

MINUTES
Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
Regular Quarterly Board Meeting
February 19, 2026

Discuss and Possibly Act on the Following Agenda Items:

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

Dr. Sina K. Nejad, P.E., P. Eng., Chair, called the Regular Quarterly Board Meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to order at 10:00 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 Board members were present:

Dr. Sina K. Nejad, P.E., P.Eng.	Chair
Albert Cheng	Vice Chair
Ademola Adejokun, P.E.	Member
Coleen Johnson, R.P.L.S.	Member
Mark Neugebauer, R.P.L.S., L.S.L.S.	Member
Catherine Norwood, P.E.	Member

Mr. Steven Ogle, Assistant Attorney General and General Counsel for the Board, was present via video conference 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 Waltmann, P.E.	Technical Engineering Specialist
Odilia Trevino	Executive Administrator

- C. Excuse Absent Board Members

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) to excuse board members Karen Friese and Kiran Shah.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

- D. Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Nejad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- E. Welcome Visitors

Jon Hodde, R.P.L.S., Advisory Member; Mike McMinn, R.P.L.S.; Scott Stewart, ACEC; Chuck Walker; Larry Billingsley, R.P.L.S.; Logan Spence, ACEC; Thomas Kam, P.E.; and Christina Preas were present. Roberto Moreno, P.E., Board Member, was present via video conference.

F. Public Comment

Mr. McMinn appeared before the Board and provided personal background and work experience. He stated he was appearing before the Board regarding disciplinary cases in which he was involved with reviewing while temporarily employed with the agency. He emphasized that he was not in agreement with the agency's final sanctions. He stated that his opinion is that all cases should all be presented at the quarterly board meetings as was previously done before the Texas Board of Land Surveyors was merged.

No action was taken on this item.

Mr. Kam appeared before the Board and provided personal background and work experience. He is seeking the agency's assistance with a certificate of merit which was filed against him and a property rights issue he is disputing with the City of Lakeway.

No action was taken on this item.

Mr. Billingsley appeared before the Board and provided personal background and work experience. He stated he feels surveying complaints would be beneficial to surveyors if they were presented at the quarterly board meetings as was previously done before the Texas Board of Land Surveyors was merged. He feels this would be educational to surveyors.

No action was taken on this item.

2. **Consent Agenda***

The following items may be acted upon under Consent Agenda*:

- A. November 19, 2025, Licensing and Registration Committee Meeting Minutes (See agenda item #3)
- B. November 20, 2025, Regular Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes (See agenda item #4)
- C. Administrative Reports, Outstanding Administrative Penalties, Default Judgment, Dismissed Cases, Violation Terminated Cases, Voluntary Compliance Cases (See agenda item #15)
- D. Licensing and Registration Applications – Engineering and Land Surveying (See agenda item #18)

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Adejokun/Norwood) to approve items A-D as presented in the Consent Agenda.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

Board and Committee Meeting Minutes:

- 3. **Consent Agenda* November 19, 2025, Licensing and Registration Committee Meeting Minutes**
- 4. **Consent Agenda* November 20, 2025, Regular Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes**

Agenda items 3-4 were approved under [Consent Agenda](#), see agenda item 2.

Board and Advisory Members' Quarterly Activity Matters:

- 5. Board Members' Quarterly Activity Update, including conferences and meetings attended and presentations given:
 - A. Adejokun
 - B. Cheng
 - C. Friese
 - D. Johnson
 - E. Moreno
 - F. Nejad
 - G. Neugebauer
 - H. Norwood
 - I. Shah
 - J. McClinton Stoglin

Agenda items provided as exhibits. No action was required on these agenda items.

6. Advisory Members' Quarterly Activity Update, including conferences and meetings attended and presentations given:
- A. Ballí
 - B. Edwards
 - C. Hodde
 - D. Nadkarni

Agenda items provided as exhibits. No action was required on these agenda items.

Finance and Budget Matters:

7. Finance and Budget
- a. Fiscal Year 2026 1st Quarter Budget Report

Mr. Mutscher reviewed the 1st quarter budget report with the Board. He stated we have a small positive variance, and we are on target for the mid-year report. He stated he will report on next year's budget at the May meeting. He informed the Board that the two-year renewals are now in progress.

Agenda item provided as exhibit. No action was required on this agenda item.

Committee Matters:

8. Licensing and Registration Committee Meeting Summary

Mrs. Norwood reported that the Committee had met and discussed the personal interview cases and shared a review of each case.

- a. Applications for Licensure Personal Interview Cases:
 1. Venson, Anthony Ray
 2. Leahy, Vincent Thomas
 3. Ray, Jeremy Keith
 4. Vasquez, Aaron Guillermo

Mrs. Norwood reported that the first four applicants had previously appeared before the Committee and were re-appearing now that their requirements had been met.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) to group agenda items 8(a) 1-4 and that Mr. Venson, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Ray, and Mr. Vasquez all be approved for Texas PE licensure.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

5. Striegl, Matthew Waylon

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) for Mr. Striegl to be granted a waiver of the FE exam and be approved for Texas PE licensure after passing the NCEES PE exam.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

6. Walker, Austin

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) for Mr. Walker to return to the Licensing Committee after submitting documentation of the successful completion of two additional years of qualifying engineering experience documented in an SER with time starting February 19, 2026; two additional PE references on the required TBPELS forms and 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.

- b. Rulemaking - Licensing Cleanup
 - i. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 131, Subchapter A - Scope and Definitions §131.2 - Definitions

- ii. 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
- iii. 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
- iv. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter D - Education §133.31 - Educational Requirements for Applicants
- v. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 134, Subchapter C - Land Surveyor Application Requirements §134.21 - Application for Standard Registration
- vi. 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
- vii. Recommendation on Proposal of New Rule 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter C - Professional Engineer License Application Requirements §133.30 - Application Language
- viii. Recommendation on Proposal of New Rule 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 134, Subchapter C - Land Surveyor Application Requirements §134.30 - Application Language
- ix. Recommendation on Appeal of Rule 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter D - Licensing for Engineers §133.37 - English Translation
- x. 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 Board on the recommended Rule adoption changes, updates, repeals, and new Rules. He stated this would be a proposal for the Rules to be published in the Texas Register for public comment.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) that items 8(b) i - x be adopted as presented to be published in the Texas Register for comments.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

c. Application Experience Reporting Project Update

Dr. Kinney summarized the reconfiguration of the experience reporting when applying. The Rules which apply to these changes are part of agenda item d. Rulemaking – Experience Reporting.

No action was required on this agenda item.

d. Rulemaking - Experience Reporting

- i. 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
- ii. 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
- iii. 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
- iv. 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

- v. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter E - Experience
§133.41 - Supplementary Experience Record (Rename Experience Report)
- vi. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter E - Experience
§133.43 - Experience Evaluation
- vii. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter F - Reference Documentation
§133.51 - Reference Providers
- viii. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter F - Reference Documentation
§133.53 - Reference Statements

Dr. Kinney briefed the Board on the recommended Rule adoptions and comments received. He stated this would be a proposal for the Rules to be published in the Texas Register for public comment.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) that items 8(d) i - viii be published in the Texas Register to be adopted as presented.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

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

Ms. Norwood briefed the Board on the exam updates. Mr. Strong provided current numbers.

Agenda item provided as exhibit. No action was required on this agenda item.

9. Policy Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

- a. 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. Adejokun briefed the board on the Committee's discussion regarding the Policy Advisory Opinion requests. Mr. Sims will start a process to gather information to develop a response before bringing it back to the Committee and the Board.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

10. Rulemaking

- a. Recommendation on Adoption of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 137, Subchapter D - Firm and Governmental Entity Compliance
§137.75 - Registration Renewal and Expiration

Dr. Kinney briefed the Board on the recommended Rule for adoption.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/McClinton) that item #10a be adopted as presented.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

- b. Recommendation on Proposal of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 139, Subchapter C - Enforcement Proceedings
§139.37 Sanctions and Penalties- Surveying

Mr. Sims briefed the Board on the recommended Rule amendment proposal.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/McClinton) that item 10(b) be published in the Texas Register, as presented, for public comment.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

11. Recommendation to Adopt Updated Criminal History Guidelines

Mr. Sims briefed the Board on the updated policy guidelines proposal.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) to adopt the policy for publishing in the Texas Register, as presented, for public comment.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

Executive Matters:

12. Executive Director Activities and Reports

A. Quarterly Meeting Activity Update, including conferences and meetings attended and presentations given

Dr. Kinney stated the agenda item was provided as an exhibit.

No action was required on this agenda item.

B. Agency Operations Report

Dr. Kinney stated the agenda item was provided as an exhibit. He pointed out that the bigger things are the two-year renewals and printing pocket cards by request only.

No action was required on this agenda item.

C. National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES)
-Meetings and Activity Update

1. NCEES Southern Zone Meeting – April 23-25, 2026 – San Juan, Puerto Rico

Dr. Kinney asked the Board to reach out to Odi for assistance with registration and travel arrangements. He stated committee preference emails should have been received and members should reach out if assistance is needed with coordination. Dr. Nejad encouraged the board members to apply for committees to represent Texas.

No action was required on this agenda item.

D. Outreach Report

Dr. Kinney reviewed the exhibit provided. He stated our numbers for request at the schools are increasing.

No action was required on this agenda item.

E. Kudos Report

Dr. Kinney reviewed the exhibit provided and stated none were received this quarter.

No action was required on this agenda item.

13. Department Director Reports

A. Licensing and Registration Report, including updates on the department's operations and workload.

Mr. Strong reviewed and highlighted items provided in the exhibit. He stated there have been seven TSSE administered to date. He informed the board that there was a two-day QAQC workshop in which they finalized three exams. He indicated the TSSE overall pass rate is at 46.5% which is in line with the national level for surveying exams. He stated that the surveyor Fiscal year 2025 CBT Exam pass rates are 50% for PS and 48% for FS. The PE average pass rate is at 58% while the FE average pass rate is at 50%. He stated that we have 23 approved licensees in Texas that have applied through the UK MRA.

No action was required on this agenda item.

B. Compliance & Enforcement Report, including updates on the department's operations and workload.

Mr. Sims reviewed and highlighted items provided in the exhibit. He stated they are still working on filling positions. He informed that Board that he and Dr. Kinney met to discuss the outlook on staff workloads. He provided a briefing on audits and rule amendments. He stated he is currently working on two policy advisory opinions. He informed the Board that he attended the NCEES Law Enforcement Committee meeting in January and they are focusing on seal fraud.

No action was required on this agenda item.

C. Operations Report, including updates on the department's operations and workload.

Mr. Schoolfield reviewed and highlighted items provided in the exhibit. He discussed the mandatory IRDR questionnaire, the two-year renewals, and the information security assessment by DIR. He stated they are working on departmental cross training. He also stated they will be working on website improvements.

No action was required on this agenda item.

14. Surveying Advisory Committee Report - February 13, 2026

Dr. Kinney reviewed the exhibit provided. He stated they discussed information from the last TSPS convention, panel discussions, and reviewing policies & rules for technical improvements. He stated TSPS will be meeting again in March.

No action was required on this agenda item.

Enforcement/Disciplinary Matters:

15. **Consent Agenda* Administrative Reports, Outstanding Administrative Penalties, Dismissed Cases, Violation Terminated Cases, Voluntary Compliance Cases**

16. Agreed Board Order

A. Surveying

1. Xavier David Sandoval, R.P.L.S. - D-42925 (Johnson - recused)

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Adejokun/Norwood) to accept the Agreed Board Order as submitted by staff.

A vote was taken and the MOTION/PASSED.

17. Consent Orders

A. Engineering

1. Brian Giovacco, LLC - B-43183
Informal Reprimands

2. D-43480

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/McClinton) to group items 17(A) 1 - 2 and approve the Informal Reprimands as submitted by staff.

A vote was taken and the MOTION/PASSED.

Licensing and Registration Matters:

18. **Consent Agenda* Licensing and Registration Applications – Engineering and Land Surveying**

A. Professional Surveyor Registration:

1. Firms Approved
2. Licensed State Land Surveyor (LSLS) Approved
3. Registered Professional Land Surveyor (RPLS) Approved
4. Surveyor-In-Training (SIT) Approved

B. Professional Engineer Licensing:

1. Licensure/Registration Status Counts
2. Approved for Exam
3. Approved for Licensure

4. Firms Approved
5. Waivers – Fundamentals of Engineering Examination
6. Waivers – Professional Engineering Examination
7. Waivers – Both
8. Not Approved for Licensure

These agenda items were approved under Consent Agenda, see agenda item #2.

Miscellaneous Matters:

19. Future Board Meetings: Agenda items, dates, locations, and other arrangements

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

20. Adjourn

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

Date Board approved minutes: 05/21/2026