

MINUTES
 LICENSING AND REGISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING
 TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
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 AUSTIN, TX 78741
 FEBRUARY 12, 2025 - 2:00 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 2:00 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

Roberto Moreno, P.E., Board Member; Dr. Sina Nejad, P.E., P.Eng., Board Member; Lamberto "Bobby" Balli, P.E., Advisory Board Member; Kiran Shah, Board Member; Mark Neugebauer, R.P.L.S., L.S.L.S., Board Member via ZOOM; Colby Brackin, S.I.T., C.F.M.; Steve Kanetzky, P.E.; and Personal Appearances via Zoom:

Benjamin Isaak; Ahmed Benali; Mohsen Radi; and Matthew Winston were present

e. Public Comment

Mr. Steve Kanetzky, P.E., President of S. Kanetzky Engineering, LLC appeared before the Committee. He expressed his concerns regarding engineers allowed to practice outside their area of expertise in the State of Texas.

Mrs. Norwood recommended that he contact our Compliance and Enforcement staff.

No action was required on this agenda item.

2. November 13, 2024, Licensing and Registration Committee Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Johnson/Cheng) to approve the November 13, 2024, Licensing and Registration Committee minutes as presented.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

3. Applications for Licensure

• Personal Interviews Cases:

a. • Isaak, Benjamin Earl

Mr. Benjamin Isaak originally appeared before the Committee in August 2024. He was instructed to reappear upon completion of assigned requirements.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Johnson/Cheng) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 13, 2025, for Mr. Isaak to be approved for Texas PE licensure.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

b. • Benali, Ahmed

Mr. Ahmed Benali 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 February 13, 2025, for Mr. Benali 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. • Radi, Mohsen

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

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Johnson/Cheng) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 13, 2025, for Mr. Radi 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. • Winston, Matthew

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

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Johnson/Cheng) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 13, 2025, for Mr. Winston 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.

4. Recommendation on Adoption of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter B - Professional Engineer Licenses
§133.11 Types of Licenses
5. Recommendation on Adoption of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter C - Professional Engineer License Application Requirements
§133.26 Application for Licensure Via Comity
6. Recommendation on Adoption of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter G - Examinations
§133.69 Waiver of Examinations

Dr. Kinney provided a briefing on the Rules to be adopted. He stated the Rules were posted as required and no public comments were received.

It was moved/seconded (Johnson/Cheng) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 13, 2025, to adopt the rule amendments in agenda Items 4 through 6.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

7. Application Experience Reporting Project Update

Dr. Kinney summarized the exhibit provided. TBPELS is working in conjunction with the NCEES Committee on Licensure to review and revise the experience reporting format and process for engineering and surveying applications. The Committee on Licensure is currently working on the development of rubric to be used by all US jurisdictions to augment and provide a clear structure for experience reporting.

Dr. Kinney is the co-chair of the NCEES Committee on Licensure and has volunteered Texas to participate as a test bed for pilot versions of the application rubric. Research consists of asking recently licensed PEs to volunteer to re-write their SER using the new format and providing feedback via a short survey. In addition, the TBPELS application reviewers will review and compare the original SER to the new information provided.

This will be presented at the NCEES Zone Meeting. Dr. Kinney will provide an update at the May Board meeting.

No action was required on this agenda item.

8. 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. The next exam is scheduled for March 7, 2025.

No action was required on this agenda item.

9. 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 statistics and results. He stated there is an increase in Licensing.

No action was required on this agenda 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 statistics and results. He stated that we lost two registered surveyors and gained one.

Mr. Neugebauer stated we have a range of about 60 Licensed State Land Surveyors. He indicated this is a good number to maintain.

No action was required on this agenda item.

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

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

11. Adjourn

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Johnson/Cheng) to adjourn the meeting at 3:04 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: 05/14/2025

Date Board approved minutes: 05/15/2025