

**MINUTES**  
**Legislative Issues Committee Meeting**  
**Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors**  
**May 15, 2025 - 9:30 am**

**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 9:30 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  
Coleen Johnson, R.P.L.S.  
Catherine Norwood, P.E.

Mr. Steven Ogle, Assistant Attorney General and General Counsel for the Board, was present via Videoconference 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

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Johnson/Norwood) to excuse committee chair Karen Friese, P.E., Board Member.

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; Kiran Shah, Board Member; Roberto Moreno, P.E., Board Member; Marguerite McClinton-Stoglin, Board Member; Jon Hodde, R.P.L.S., Advisory Board Member; and Holt Carson were present.

#### E. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

#### 2. February 13, 2025, Legislative Issues Committee Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) to approve the February 13, 2025, Legislative Issues Committee minutes as presented.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

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

Mr. Cheng stated the deadline for the second reading of the bills is May 15, 2025. He stated the process indicates any bills not read by midnight are considered dead. He gave an update on the status of bills being reviewed and awaiting to move forward pertaining to engineering and surveying.

Dr. Kinney stated that any bills passed will require a review to determine if updates to the rules are necessary and what the implementation period will be.

No action was required on this agenda item.

#### 4. Important Dates for the 89th Legislative Session

A calendar was provided as an exhibit. Dr. Kinney reviewed the necessary dates for the bills pertaining to engineering and surveying.

Dr. Kinney stated there will be a list of Bills that passed at the next meeting along with drafts of the Rules pertinent to each bill. He thanked the staff and organizations involved with the communicating of bills during the session. He indicated there has not been any talk about a special session.

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 (Johnson/Norwood) to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION passed.

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