

MINUTES
Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
Policy Advisory Committee Meeting
May 21, 2026 - 9:00 am

Physical Meeting Location:

Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
 1917 S. Interstate 35
 Austin, TX 78741

Discuss and Possibly Act on the Following Agenda Items:

1. Preliminary Matters - Officer Presiding

A. Call to Order

Ms. Karen Frieze, P.E., Chair called the Policy Advisory Committee meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to order at 9:01 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:

Karen Frieze, P.E., Chair
 Ademola Adejokun, P.E.
 Roberto Moreno, P.E.
 Kiran Shah

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

All members were present.

D. Welcome Visitors

Mark Neugebauer, R.P.L.S., L.S.L.S., Board Member; Albert Cheng, Board Member; Coleen Johnson, R.P.L.S., Board Member; Jon Hodde, R.P.L.S., Advisory Board Member; Govind Nadkarni, P.E., Advisory

Member; Dr. Davey Edwards, R.P.L.S., L.S.L.S., Advisory Member; Colby Bracken; and Stephanie Stanford, P.E., Southwest Engineers, present on behalf of TSPE, were present.

E. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

2. February 19, 2026, Policy Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Moreno/Ademola) to approve February 19, 2026, Policy Advisory Committee minutes as presented.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

3. 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 informed the Committee that the Board received the Policy Advisory Opinion request from Mr. Mettler with Oncor on October 10, 2025, inquiring if a professional engineer (P.E.) needs to sign and seal subsurface utility engineering (SUE) deliverables or if this work can be done by a registered professional land surveyor (RPLS). He stated that Mr. Mettler further asked if the determination of who can do the work is dependent on the utility quality level as designated in American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Standard 38-22, entitled Standard Guideline for Investigating and Documenting Existing Utilities.

Mr. Sims stated a draft response was attached for the Committee's review. He also stated that he would like to share this draft with various stakeholders between now and the August Board meeting to receive feedback. Then depending on the feedback, he will either present the draft for adoption in August or form a working group if the draft response receives unanticipated feedback.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

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

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) will be brought back after stakeholder feedback.

5. Adjourn

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Friese/Moreno) to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

Date Committee approved minutes: 08/13/2026

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