

MINUTES
Licensing and Registration Committee Meeting
Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
May 14, 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
Albert Cheng	Member
Coleen Johnson, R.P.L.S.	Member

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
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

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Johnson/Cheng) to excuse committee member Ademola Adejokun, P.E., Board Member.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

- d. Welcome Visitors

Roberto Moreno, P.E., Board Member; Dr. Sina Nejad, P.E., P.Eng., Board Member; and

Kiran Shah, Board Member were present. Mark Neugebauer, R.P.L.S., L.S.L.S., Board Member, was present via Videoconference. Personal Appearances, Jason Hickle and Robert Villalpando were also present via Videoconference,

e. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

2. February 12, 2025, Licensing and Registration Committee Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Johnson/Cheng) to approve the February 12, 2025, Licensing and Registration Committee minutes as presented.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

3. Applications for Licensure

- Personal Interview Cases:

a. • Hickle, Jason Michael

Mr. Jason Hickle 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 May 15, 2025, for Mr. Hickle 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.

b. • Villalpando, Robert

Mr. Robert Villalpando 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 May 15, 2025, for Mr. Villalpando 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.

4. Recommendation on Adoption of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 131,
Subchapter A - Scope and Definitions
§131.2 Definitions

5. Recommendation on Adoption of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter C -
Professional Engineer License Application Requirements
§133.27 Application for Temporary License for Engineers Currently Licensed
Outside the United States

Dr. Kinney provided a briefing on the Rules to be adopted. He stated the Rules were part of the UK rule package. 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 May 15, 2025, to adopt the rule amendments in agenda items 4 and 5.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

6. Application Experience Reporting Project Update

Dr. Kinney summarized the exhibit provided. He reviewed how engineering experience is submitted on SERs. The Committee is revising the process to include more detail using more specific questions. This will better align with NCEES' format for other states. The voting will take place at the NCEES Annual Meeting in August 2025.

No action was required on this agenda item.

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

Mr. Strong reviewed the exhibit provided. He stated the exhibit outlines the history of FE and PE exams by fiscal year. He stated the surveying March exam went well and was the fifth TSSE exam given. He indicated the PS exam pass rate is higher than the FS. The next exam is scheduled for June 13th, 2025. He thanked everyone for their support, from preparation to administration of exams.

No action was required on this agenda item.

8. 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 is a slow increase in EITs.

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 has been a decrease in L.S.L.S.'s but R.P.L.S.'s numbers stay consistent. He stated there were 45 newly registered R.P.L.S. after the last exam. He stated there are currently 813 S.I.T.s.

No action was required on this agenda item.

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

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

10. Adjourn

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Johnson/Cheng) to adjourn the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

Date Committee approved minutes: 08/13/2025

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