

**MINUTES**  
**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS**  
**VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**  
**August 26, 2021—10:00 AM**

**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 10:40 a.m. via Videoconference. (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	Chair
Coleen Johnson, R.P.L.S.	Member
Rolando Rubiano, P.E.	Member
Kiran Shah	Public Member

Melissa Juarez, 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
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
Cristabel Bodden	Executive Assistant

**C. Excuse absent Committee members**

All Committee members were present.

**D. Welcome Visitors**

Ademola Adejokun, P.E., Board Member; Lamberto Ballí, P.E., Board Member; Jon Hodde, R.P.L.S., Advisory Member; Govind Nadkarni, P.E., Advisory Member; Dr. Sina K. Nejad, P.E., P.Eng., Board Member; Mark Neugebauer, R.P.L.S., L.S.L.S., Board Member; Catherine Norwood, P.E., Board Member; and R. Kyle Womack, P.E., Retired, Advisory Member, were present.

**E. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**2. May 26, 2021 Legislative Issues Committee Meeting Minutes**

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Johnson/Shah) to approve the May 26, 2021, Legislative Issues Committee meeting minutes as presented. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

**3. Update and Information Related to the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session – Special Sessions**

Mr. Cheng stated that the Legislature is currently under a second Special Session. There are two weeks left in the second Special Session.

The special session was called for issues such as the utility system and redistricting and there are no current bills directly impacting our agency. The agency staff continues to monitor and track all bills as they are filed and move through the process.

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 provided a summary of the bills being tracked as an exhibit.

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/Johnson) to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Date Board approved minutes:

November 18, 2021