

**MINUTES
GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
1917 S. IH 35
Austin, TX 78741
February 15, 2018—9:30 AM**

CALL TO ORDER. Dr. Sina Nejad, P.E., Chair called the General Issues Committee meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers to order at 9:30 a.m. at the Texas Board of Professional Engineering at 1917 S. IH 35, Austin, TX. A quorum was present. (NOTE: all votes are unanimous unless noted.)

1. Roll call and welcome visitors.

The following Committee members were present:

Dr. Sina Nejad, P.E.	Chair
Sockalingam Kannappan, P.E.	Member
Catherine Norwood, P.E.	Member
Elvira Reyna	Member

A quorum was present.

Ms. Veena Mohan, Assistant Attorney General, was present to provide legal counsel to the Board. Mr. Albert Cheng, Dr. Edward Summers, Mr. Govind Nadkarni, P.E. and Mr. Edmundo Gonzalez, P.E., Advisory Members were present.

The following staff members were present:

Lance Kinney, Ph.D., P.E.	Executive Director
David Howell, P.E.	Deputy Executive Director
Rick Strong, P.E.	Director of Licensing
Jeff Mutscher	Director of Financial Services
Clif Bond	Supervising Investigator
Cristabel Bodden	Executive Assistant

Visitors: Juan Barrera, Texas Attorney General's Office and Kent O'Brien, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation.

2. Public comment. None.

DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS (AGENDA ITEMS 3-7):

3. Discuss and possibly approve the November 16, 2017, General Issues Committee Meeting minutes.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Kannappan/Norwood) to approve the November 16, 2017, General Issues Committee minutes as submitted. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

4. Discuss and possibly recommend adoption of the following rules.

- Chapter 131
 - §131.15 Committees
 - §131.43 Public Participation
 - §131.87 Negotiated Rule Making Procedures
 - §131.113 Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

- Chapter 137
 - §137.7 License Expiration and Renewal
 - §137.15 Replacement or New Design Certificates
 - §137.17 Continuing Education Program

Mr. Howell discussed the possible adoption of the rules published in the Texas Register for a 30-day comment period. Mr. Howell relayed that no comments were received and recommends adoption to the Board. If approved, the adoption would be published in the Texas Register.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Kannappan) to recommend to the Board the adoption of Chapter 131 and 137 rules. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

5. Texas State Auditor's Office Audit.

Dr Kinney reported that this report reflected information from the culmination of a four-month review process. Dr. Kinney relayed that the audit committee staff were very professional and very thorough and found no series issues and discussed recommendations made to the Board. Dr. Kinney stated that Dr. Summers was heavily involved in audit process. No action taken.

6. Issues for consideration and schedule next meeting. None.

7. ADJOURN.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Summers/Kannappan) to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Date Board accepted minutes:

May 17, 2018