

MINUTES
 Legislative Issues Committee Meeting
 Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
 1917 S Interstate 35
 Austin, TX 78741
 February 13, 2025 - 9:00 am

This meeting will not be livestreamed and will not include an option for the public to participate or make public comments remotely.

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 9:02 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:

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| 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 committee members were present.

D. Welcome Visitors

Dr. Sina Nejad, P.E., P.Eng., Board Chair; Ademola Adejokun, P.E., Board Member; Kiran Shah, Board Member; Roberto Moreno, P.E., Board Member; Mark Neugebauer, R.P.L.S., L.S.L.S., Board Member; Lamberto "Bobby" Balli, P.E., Advisory Board Member; and Colby Brackin, S.I.T., C.F.M were present

E. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

2. November 14, 2024, Legislative Issues Committee Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Friese/Johnson) to approve the November 14, 2024, Legislative Issues Committee minutes as presented.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

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

Mr. Cheng reviewed the list of currently submitted bills relating to engineering and surveying.

Dr. Kinney provided a list of bills being followed by the agency.

No action was required on this agenda item.

4. Important Dates for the 89th Legislative Session

Dr. Kinney stated the final bill filing date is March 14, 2025.

No action was required on this agenda item.

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

Future Committee meetings will be in May and August 2025.

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

6. Adjourn

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 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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