

MINUTES
INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
UT - Joe Thompson Conference Center
2405 Robert Dedman Drive
Room – 2.122
Austin, TX
June 6, 2014 - 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Call to order.

The meeting of the Industry Advisory Committee (IAC) of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers (Board) was called to Order by Chair Coy Veach, PE on June 6, 2014, at approximately 10:00 a.m., at the Thompson Conference Center, Room – 2.122, Austin, TX

1. Introduction of Committee Members

Coy M. Veach, P.E., Chair
Perfecto Solis, P.E., Vice Chair
Jatin A. Desai, P.E.
Shawn Bodine, P.E.
Jose Guerra, P.E.
Roxanne Pillar, P.E.
Walter Shumac, III, P.E.
Dan Witliff, P.E.
Kyle Womack, P.E.; Board Liaison

Staff present:

David Howell, P.E., Deputy Executive Director

Visitors:

Peyton McKnight, ACEC Texas

2. Public Comment. None.

3. Approve Minutes from May 31, 2013 IAC Meeting

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Shumac/Pillar) to approve the Industry Advisory Committee minutes from the May 31, 2013 meeting. A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

4. Update on Issues from the Board

Mr. Howell shared information regarding recent Board activities on the following topics:

- New DED and Director of Licensing
- Law & Rule Changes
- Criminal History Record Check Update
- Computer Based Testing Update

- Software Engineering Update
- Compliance & Enforcement Processes Update
- International Licensure Update
- Policy Advisory Opinion Update

Each item was discussed following the attached handouts and committee members asked questions for clarification. No committee action was taken or recommended.

5. **Strategic Plan Update** – Mr. Howell described Board and staff efforts regarding Strategic planning. He explained the annual cycle used by staff to develop a plan for the agency’s continuous improvement efforts known as the Journey Toward Excellence. He and Mr. Womack explained the additional Board activity related to this effort which was a Board retreat held after the May Board meetings to gather their perspective. Mr. Howell lead the Committee in a discussion to gather member input on the following questions:

What are some issues you see coming up in the next year? 2 years? By 2020?

- Relationship with Architect.
- Better, as good as it has been.
- Value of Licensure
- Clarity of relationship between Engineers and IT, low voltage, fire protection systems.
- Industry Exemption
- Social Media
- Construction Management-Credentials or certification of these other personnel.

What are some suggestions on ways TBPE could address these issues or generally improve?

- Flesh out agreement between Engineers and Architect Engineering and Construction Managers.
- Soft Skills-CEP

No committee action was taken.

6. **Discussion of Agency Visibility and Outreach Efforts** – Mr. Howell further described the Board retreat and the resulting initiative regarding visibility. The Committee members were asked for input for the following questions:

How can TBPE communicate better with your constituency / stakeholders? (Methods / Messages)

- Social Media—Targeted; Demographics
- Outreach to Particular Groups—QBS; city purchasing personnel
- Approach Senior Executives at State Regulatory Agencies—TDH, RRC, etc.

How can the advisory committees / members help with this communication?

- Help with presentations-TBPE Outreach
- Concerted efforts with technical professional societies—young engineers ASCE, TSPE, etc
- Faculty Licensure—message to young students/Engineers

No committee action was taken.

7. **Discussion of Faculty Licensure** – Mr. Veach briefly reminded the committee members about the Faculty Licensure Task Force meeting that took place on September 24, 2012 and the resulting action. He explained that the Task Force developed a position statement, but that because of the timing, no further action was taken. He asked the committee if this was still an item of interest which could be discussed at the combined advisory committee meeting. Committee members generally agreed. No formal action was taken.

8. **Current issues from Industry for discussion** – Mr. Veach opened the discussion by asking the committee members for topics. He brought up the need for clarity for public entities regarding the responsibility of engineers and other design professionals at various stages of design and for projects with multiple responsible professionals. Who can seal documents? What are the requirements at different stages? Who is ultimately responsible when multiple disciplines are involved? Committee members discussed the issues from their perspectives. No action taken on this item.

9. **Issues for Discussion for the Joint Education, Government and Industry Meeting** – The possible reactivation of the Faculty Licensure Task Force.

10. **Issues for consideration at the Next scheduled IAC meeting** –

Possible reactivation of the Faculty Licensure Task Force.

11. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.

Date Committee approved minutes as submitted:	June 26, 2015
Date Board accepted minutes:	August 27, 2015