

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
1917 S. IH 35
Austin, Texas 78741
February 14, 2019—9:30 AM

Discuss and Possibly Act on the Following Agenda Items:

1. Preliminary Matters

A. Call to Order

Albert Cheng, Acting Chair, called the Legislative Issues Committee meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers to order at 9:30 a.m. on February 14, 2019, at the Texas Board of Professional Engineers, 1917 S. IH 35, Austin, TX. A quorum was present. (NOTE: all votes are unanimous unless noted.)

B. Roll Call

Ms. Bodden called the roll. It was noted for the record that a quorum was present.

The following Committee members were present:

Albert Cheng	Acting Chair
Ademola Adejokun, P.E.	Member
Sina Nejad, Ph.D., P.E.	Member

Veena Mohan, Assistant Attorney General, was present to provide legal counsel to the Board. Edmundo Gonzalez, P.E., Advisory Member was present.

Lamberto Ballí, P.E.; Catherine Norwood, P.E.; Rolando Rubiano, P.E.; Board Members and Dr. Daniel Wong, P.E., Board Chair 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
Michael Sims, P.E.	Director of Compliance and Enforcement
Cristabel Bodden	Executive Assistant

C. Possibly excuse absent committee members

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Nejad/Adejokun) to excuse Ms. Reyna from the Legislative Committee meeting. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

D. Welcome Visitors

Mark Hanna, P.E., Texas Society of Professional Surveyors (TSPS); Sockalingam Kannappan, P.E.; Robert Keys, Robert Keys & Associates; Bill O'Hara, P.E., TSPS; Stan Piper, Piper Surveying Company; June Melton, P.E., Amstar Engineering; Heather Sides, LJA Surveying; Trish Smith, P.E., Texas Society of Professional Engineers; Scott Stewart, American Council

of Engineering Companies of Texas; Dr. Edward Summers; and Kyle Womack, P.E.

E. Public comment

None.

2. November 15, 2018 Legislative Issues Committee Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Nejad/Adejokun) to approve the November 15, 2018, Legislative Committee minutes as submitted. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

3. 86th Texas Legislative Session Activities

Mr. Howell relayed that the session is ongoing and that TBPE uses the Telicon system that monitors and tracks bills. Currently, bills are being filed and we are waiting on Committees to act.

4. Bill Tracking and Other Legislative Issues

Mr. Howell relayed that we have a tracking report available for the review by the Committee. The report shows who filed the bill, the caption of the bill, the progress of the bill and what Committee it has been assigned to.

Ms. Reyna arrived at 9:36 a.m. and presided over the remainder of the Legislative Committee meeting.

5. Update on Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying – Texas Sunset Advisory Commission Actions

Dr. Kinney provided an update to the recommendation by the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission. Dr. Kinney relayed that everyone at the Board of Professional Land Surveying was very receptive to the possible merger and were eager to move forward with the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.

Dr. Kinney included an exhibit for the Committee that includes a summary, recommendations, and possible changes to the Legislative statute.

Ms. Reyna asked if anyone from wanted to say a few words regarding the possible merger.

Mr. O'Hara, Vice-President of the Executive Committee for the Texas Society of Professional Surveyors relayed that they were in support of the merger between the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveyors.

6. Issues for consideration at future board meeting

Mr. Howell relayed that packets were provided to the Committee members to provide an example of the type of materials we could pull together for conferences, presentations, and any outreach opportunities they are a part of.

7. Adjourn

Ms. Reyna adjourned the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

Date minutes were approved by Committee as submitted:
Date Board accepted minutes:

May 23, 2019
May 23, 2019