

**MINUTES**  
**POLICY ADVISORY OPINION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**  
**1917 IH-35 SOUTH, BOARD ROOM, AUSTIN, TEXAS**  
**November 19, 2015— 8:30 am**

**CALL TO ORDER.** Kyle Womack, P.E., Chair, Presiding Officer called the Policy Advisory Opinion 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.**

Kyle Womack, P.E.,	Chair
Sina Nejad, D.Eng., P.E.,	Member
Edward Summers, Ph.D.	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
Debbie Trevino	Continuing Education Coordinator
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); Jim Greer, P.E., Board Member; Sam Kannappan, P.E., Board Member; Bob McNale, AT&T.

**2. Public comment.** None.

**DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS (AGENDA ITEMS 3-7):**

**3. Discuss and possibly approve the May 21, 2015, Policy Advisory Opinion Committee Minutes.**

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Summers/Nejad) to approved the May 21, 2015, Policy Advisory Opinion Committee minutes as submitted. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

**4. Current status and draft proposal regarding EAOR#39 – On-Farm Energy Audits.**

Mr. Clark reported that the draft proposal for EAOR#39 was distributed to the stakeholders and staff met with the requestor and the committee liaison, Dr. Summers. Dr. Summers and staff recommend approval of the draft proposal for EAOR#39 for posting in the Texas Register for comment.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Nejad/Summers) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on November 19, 2015, to propose EAOR#39 be posted in Texas Register for public comment. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

**5. Update on November 6, 2015, Utility Exemption Workshop.**

Dr. Kinney reported that on November 6, 2015, Board staff and Board liaisons met with representatives from several Texas utilities and municipalities. It was an exploratory meeting and everyone exchanged information on how cities and utilities (power, electric, and gas) work together in right-of-ways. The Board will have another Utility Exemption Workshop with telecom and cable companies in the future. The Committee did not recommend to the Board any action on this agenda item.

**6. Issues for consideration and schedule next meeting.**

The approval of EAOR#39, On-Farm Energy Audits.

**7. ADJOURN.**

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Nejad/Summers) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 am. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Date the Committee approved the minutes as submitted: February 11, 2016

Date Board accepted the minutes: February 11, 2016