

**STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP MINUTES**  
**TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**  
**1917 S. INTERSTATE 35**  
**AUSTIN, TX 78741**  
**MAY 21, 2015 – 12:30 PM**

**Call to Order.** Daniel O. Wong, Ph.D., P.E., Presiding Officer called the Strategic Planning Workshop to order at 12:30 pm at the Texas Board of Professional Engineers, 1917 S. Interstate 35, Austin, TX 78741.

(NOTE: no votes were taken during this meeting)

1. Roll Call and Welcome Visitors.

Daniel O. Wong, Ph.D., P.E.	Chair
Elvira Reyna	Vice Chair
Carry Ann Baker	Secretary (excused absence)
Edward Summers, Ph.D.	Treasurer
James “Jim” Greer, P.E.	Member (excused absence)
Lamberto “Bobby” Ballí, P.E.	Member
Sina Nejad, P.E., PEng.	Member
R. Kyle Womack, P.E.	Member
Sockalingam “Sam” Kannappan, 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., Mr. Jose I. Guerra, P.E., and Govind Nadkarni, P.E., Emeritus Board Members, were present.

The following staff members were present:

Lance Kinney, P.E.	Executive Director
David Howell, P.E.	Deputy Executive Director
C.W. Clark, P.E.	Director of Compliance & Enforcement
Robert Opiela, P.E.	Director of Licensing
Jeff Mutscher	Director of Finance
Janet Sobieski	Director of IT
Suzanne Retiz	Human Resource Specialist
Dorothy Gonzales	Executive Assistant

**Visitors. None**

2. **Public Comment.** None.

3. Discuss trends and challenges ahead for the Texas Board of Professional Engineers  
The meeting attendees discussed their visions of the ideal future using the year 2020 as a target.  
No action was taken.

4. Discuss critical issues for the future for the Texas Board of Professional Engineers  
For each topic, there was a discussion of why it was a topic of interest and what could potentially be done to address it. Topics discussed were

- Prioritize number of licensees (Decoupling of PE exam and required experience)
- Women in Engineering
- STEM Education
- Regulatory Importance (NCEES)
- Legislature, Government, Local, Public
- Mobile Advisory Committee
  - EIT Advisory Committee
- NCEES Presence
- Regulatory Importance/Relevance
- Networking our constituencies

- Industry Exemption
- Approach from Positive, Building Alliances
- Getting More People in “Professional” Registration
  - Decoupling
  - Education/University Outreach

As a result of these discussions, no action was taken.

5. Prioritize and develop next steps to carry the Texas Board of Professional Engineers into the future

- **Agency visibility & Respect (2 prong)**
  - All Engineers
  - Decision Makers
  - Agency Visibility
    - More Engineers (Including female engineers)
- **Industry Engineers-Encourage licensure, pass word about benefits of licensure.**
  - Examples: Utility & Federal Engineers
- **Story of Engineering profession, engineering projects-good stories rather than disasters**
  - (Visibility –Key)
- **Contact Legislators out of session at their home districts (visibility)**
- **Faculty Licensure-visit with universities and colleges**
- **MathCounts**
- **How to bring PE-Engineers to fore front.**

6. **Adjourn.**

Workshop was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Date Board approved as submitted:

August 27, 2015