

MINUTES
LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
1917 IH35 SOUTH, BOARD ROOM, AUSTIN, TX 78741
November 19, 2014— 1:00 PM

Call to Order. Lamberto “Bobby” Ballí, P.E., Chair, called the Licensing Committee meeting to order at 1:00 pm on November 19, 2014, at the Texas Board of Professional Engineers, 1917 South Interstate 35, Austin, TX. (Note: all motions are unanimous unless noted).

1. Roll call and welcome visitors.

Lamberto “Bobby” Ballí, P.E.	Chair
Carry Ann Baker, J.D.	Member
Jim Greer, P.E.	Member
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. Jose I. Guerra, P.E., Emeritus Board Member, was present.

The following staff members were present:

Lance Kinney, P.E.	Executive Director
David Howell, P.E.	Deputy Executive Director
Robert Opiela, P.E.	Director of Licensing
Shannon Velazquez	Licensing Specialist
Jessica Hernandez	Licensing Specialist
Dorothy Gonzales	Executive Assistant

Visitors. Trish Smith, Executive Director, Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE); Kent O’Brien, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation; Stephanie Stanford, P.E., TSPE.

Personal Interviews: Michael Laughlin, Ana Lynn Mullins, Kyle Gregory Cranston, Benjamin Johnson, Hyung Seok Choi, Calvin Krall, William Edgar Parnell, Ty Matthew Turpin, Mostaque Khan.

2. Public comment. None.

Discuss and Possibly Act on the Following (Agenda Items 3-13):

3. Discuss and possibly approve the August 27, 2014, Licensing Committee Minutes.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Greer/Baker) to approve the August 27, 2014, Licensing Committee Minutes as submitted. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

4. Discuss and possibly act on applications for licensure: Personal Interviews.

Michael Laughlin. This applicant applied to take the PE exam. He came before the Committee due to a recent criminal incident. He has completed the terms related to the criminal incident. The Committee and applicant discussed the incidents, his experience, and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Kannappan/Baker) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Meeting on November 20, 2014, to approve the applicant to take the PE exam. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Ana Lynn Mullins. This applicant applied to take the PE exam. She came before the Committee due to a recent criminal incident. She has completed the terms related to the criminal incident. The Committee and applicant discussed the incidents, her experience, and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Greer/Kannappan) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Meeting on November 20, 2014, to approve the applicant to take the PE exam. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Kyle Gregory Cranston. This applicant applied to take the PE exam. He came before the Committee due to a recent criminal incident. He has completed the terms related to the criminal incident. The Committee and applicant discussed the incidents, his experience, and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Greer/Baker) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Meeting on November 20, 2014, to approve the applicant to take the PE exam. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Benjamin Johnson. This applicant applied to take the PE exam. He came before the Committee due to an unreported criminal incident. He has completed the terms related to the criminal incident. The Committee and applicant discussed the incidents, his experience, and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Kannappan/Baker) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Meeting on November 20, 2014, to approve the applicant to take the PE exam. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Hyung Seok Choi. This applicant applied to waive the FE exam and take the PE exam. He came before the Committee due to an unreported criminal incident. He has completed all terms related to all criminal incidents. The Committee and applicant discussed the incidents, his experience, and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Greer/Kannappan) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Meeting on November 20, 2014, to approve the applicant's waiver of the FE exam and approval to take the PE exam pending completion of the Level I (30 hour) Ethics course from Texas Tech and submittal of documentation verifying completion to staff. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Calvin Krall. This applicant applied to take the PE exam. He came before the Committee due to a recent criminal incident and an unreported criminal incident. He has completed the terms related to the criminal incidents. The Committee and applicant discussed the incidents, his experience, and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Baker/Greer) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Meeting on November 20, 2014, to approve the applicant to take the PE exam pending completion of the Level II (60 hour) Ethics course from Texas Tech and submittal of documentation verifying completion to staff and provide to staff an additional PE reference with full knowledge of the criminal incidents. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

William Edgar Parnell. This applicant applied to take the PE exam. He came before the Committee due to an unreported criminal incident. He has completed the terms related to the criminal incidents. The Committee and applicant discussed the incidents, his experience, and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Balli/Kannappan) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Meeting on November 20, 2014, to approve the applicant to take the PE exam pending completion of the Level I (30 hour) Ethics course from Texas Tech and submittal of documentation verifying completion to staff. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Ballí called for a recess @ 2:35pm. Chairman reconvened the meeting at 2:43pm

Ty Matthew Turpin. This applicant applied to take the PE exam. He came before the Committee due to multiple criminal incidents. He has completed all terms related to all criminal incidents. The Committee and applicant discussed the incidents, his experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Balli/Kannappan) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Meeting on November 20, 2014, to deny the application to take the PE exam, and to allow the applicant to reapply with two more years of creditable engineering experience and additional references with knowledge of the criminal incidents. Finally, the applicant shall reappear before the Licensing Committee to consider approval to take the PE exam when all conditions have been met. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Mostaque Khan. This applicant applied for licensure. He came before the Committee due to multiple recent criminal incidents. He has completed all terms related to all criminal incidents. The Committee and applicant discussed the incidents, his experience, and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Balli/Baker) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Meeting on November 20, 2014, to place the applicant's application on hold pending completion of the Level I (30 hour) Ethics course from Texas Tech and submittal of documentation verifying completion to staff. Also, the applicant shall gain at least one more year of creditable engineering experience and provide additional PE references. Finally, the applicant shall reappear before the Licensing Committee to consider licensure when all conditions have been met. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

5. Faculty Licensure Task Force.

Mr. Kinney reported that the Chair of the Task Force, Dean Jim Nelson, P.E., is working with societies and organizations requesting their input and support on a proposal regarding faculty licensure. The Task Force's goal is to have language prepared to submit during the 84th Legislative Session. The Board serves only as a resource to the Task Force.

6. Criminal History Record Check.

- **Process report.** Mr. Howell reviewed the report regarding CHRC which was included as an exhibit.

7. Discussion of Late Fees.

Mr. Howell reported to the Committee that a PE has concerns regarding the late fee. Mr. Howell pointed out that the PE's email is included as an exhibit for the Committee to review and consider. After discussion, the Committee concluded that no change will be recommended to the Board.

8. Discussion on early Professional Engineer (PE) exam.

Mr. Howell reported that National Council for Examination for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) recently (August 2014) adopted a change to Model Law that decouples the PE exam and experience requirements, allowing an applicant to take the PE exam before the having the minimum required experience if state laws allow it. Some state Boards have already adopted this change to the Model Law. Mr. Howell explained that the Texas Engineering Practice Act would accommodate the concept, but current Board Rules do not. After discussion of several options, committee members agreed that Texas will conduct additional research and may plan to implement the concept in the next year.

Chairman called for a short recess @ 4:38pm. The Chair reconvened the meeting at 4:45pm.

9. Discussion on Reporting of Engineering Experience on PE Application

Mr. Howell presented the Committee an example of a draft redesign of the Supplementary Experience Record (SER). The redesign does not change licensing requirements, but would help applicants write a more clearly constructed and detailed experience record. It would also help the staff reviewers understand the applicant's engineering experience more clearly. After discussion, the Committee directed staff to move forward with the project.

10. International Agreements.

- **South Korea.**
- **Engineers Australia.**

Mr. Kinney reported that the Board is still waiting to hear back from South Korea on a possible signing date in January 2015. The signing of the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) with South Korea would take place in Austin. He added that the MRA with Engineers Australia has been resigned by both parties.

11. Licensing Director's Report.

- **Results and statistics: Application and Examination Report.**

Mr. Opiela reviewed the Application and Examination Report which was included as an exhibit.

12. Issues for consideration and schedule next meeting.

Updated information on the decoupling/early Professional Engineer (PE) exam, and the Continuing Education Program (CEP).

13. Adjourn.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Baker/Kannappan) to adjourn the meeting at 5:16pm. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Date Committee approved as submitted: February 11, 2015

Date Board accepted: February 12, 2015