

MEETING NOTES
SURVEYING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

February 13, 2026
9:00 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Via Zoom

Discuss and Possibly Act on the Following Agenda Items:

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

- Jason Jernigan, RPLS – SAC Chair
- Connor Brown, RPLS – SAC Member
- John Eby, RPLS – SAC Member
- Ivan Garcia, RPLS – SAC Member
- Michael Hoover, RPLS, LSLs – SAC Member
- Ronny Lackey, RPLS – SAC Member
- David Rolbiecki, RPLS, LSLs – SAC Member
- Kenneth Yazel, RPLS – SAC Member

- Coleen Johnson, RPLS – TBPELS Board Liaison
- Mark Neugebauer, RPLS, LSLs – TBPELS Board Liaison

- Davey Edwards, RPLS, LSLs – TBPELS Advisory Member
- Jon Hodde, RPLS – TBPELS Advisory Member

- Lance Kinney, PhD, PE – TBPELS Executive Director
- Michael Sims, PE – TBPELS Director of Compliance & Enforcement
- Rick Strong, PE – TBPELS Director of Licensing and Registration
- Ed Brannan, PE – TBPELS Technical Engineering Specialist
- Elissa Mazza – TBPELS Staff Attorney
- Brian Waltmann, PE - TBPELS Technical Engineering Specialist

SAC Member Tony Gray was absent due to a scheduling conflict.

3. Exam Report

- a. TSSE Exam and Statistics – Mr. Strong reviewed the statistics for the October 2025 exams and the breakdown of performance vs various degree types, first vs repeat takers, etc. The board has now delivered a number of exams and we are building a solid record of both exam and item performance. The committee asked that staff include a new item to the performance review to differentiate between applicants with the new 32-hour educational criteria vs the prior criteria.

4. Legislative Update and Rule Adoptions
 - a. SB 681 – 2 Year Renewals – Dr. Kinney reported that the rules for this bill are now fully in effect and the conversion has begun for both surveyors and engineers. This process will take approximately 2 years until all licensees are completely converted to a 2-year cycle.
 - b. SB 1259 – TSPS Bill – Dr. Kinney reported that the rules for this bill are now fully in place.
 - c. New Rule Package – clean-up re: application language – Dr. Kinney described some clean-up rules related to application documentation in English. The SAC discussed and had no concerns proposing the rules to the board.
 - d. Mr. Sims discussed a clean up to one of the sanction tables in 139.37 to correct erroneous rule citations. The SAC had no concerns proposing the rules to the board.
5. SAC Presentation – TSPS Symposium – Rescheduled – Dr. Kinney noted that the TSPS Symposium has been rescheduled to March 16-17. We will still be doing the SAC panel discussion. He will contact the SAC members shortly to confirm attendance and participation in the panel.
6. Exam Committee Membership – Update – Mr. Strong gave a summary of the recent QA/QC meeting. They finalized all of the exams for 2026 and began work on qualifications for workgroup membership, structure, recruiting, and processes. He will also go through this process for other committees including item writers. They are developing a draft version of this information to bring to the SAC for review. The timeline is by the end of 2026.
7. Analytical Scenario Review – Update – Mr. Strong reported that the QA/QC workgroup also discussed reviewing the item bank to develop a public practice exam. They are scheduling a separate special meeting to work on this topic.
8. Policy Advisory Opinions
 - a. Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) – Mr. Sims reported that there has been a request about SUE that will be presented at the upcoming board meeting to begin the policy advisory development process. Staff understand that there are many parts to SUE, including surveying specific activities and work products, as well as engineering specific activities and work products. We will work on a draft and possibly convene a stakeholder meeting to review and gather information on this complex issue.
 - b. Condominium Surveys – Mr. Sims presented that additional questions have been coming in concerning condominium surveys and this topic may be ripe for a policy advisory opinion. The SAC agreed that this could be a SAC originated opinion and will work with staff on the appropriate request questions.
9. Surveying Rule Review – Technical Standards – This topic was the predominant discussion for the meeting (1.5 hours). Dr. Kinney presented an overview of the current rules, information gathered from the TSPS Manual of Practice, as well as the technical standards from a sample of other state boards of surveying. The SAC discussed many issues and provided a first-round discussion for each rule. Notes were taken for future discussion with the SAC and no final recommendations were made

at this time. Next actions include distributing the discussion notes to the SAC; review of technical standards from other states; and discussion of making updates or edits of current rules, statute, or possible inclusion of standards via citation to external sources.

10. Items for Future Meetings – No future items were discussed.

11. Adjourn