

**MINUTES**  
**Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors**  
**Strategic Planning Workshop**

Hilton Americas – Houston  
1600 Lamar, Houston, TX 77010  
Room: 339A and 339B

**October 28, 2021**  
**8:00 AM**

**Discuss and Possibly Act on the Following Agenda Items:**

**1. Preliminary Matters (Sina K. Nejad, P.E., P.Eng., Presiding Officer)**

**A. Call to Order**

Dr. Sina K. Nejad, P.E., P.Eng., Chair, called the Strategic Planning Workshop of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to order at 8:14 a.m. at the Hilton Americas – Houston at 1600 Lamar, Houston, TX.

**B. Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance**

Dr. Nejad 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 Board members were present:**

Dr. Sina K. Nejad, P.E., P.Eng.	Chair
Catherine Norwood, P.E.	Vice-Chair
Ademola Adejokun, P.E.	Secretary
Kiran Shah	Treasurer
Lamberto Ballí, P.E.	Member
Rolando Rubiano, P.E.	Member
Albert Cheng	Public Member
Coleen Johnson, R.P.L.S.	Member
Mark Neugebauer, R.P.L.S., L.S.L.S.	Member
Dr. Marguerite McClinton Stoglin	Public Member

**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
Jeff Mutscher	Chief Financial Officer
Janet Sobieski	Director of Operations

**D. Excuse absent Board members**

All Board members were present.

**E. Welcome Visitors**

Dr. William Edwards, R.P.L.S., L.S.L.S., Advisory Member; Jon Hodde, R.P.L.S., Advisory Member; Govind Nadkarni, P.E., Advisory Member; and R. Kyle Womack, P.E., Retired, Advisory Member, were present.

**F. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**2. Discuss trends and challenges ahead for the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors**

Mr. Womack continued discussion with board members, advisory members, and staff, related to the current condition of operations at the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (TBPELS) and possible challenges ahead. Each director provided an overview of their department and board and agency staff discussed trends and challenges facing the agency. No action was required on this agenda item.

**3. Discuss critical issues for the future for the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors**

Mr. Womack facilitated a discussion with board members, advisory members, and staff, related to critical issues for the future of TBPELS.

Board staff will continue review of topics and recommendations resulting from this discussion.

No action was required on this agenda item.

Dr. Nejad recessed the meeting at 11:45 a.m. for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with only Board members and Executive Director Kinney in attendance.

**4. Prioritize and develop next steps to carry the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors into the future**

Mr. Womack facilitated a discussion with board members and the Executive Director to develop a list of next steps for TBPELS, board members, and agency staff.

No action was required on this agenda item.

**5. Adjourn**

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Rubiano/Norwood) to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Date Board approved the minutes as submitted:

November 18, 2021