

**MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
Hyatt Regency Lost Pines
575 Hyatt Lost Pines Road
Lost Pines, Texas 78612
May 26, 2021—2:00 PM**

Discuss and Possibly Act on the Following Agenda Items:

1. Preliminary Matters

A. Call to Order

Mr. Albert Cheng, Chair, called the Legislative Issues Committee meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to order at 2:10 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines at 575 Hyatt Lost Pines Road, Lost Pines, TX. (NOTE: all votes are unanimous unless noted.)

B. Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Cheng led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call

Dr. Kinney called the roll. It was noted for the record that a quorum was present.

The following Committee members were present:

Albert Cheng	Chair
Coleen Johnson, R.P.L.S.	Member
Rolando Rubiano, P.E.	Member
Kiran Shah	Public Member

Veena Mohan, Assistant Attorney General and General Counsel for the Board and Madeline Bergstrom from the Office of the Attorney General, were present to provide legal counsel to the Board.

The following staff members were present:

Lance Kinney, Ph.D., P.E.	Executive Director
Rick Strong, P.E.	Director of Licensing and Registration
Michael Sims, P.E.	Director of Compliance and Enforcement
Elissa Mazza	Staff Attorney
Janet Sobieski	Director of Operations
Mason Schoolfield	Lead Systems Developer

D. Excuse absent Committee members

No Committee members were absent.

E. Welcome Visitors

Lamberto Ballí, P.E., Board Member; Dr. Sina K. Nejad, P.E., P.Eng., Board Member; Mark Neugebauer, R.P.L.S., L.S.L.S., Board Member; and R. Kyle Womack, P.E., Retired, Advisory Member, were present.

F. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

2. February 25, 2021 Legislative Issues Committee Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Rubiano/Johnson) to approve the February 25, 2021, Legislative Issues Committee meeting minutes as presented. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

3. Important Dates and Information Related to the 87th Legislative Session

Mr. Cheng stated that today is the last day that Senate Bills can get out of the House.

The Lieutenant Governor today asked the Governor for a Special Session to go over Bills that did not get passed.

The Legislature plans to have Special Sessions on redistricting and allocating the remainder of the federal COVID funds.

Mr. Cheng stated that only the Governor can call a Special Session and dictate what issues they can work on.

No action was required on this agenda item.

4. Update on bills relating to the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

Dr. Kinney stated that a report of Bills being tracked by the agency is available as an exhibit.

Dr. Kinney stated that once everything is signed and finalized, he will provide a summary of the Bills relating the Board and the Engineering and Land Surveying professions.

No action was required on this agenda item.

5. Issues for consideration for future Committee meetings

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

6. Adjourn

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Rubiano/Shah) to adjourn the meeting at 2:34 p.m. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Date Committee approved minutes:
Date Board approved minutes:

August 26, 2021
August 26, 2021