MINUTES
Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
Regular Quarterly Board Meeting
May 21, 2026 - 9:30 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

Mr. Albert Cheng, Vice-Chair, called the Regular Quarterly Board Meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to order at 9:31 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:

Albert Cheng	Vice Chair
Karen Friese, P.E.	Secretary
Kiran Shah	Treasurer
Ademola Adejokun, P.E.	Member
Coleen Johnson, R.P.L.S.	Member
Roberto Moreno, P.E.	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 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 (Johnson/Norwood) to excuse board members Dr. Sina Nejad & Dr. Marguerite McClinton Stoglin.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

D. Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Cheng led the Pledge of Allegiance.

E. Welcome Visitors

Jon Hodde, R.P.L.S., Advisory Member; William Davey Edwards, Ph.D., R.P.L.S., L.S.L.S., Advisory Member; Govind Nadkarni, P.E., Advisory Member; JoAnn Purser; Jarrod Schill; Trish Smith, TSPE executive director; and Stephanie Sanford, P.E., representing TSPE were present.

F. Public Comment

Ms. JoAnn Purser appeared before the Board on behalf of applicant Mr. Benjamin Purser. She read a document prepared by Mr. Purser detailing information regarding his previously denied application. He included history, background, and experience submitted with the application that he claims was lost or destroyed by agency staff after the May 2023 quarterly board meeting.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

2. Recognition of Edmundo Gonzalez, PE, RPLS

Mr. Cheng called for a moment of silence to honor Mr. Edmundo Gonzalez, P.E., R.P.L.S., Advisory Member.

Board members shared memories on how Mr. Gonzalez mentored, provided guidance, and made them feel welcome when they became members.

Mr. Nadkarni stated he represented the Board and Agency at Mr. Gonzalez's memorial service and presented memorabilia to Mrs. Gonzalez.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

3. **Consent Agenda***

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

A. February 18, 2026, Licensing and Registration Committee Meeting Minutes (See agenda item #4)
B. February 19, 2026, Policy Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes (See agenda item #5)
C. February 19, 2026, Regular Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes (See agenda item #6)
D. Administrative Reports, Outstanding Administrative Penalties, Default Judgment, Dismissed Cases, Violation Terminated Cases, Voluntary Compliance Cases (See agenda item #18)
E. Licensing and Registration Applications – Engineering and Land Surveying (See agenda item #20)

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Friese/Johnson) to approve items A-E as presented in the Consent Agenda.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

Board and Committee Meeting Minutes:

4. **Consent Agenda* February 18, 2026, Licensing and Registration Committee Meeting Minutes**
5. **Consent Agenda* February 19, 2026, Policy Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

6. **Consent Agenda* February 19, 2026, 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:

7. 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.

8. 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:

9. Finance and Budget
   a. Fiscal Year 2026 2nd Quarter Budget Report

      Mr. Mutscher reviewed the 2nd quarter budget report with the Board. He stated we have a positive variance on both expenditures and revenue.

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

   b. Fiscal Year 2027 Draft Budget Report – Discussion with Fund Balance Forecast

      Mr. Mutscher provided a draft budget report for fiscal year 2027 to the Board. He stated that due to less spending and more revenue, and including the two-year renewals, we have a positive variance. He reported he will present fiscal year 2027 budget report for approval at the August meeting.

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

Committee Matters:

10. 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. Steubing, Joseph Michael

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) for Mr. Steubing to be approved for Texas RPLS registration after passing the TSSE exam and concurrently submitting documentation of the successful completion of the 30-hour Basic Level Ethics course from Texas Tech Murdough Center for Engineering Professionalism.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

2. Bonilla, German Francisco

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) for Mr. Bonilla to be approved for Texas PE licensure after submitting documentation of the successful completion of the 30-hour Basic Level Ethics course from the Texas Tech Murdough Center for Engineering Professionalism.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

3. Rees, Patrick Kevin

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Friese) for Mr. Rees to be approved for Texas PE licensure after submitting documentation of the successful completion of the 30-hour Basic Level Ethics course from the Texas Tech Murdough Center for Engineering Professionalism.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

4. Casarez, Jeffrey

Mr. Jeffrey Casarez was no show for his scheduled personal appearance at the Licensing and Registration Committee Meeting.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

5. Conner, Sean

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Friese) for Mr. Conner's request to waive the NCEES FE exam be denied and for Mr. Conner to be required to pass the NCEES FE exam before applying to sit for the NCEES PE exam.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

6. Escobedo, Bradley Valentin

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) for Mr. Escobedo's application for the SIT certification to be denied due to inadequate qualifications.
A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

7. Purser, Benjamin John-Franklin

Mr. Benjamin Purser did not appear at this meeting and requested to have his personal appearance postponed until the August 2026 Licensing and Registration Committee Meeting.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

8. Dolezal, Kyle David

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Friese) for Mr. Dolezal to be approved for a one-year provisional Texas PE license while concurrently submitting documentation of the successful completion of the 90-hour Advanced Level Ethics course from Texas Tech Murdough Center for Engineering Professionalism and returning to the Licensing Committee for the May 2027 meeting. During the one-year period if the applicant has any criminal arrests or professional complaints, the provisional license will be terminated.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

9. Parker, Colin

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) for Mr. Parker to be approved for a one-year provisional Texas PE license while concurrently submitting documentation of the successful completion of the 60-hour Intermediate Level Ethics course from Texas Tech Murdough Center for Engineering Professionalism and returning to the Licensing Committee for the May 2027 meeting. During the one-year period if the applicant has any criminal arrests or professional complaints, the provisional license will be terminated.

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 New Rule 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter C - Professional Engineer License Application Requirements
   §133.30 - Application Language
   iii. Recommendation on Proposal of New Rule 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 134, Subchapter C - Land Surveyor Application Requirements
   §134.30 - Application Language

   Dr. Kinney briefed the Board on the request for proposal of amendments to the Rules. It clarifies language from feedback provided by the Governor's office.

   It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) to group items 10(b)(i) through 10(b)(iii) and approve the proposed amendments to be published in the Texas Register for public comment.

   A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

c. Rulemaking - Experience Reporting
   i. Recommendation on Adoption 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 Adoption 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 Adoption 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 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

v. Recommendation on Adoption of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter E - Experience
§133.41 - Supplementary Experience Record (Rename Experience Report)

vi. Recommendation on Adoption of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter E - Experience
§133.43 - Experience Evaluation

vii. Recommendation on Adoption of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter F - Reference Documentation
§133.51 - Reference Providers

viii. Recommendation on Adoption of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 133, Subchapter F - Reference Documentation
§133.53 - Reference Statements

Dr. Kinney briefed the Board on the Rules proposed for adoption. He stated no public comments were received while posted on the Texas Register.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Friese) to group the proposed amendments, items 10(c)(i) through 10(c)(viii), and approve them for adoption.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

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

Ms. Norwood thanked Licensing staff, Ed Brannan, and Rick Strong, for all the hard work and support that goes into preparing for the Licensing and Registration Committee meetings.

Mr. Cheng thanked Ms. Norwood for her leadership to the Committee and the staff for all their work on the Licensing and Registration Committee.

Mr. Strong reviewed the exhibit provided and thanked everyone involved with the exam process. He stated the March 27th exam administration was a success. There was a 36% pass rate and the overall TSSE exams pass rate is 45%. He stated the QAQC met in January to finalize the exams. The upcoming exams are scheduled for June 26, 2026, and October 23, 2026.

No action was required on this agenda item.

11. 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)

Ms. Friese briefed the Board on the Committee's discussion and stated that Mr. Sims prepared a draft response for review. She stated that Mr. Sims 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.

12. **Rulemaking**
    a. Recommendation on Adoption of Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 139,
    Subchapter C - Enforcement Proceedings
    §139.37 Sanctions and Penalties- Surveying

    Dr. Kinney briefed the Board on the recommended Rule amendment proposal for adoption. It was posted in the Texas Register and no feedback was received.

    It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Moreno) that item 12(a) be published and adopted.

    A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

13. Recommendation to Adopt Updated Criminal History Guidelines

Mr. Sims provided an update. He stated the Board had previously voted to adopt these guidelines. He stated Board staff are looking into breaking the guidance into two documents: one part will need to be published and the other will not. He stated that the Board previously approved the form.

No action was required on this agenda item.

Executive Matters:

14. Executive Director Activities and Reports
    A. Quarterly Meeting Activity Update, including conferences and meetings attended and presentations given

    Dr. Kinney reviewed the agenda item which was provided as an exhibit. Mr. Shah asked for an update on the status of the Texas Tech Murdough Center for Engineering Professionalism. Mr. Kinney noted that the courses are currently on hold and reached out to the Dean to discuss its future and emphasize how much the agency and other states use the program.

    No action was required on this agenda item.

    B. Agency Operations Report

    Dr. Kinney reviewed the agenda item which was provided as an exhibit. He pointed out that the bigger projects were job postings, landscaping; TxDOT's work on frontage road; and pre-legislative items.

    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
    San Juan, Puerto Rico

    Dr. Kinney stated that the Texas Board was well represented at the meeting. He shared that the meetings and discussions went well. He thanked everyone that travelled.

    No action was required on this agenda item.

2. NCEES Annual Meeting Henderson, Nevada

Dr. Kinney stated that the emails for the NCEES funded positions have gone out. He shared that the agency will have additional staff attending the Law Enforcement meetings this year. He informed the Board that funding through the agency is available and asked that members reach out to Odi for assistance with registration and travel arrangements.

No action was required on this agenda item.

D. Outreach Report

Dr. Kinney briefed the Board on numbers reported on the exhibit provided. He stated the sessions are well attended.

No action was required on this agenda item.

E. Kudos Report

Dr. Kinney reviewed the exhibit provided and thanked staff for their exemplary customer service.

No action was required on this agenda item.

15. 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 they have reposted the Program Specialist position and the Engineer position due to increased workload. He informed the Board that we receive about 5,000 combined PE and RPLS applications per year to process. He stated staff training is progressing well and thanks his team for their hard work. He stated that we currently have 28 approved licensed engineers in Texas that have applied through the UK MRA. He thanked the Board, for his staff, for their continued support.

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 he is focusing on consent orders. He informed the Board that he is still working on filling positions. The Investigator position is still open. The Team Lead position posting will be closing soon, and he will work with Human Resources on scheduling interviews. He thanked his staff for their continued hard work. He stated they opened 108 cases while closing 120 in the past quarter. He stated they are encountering issues during CEP audits where licensees do not have the necessary documentation to back up their hours, or they are just not completing their required continuing education. He stated the updating of Law & Rules on the website went to the Executive department.

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 stated they have completed

upgrading our Microsoft products to E5 from E3. He informed the Board that at the end of the current phone contract, we will be moving to TEAMS phones. This should occur in the early part of 2027. He is working on completing the Biannual security report; deploying the NCEES license verification system (ELVS); and working on AI policy requirements.

No action was required on this agenda item.

16. Fiscal Year 2026 Mid-Year Performance Measures Report

Mr. Sims and Mr. Strong reviewed the exhibit provided. Mr. Sims reported that there have not been a lot of changes to the Compliance and Enforcement numbers. The number of complaints has dropped a little.

Mr. Strong reported the same regarding Licensing and Registration numbers. He added that there has been improvement on the processing time.

No action was required on this agenda item.

17. Surveying Advisory Committee Report - April 10, 2026

Dr. Kinney reviewed the exhibit provided. He stated they had good attendance and provided a briefing on the agenda items discussed such as new members and technical surveying rulemaking.

Ms. Johnson stated she was pleased with the members and their input. She stated that the Committee has a lot of work ahead. Mr. Neugebauer, Mr. Hodde, and Dr. Edwards shared their positive experiences on the Committee. Mr. Cheng recognized the surveyors for their hard work and charges.

No action was required on this agenda item.

Enforcement/Disciplinary Matters:

18. **Consent Agenda* Administrative Reports, Outstanding Administrative Penalties, Dismissed Cases, Violation Terminated Cases, Voluntary Compliance Cases**
19. Consent Orders

A. Engineering

1. Taylor Cade Watson, P.E. - D-43010
2. George Enrique Lazaro, P.E. - D-43193
3. Kelly Caitlin Sullivan, P.E. - D-43230

Informal Reprimand

4. D-43105
5. D-43311
6. D-43350
7. D-43479
8. D-43734

B. Surveying

1. James P. Walkoviak, R.P.L.S. - D-43067
2. George Edward Lucas, R.P.L.S. D-43087
3. Kenneth Allen Zollinger, R.P.L.S. - D-43178

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Johnson) to accept the Consent Order items 19(A)(1-8) and 19(B)(1-3) as submitted.

A vote was taken and the MOTION/PASSED.

Licensing and Registration Matters:

20. **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 Exams
        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:

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

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

22. Adjourn

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Johnson/Moreno) to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

Date Board approved minutes: 08/13/2026