

MINUTES

Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Licensing and Registration Committee Meeting February 18, 2026

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 via video conference to provide legal counsel to the Committee.

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

Dr. Sina Nejad, P.E., P.Eng., Board Chair; Matthew Striegl; Austin Walker; Sean Conner; and Kyle Dolezal were present. Roberto Moreno, P.E., Board Member; and Mark Neugebauer, R.P.L.S., L.S.L.S., Board Member, were present via video conference. Present on video conference for personal appearances were Anthony Venson; Vincent Leahy; Jeremy Ray; and Aaron Vasquez.

e. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

2. November 19, 2025, Licensing and Registration Committee Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Johnson/Cheng) to approve November 19, 2025, Licensing and Registration Committee minutes as presented.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

3. Applications for Licensure

Personal Interview Cases:

A. • Venson, Anthony Ray

On November 13, 2024, Anthony Ray Venson attended the Licensing Committee for discussion concerning his Texas PE application. The committee and full Board decided to approve him for Texas PE licensure after submitting documentation of the successful completion of the 90-hour Advanced Level Ethics course from the Texas Tech Murdough Center for Engineering and re-appearing in front of the Licensing Committee to review his learnings from the course.

On February 18, 2026, Mr. Venson appeared before the Licensing Committee to discuss his learning from the 90-hour ethics course.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Johnson/Adejokun) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 19, 2026, for Mr. Venson to be approved for Texas PE licensure.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

B. • Leahy, Vincent Thomas

On August 13, 2025, Vincent Thomas Leahy attended the Licensing Committee due to his criminal history. The committee and full Board decided to approve him for Texas PE licensure after submitting documentation of the successful completion of the 60-hour Intermediate Level Ethics course from the Texas Tech Murdough Center for Engineering and re-appearing in front of the Licensing Committee to review his learnings from the course.

On February 18, 2026, Mr. Leahy appeared before the Licensing Committee to discuss his learning from the 60-hour ethics course.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Johnson/Cheng) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 19, 2026, for Mr. Leahy to be approved for Texas PE licensure.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

C. • Ray, Jeremy Keith

On November 19, 2025, Jeremy Keith Ray attended the Licensing Committee due to his criminal history. The committee and full Board decided to approve him for Texas PE licensure after submitting documentation of the successful completion of the 60-hour Intermediate Level Ethics

course from the Texas Tech Murdough Center for Engineering and re-appearing in front of the Licensing Committee to review his learnings from the course.

On February 18, 2026, Mr. Ray appeared before the Licensing Committee to discuss his learning from the 60-hour ethics course.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 19, 2026, for Mr. Ray to be approved for Texas PE licensure.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

D. • Vasquez, Aaron Guillermo

On November 19, 2025, Aaron Guillermo Vasquez attended the Licensing Committee due to his criminal history. The committee and full Board decided to approve him for Texas PE licensure after submitting documentation of the successful completion of the 60-hour Intermediate Level Ethics course from the Texas Tech Murdough Center for Engineering and re-appearing in front of the Licensing Committee to review his learnings from the course.

On February 18, 2026, Mr. Vasquez appeared before the Licensing Committee to discuss his learning from the 60-hour ethics course.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Cheng/Johnson) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 19, 2026, for Mr. Vasquez to be approved for Texas PE licensure.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

E. • Striegl, Matthew Waylon

Matthew Waylon Striegl appeared before the Committee to discuss his criminal history and to request a waiver for the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Cheng) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 19, 2026, to grant Mr. Striegl a waiver of the FE exam and to be approved for Texas PE licensure after passing the NCEES PE exam.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

F. • Walker, Austin

Austin Walker appeared before the Committee to discuss his Texas PE application. The Committee and applicant discussed the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) previously issued by agency staff and was refused by Mr. Walker.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 19, 2026, for Mr. Walker to re-appear before the Licensing Committee after submitting documentation on the successful completion of two additional years of qualifying engineering experience to be documented in an SER with time starting February 19, 2026; two additional PE references on the required TBPELS forms with signed SERs; and the 30-hour Basic Level Ethics course from Texas Tech Murdough Center for Engineering.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

4. Rulemaking - Licensing Cleanup
 - a. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 131, Subchapter A
 - Scope and Definitions
 - §131.2 - Definitions
 - b. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter C
 - Professional Engineer License Application Requirements
 - §133.21 - Application for Standard License
 - c. Recommendation on Proposal 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
 - d. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter D
 - Education
 - §133.31 - Educational Requirements for Applicants
 - e. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 134, Subchapter C
 - Land Surveyor Application Requirements
 - §134.21 - Application for Standard Registration
 - f. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 134, Subchapter C
 - Professional Engineer License Application Requirements
 - §134.25 - Application from Out-of-State Registration Holders
 - g. Recommendation on Proposal of New Rule 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter C
 - Professional Engineer License Application Requirements
 - §133.30 - Application Language
 - h. Recommendation on Proposal of New Rule 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 134, Subchapter C -
 - Land Surveyor Application Requirements
 - §134.30 - Application Language
 - i. Recommendation on Appeal of Rule 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter D
 - Licensing for Engineers
 - §133.37 - English Translation
 - j. Recommendation on Appeal of Rule 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 134, Subchapter D
 - Licensing, Registration, and Certification for Surveyors
 - §134.37 - English Translation

Dr. Kinney briefed the Committee on changes, updates, repeals and new Rules.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) to group items 4a through 4j, recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 19, 2026, and approve the rule recommendations to be published in the Texas Register for public comment.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

5. Application Experience Reporting Project Update

Dr. Kinney briefed the Committee on the updates of the model to change experience from SERs that is currently being used by NCEES.

No action was required on this agenda item.

6. Rulemaking - Experience Reporting
 - a. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter C
 - Professional Engineer License Application Requirements
 - §133.21 - Application for Standard License
 - b. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter C
 - Professional Engineer License Application Requirements
 - §133.23 - Applications from Former Standard License Holders
 - c. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter C
 - Professional Engineer License Application Requirements
 - §133.25 - Applications from Engineering Educators
 - d. Recommendation on Proposal 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
 - e. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter E
 - Experience
 - §133.41 - Supplementary Experience Record (Rename Experience Report)
 - f. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter E
 - Experience
 - §133.43 - Experience Evaluation
 - g. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter F
 - Reference Documentation
 - §133.51 - Reference Providers
 - h. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter F
 - Reference Documentation
 - §133.53 - Reference Statements

Dr. Kinney briefed the Committee on the changes to the engineering side of the rules.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) to group items 6a through 6h and recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 19, 2026, and approve the proposed amendments to be published in the Texas Register for public comment.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

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

Mr. Strong reviewed the exhibit provided and gave updates on current exam numbers. He reported that the 2026 TSSE exams were finalized during the January QAQC meeting. He discussed the SAC 2026 goals. He provided the three future exam dates for 2026: March 27, 2026; June 26, 2026; and October 23, 2026.

No action was taken 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 and reported the current statistics.

No action was taken on this agenda items.

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

Mr. Strong reviewed the exhibit provided and reported on the current statistics.

No action was taken on this agenda items.

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 3:16 p.m.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

Date Committee approved minutes: 05/20/2026

Date Board approved minutes: 05/21/2026