

MINUTES
GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
1917 IH-35 SOUTH, BOARD ROOM, AUSTIN, TEXAS
November 19, 2015—9:30 am

CALL TO ORDER. James Greer, P.E., Presiding Officer called the General Issues Committee meeting of Texas Board of Professional Engineers meeting to order at 9:38 am on November 19, 2015, at Texas Board of Professional Engineers, 1917 S. Interstate 35 in Austin, Texas. A quorum was present. (Note: all votes are unanimous unless noted)

1. Roll call and welcome visitors.

James "Jim" Greer, P.E.	Chair
Elvira Reyna	Member
Sina Nejad, D.Eng., P.E.	Member

A quorum was present. Ms. Veena Mohan, Assistant Attorney General, was present to provide legal counsel to the Board. Mr. Edmundo Gonzalez, P.E., Jose Guerra, P.E., and Mr. Govind Nadkarni, P.E., Emeritus Board Members, were present.

The following staff members were present:

Lance Kinney, Ph.D., P.E.	Executive Director
David Howell, P.E.	Deputy Executive Director
C.W. Clark, P.E.	Director of Compliance & Enforcement
Morgen Cuming, JD	Staff Attorney
Dorothy Gonzales	Executive Assistant

Visitors: Terry Bilderback, P.E., Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE); Kent O'Brien, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT); Jayleen Ramirez, TxDOT; Peyton McKnight, American Council for Engineering Companies - Texas (ACEC); Sina Nejad, D.Eng., P.E., Board Member; Daniel O. Wong, Ph.D., P.E., Board Member; Sam Kannappan, P.E., Board Member, R. Kyle Womack, P.E., Board Member.

2. Public comment. None.

DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS (AGENDA ITEMS 3-6):

3. Discuss and possibly approve the following rule adoptions as posted in the Texas Register.

- Professional Fee Repeal (HB 7)–
 - §133.81 Receipt and Processing of Applications by the Board
 - §133.87 Final Action on Applications
 - §133.97 Issuance of License
 - §137.7 License Expiration and Renewal
 - §137.9 Renewal for Expired License
 - §137.11 Expiration and Licensed in Another Jurisdiction
 - §137.13 Inactive Status
- Windstorm Roster Removal (HB 2439)–
 - §137.19. Engineers Qualified to be Texas Windstorm Inspectors.
- Contracting (SB 20)–
 - §131.37 State Contract Guidelines
- Rulemaking Petitions (HB763)
 - §131.85 Board Rules Procedures

Mr. Howell reported that the rules mentioned above have been posted in the Texas Register for public comment. Two positive comments thanking the Board have been received and no other comments. No changes have been made as a result of the comments and staff recommends approval of the rules.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Reyna/Nejad) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on November 19, 2015, to adopt §§133.81, 133.87, 133.97, 137.7, 137.9, 137.11, 137.13, 137.19, 131.37, 131.85 as submitted. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

4. Texas Board of Professional Engineer, 4 year Rule Review.

Mr. Howell reported that all state agencies are required to review all of their rules every four years. Staff has submitted the Board's rule review plan for approval/guidance from the Board. Dr. Kinney added that staff would like to have a formal approval in the form of a motion.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Nejad/Reyna) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on November 19, 2015, to approve the Board's Rule Review Plan to be posted in the Texas Register as submitted. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

5. Issues for consideration and schedule next meeting.

Committee members will see an update of the Rule Review Plan.

6. ADJOURN.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Reyna/Nejad) to adjourn the meeting at 9:47am. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Date the Board approved the minutes as submitted:

February 11, 2016