

MINUTES

Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Licensing and Registration Committee Meeting August 13, 2025 - 1:00 pm

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. 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 1:02 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 members were present.

d. Welcome Visitors

Roberto Moreno, P.E., Board Member; Dr. Sina Nejad, P.E., P.Eng., Board Chair; Kiran Shah, Board Member; and Stephanie Stanford, P.E., representing TSPE were present. Mark Neugebauer, R.P.L.S., L.S.L.S., Board Member, was present via videoconference along with the personal appearances: Robert K. Badgett, Joshua Crittenden, Christopher D. Hendon, Rudy Luna Jr., Matthew Rosecrans, Michael J. Simpson, Vincent T. Leahy, and Casey A. Miller.

e. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

2. May 14, 2025, Licensing and Registration Committee Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Cheng/Johnson) to approve May 14, 2025, Licensing and Registration Committee minutes as presented.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

3. Applications for Licensure

- Personal Interview Cases:

- a. • Badgett, Robert Keller

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

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Cheng/Johnson) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on August 14, 2025, for Mr. Badgett 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.

- b. • Crittenden, Joshua

Mr. Crittenden 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 August 14, 2025, for Mr. Crittenden to be approved for Texas PE licensure upon successful completion of the 30-hour Basic Level Ethics course from the Texas Tech Murdough Center for Engineering.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

c. • Hendon, Christopher David

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

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Cheng/Johnson) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on August 14, 2025, for Mr. Hendon 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.

d. • Luna, Rudy Jr

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

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Cheng/Johnson) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on August 14, 2025, for Mr. Luna 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 without repeating the already completed 30-hour Basic Level Ethics course.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

e. • Rosecrans, Matthew

Mr. Rosecrans 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 August 14, 2025, for Mr. Rosecrans to be approved for Texas PE licensure upon successful completion of the 30-hour Basic Level Ethics course from the Texas Tech Murdough Center for Engineering.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

f. • Simpson, Michael Jones

Mr. Simpson 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 August 14, 2025, for Mr. Simpson to be approved for Texas PE licensure upon successful completion of the 30-hour Basic Level Ethics course from the Texas Tech Murdough Center for Engineering.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

g. • Leahy, Vincent Thomas

Mr. Leahy 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 August 14, 2025, for Mr. Leahy to reappear 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.

h. • Miller, Casey Alexander

The Committee went into Executive Session at 2:45 p.m. and reconvened at 3:15 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Mr. Miller appeared before the Committee based on multiple past criminal judgments. The Committee determined that Mr. Miller had previously appeared before them and was given every opportunity to complete the prior recommendations and failed to do so.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on August 14, 2025, for Mr. Miller to reappear before the Licensing and Registration Committee in six months, which will be the February 2026 meeting with successful completion of the 90-hour Advanced Level Ethics course from the Texas Tech Murdough Center for Engineering without repeating the already completed 60-hour Intermediate Level Ethics course.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

RULE CHANGES to IMPLEMENT SENATE BILL 681 and SENATE BILL 1080 (89th Regular Session)

4. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter B - Professional Engineer Licenses
§133.11 - Types of Licenses
5. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 134, Subchapter B - Professional Surveyor Registration
§134.11 - Types of Surveyor License and Registration

Dr. Kinney informed the Committee on Rule changes from the Legislative Session. He briefed them on the recommended changes. He asked for more time for staff to modify items #4 and #5.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johonson) to table agenda items #4 and #5 for modification then untable it for discussion with the entire Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on May 15, 2025.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

6. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 135, Engineering Firm Registration
§135.1 - Authority
7. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 136, Surveying Firm Registration
§136.1 - Authority

Dr. Kinney briefed the Committee on the recommended Rule changes.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) to group items #6 and #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 SENATE BILL 1259 (89th Regular Session)

8. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter A - Engineer-in-Training
§133.3 - Engineer-in-Training Application and Certification
9. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 134, Subchapter A - Surveyor-in-Training
§134.3 - Surveyor-in-Training Application and Certification
10. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter G - Examinations
§133.65 - Examination on the Fundamentals of Engineering
11. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 134, Subchapter G - Examinations
§134.61 - Surveying Examinations Required for a Registration to Practice as a Professional Surveyor
§134.65 - Examination on the Fundamentals of Surveying
§134.67 - Examination on the Principles and Practice of Surveying (Including Retitling the Section to Texas Specific Surveying Examination)
12. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 134, Subchapter H - Review Process of Applications and Registration Issuance
§134.87 - Final Action on Applications
13. Recommendation on Proposal of New Rule 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 134, Subchapter G - Examinations
§134.66 - Examination on the Principles and Practice of Surveying

Dr. Kinney briefed the Committee on the recommended Rule changes.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Cheng) to group items #8 through #13 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 and SENATE BILL 1818 (89th Regular Session)

14. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter C
 - Professional Engineer License Application Requirements
 §133.29 - Application for Temporary License for Military Spouses Who Are Licensed or
 Registered in Another State

Mr. Sims briefed the Committee on the recommended Rule changes.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Cheng) to 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.

15. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 134, Subchapter C - Land Surveyor Application Requirements
 §134.29 - Application for Temporary License for Military Spouses Who Are Licensed or
 Registered in Another State

Mr. Sims briefed the Committee on the recommended Rule changes.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) to 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.

16. Application Experience Reporting Project Update

Dr. Kinney updated the Committee on the status of the project and the exhibit provided. He stated that due to the Legislative session changes, this is being postponed until the November 2025 meeting.

No action was required on this agenda item.

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

Mr. Strong reviewed the exhibit provided. He stated we had a successful exam in June. He stated the next exam is scheduled for October 31, 2025. The future date is March 27, 2026, for both the TSSE and LSLs exams. He indicated that the Texas pass rate is in line with the National rates.

No action was required on this agenda item.

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

Mr. Strong reviewed the exhibit provided. He stated there has been a 1.5% increase in total PEs in Texas. There has been a minimal increase in Active status, from Inactive status.

No action was required on this agenda item.

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

Mr. Strong reviewed the exhibit provided. He stated there are 39 newly registered R.P.L.S., 39 S.I.T.s and 19 new firms registered.

No action was required on this agenda 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 (Johnson/Cheng) to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

Date Committee approved minutes: 11/19/2025

Date Board approved minutes: 11/20/2025