

**MINUTES**  
**Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors**  
**Policy Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**February 19, 2026**

**Discuss and Possibly Act on the Following Agenda Items:**

1. Preliminary Matters - Officer Presiding
  - A. Call to Order

Mr. Ademola Adejokun, P.E., Member, called the Policy Advisory 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:**

Ademola Adejokun, P.E.  
 Roberto Moreno, P.E. – via videoconference  
 Catherine Norwood, P.E. - Alternate Committee Member

Mr. Steven Ogle, Assistant Attorney General and General Counsel for the Board, was present via videoconference 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
Michael Sims, P.E.	Director of Compliance and 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 (Adejokun/Norwood) to excuse absent committee members Ms. Karen Friese, P.E., Chair and Mr. Kiran Shah.

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; Dr. Marguerite McClinton-Stoglin, Board Member; Albert Cheng, Board Member; Coleen Johnson, R.P.L.S., Board Member; Jon Hodde, R.P.L.S., Advisory Board Member; Logan Spence, on behalf of TSPS; Scott Stuart, on behalf of ACEC; and Christy Preus, on behalf of SAM, were present.

## E. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

### 2. Policy Advisory Opinion Request Regarding Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) and How It Fits Within the Practice of Engineering and Professional Surveying (Engineering Policy Advisory Opinion Request No. 74 and Surveying Policy Advisory Opinion Request No. 1)

Mr. Sims discussed the Policy Advisory Opinion request which was submitted by Mr. Mettler with Oncon on October 10, 2025. Mr. Sims stated the term “subsurface utility engineering” does not appear to be defined in Texas law or statute. Based on initial research, it appears that SUE encompasses a wide variety of tasks and there are aspects of SUE that could fall exclusively to an engineer, exclusively to a surveyor, or outside of the statutorily defined practice of engineering and professional surveying. Further, both engineers and surveyors appear to be actively engaged in SUE type work.

Mr. Sims proposed drafting a response letter and convening a group of stakeholders to review the proposed response then bringing it back to the Committee at the May Board meeting. Potential stakeholders are engineers and surveyors engaged in subsurface utility engineering. ASCE Texas and TX DoT have utility engineering & surveying members we can engage in for a proposed response.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Adejokun/Moreno) to formally accept this as a policy advisory and begin researching to prepare a response.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

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

Mr. Sims stated there is discussion on a future policy advisory opinion request regarding condominium surveying to clear up some language in the property code, which was mentioned at the last Survey Advisory Committee meeting.

### 4. Adjourn

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Moreno) to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

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