved minutes: 11/20/2025