

MINUTES
LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
1917 IH35 SOUTH, BOARD ROOM, AUSTIN, TX 78741
February 15, 2017—1:00 PM

Call to Order. Dr. Sina Nejad, P.E., Chair, called the Licensing Committee of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers to order at 1:05 pm on February 15, 2017, at the 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.

Dr. Sina Nejad, P.E., P.Eng.	Chair
Lamberto “Bobby” Ballí, P.E.	Member
Edward Summers, Ph.D.	Member (absent)
Kyle Womack, P.E.	Member

Ms. Veena Mohan, Assistant Attorney General, was present to provide legal counsel to the Board. Mr. Edmundo Gonzalez, Jr. P.E., and Mr. Jose I. Guerra, P.E., Advisory Members for the Board, were present.

The following staff members were present:

Lance Kinney, Ph.D., P.E.	Executive Director
David Howell, P.E.	Deputy Executive Director
Morgen Cuming, JD	Staff Attorney
George Hartmann, P.E.	Program Specialist
Dorothy Gonzales	Executive Assistant

Visitors. Kent O’Brien, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT); Albert Cheng, Board Member.

Personal Appearance: Daniel Cruz; Paul Jordan; Brad Gilcrease; Nadia Ganser; John Dellose; James Peterson; Alexander McCammon; Fabiola Rios; John Karlik; Ryan Ebmeier.

2. Public comment. None.

Discuss and Possibly Act on the Following (Agenda Items 3-7):

3. Discuss and possibly approve the November 16, 2016, Licensing Committee Minutes.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Womack) to approve the November 16, 2016, Licensing Committee minutes as submitted. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

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

- Cruz, Daniel
- Jordan, Paul
- Gilcrease, Brad
- Ganser, Nadia
- Dellose, John
- Peterson, James
- McCammon, Alexander
- Rios, Fabiola
- Karlik, John
- Ebmeier, Ryan

Cruz, Daniel. This applicant applied for licensure. He has passed both the PE and FE exams. He came before the Committee due to incidents on his record which he did disclose. The Committee and applicant discussed his experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Womack/Ballí) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 16, 2017, to allow licensure in Texas. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Dellose, John. This applicant applied for licensure. He is licensed in five other states. He came before the Committee due to multiple incidents on his file which he did disclose. The Committee and applicant discussed his experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Womack/Ballí) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 16, 2017, to allow licensure in Texas. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Ebmeier, Ryan. This applicant applied for licensure and is licensed in other states. He came before the Committee due to multiple incidents on his file which he did not report. He did provide the required documents after he was notified. The Committee and applicant discussed his experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Womack) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 16, 2017, to allow licensure after successful completion of the Level I Ethics course from Texas Tech and documentation of completion is provided to staff. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Ganser, Nadia. This applicant applied for licensure subject to passing the PE exam. She came before the Committee due to multiple recent incidents on her file which she did disclose. The Committee and applicant discussed her experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Womack/Ballí) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 16, 2017, to allow licensure after successful completion of the PE exam. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Gilcrease, Brad. This applicant applied for licensure. He came before the Committee due to a recent incident which he did disclose. He has completed all court requirements. The Committee and the applicant discussed his experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Nejad/Ballí) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 16, 2017, to approve licensure in Texas. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Jordan, Paul. This applicant applied for licensure and has passed both exams. He came before the Committee due to an incident which he did disclose. The Committee and the applicant discussed his experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Womack) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 16, 2017, to approve licensure in Texas. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Karlik, John. This applicant applied for licensure. He came before the Committee due to an undisclosed incident. He is licensed in other states. The applicant and the Committee discussed his experience and lesson learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Womack) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 16, 2017, to allow licensure after successful completion of the Level I Ethics course from Texas Tech and documentation of completion is provided to staff. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

McCammmon, Alexander. This applicant applied for licensure subject to passing the PE exam. The applicant came before the Committee due to a recent incident which he did disclose. The applicant and the Committee discussed his experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Womack/Ballí) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 16, 2017, to allow licensure in Texas after successful completion of the PE exam. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Peterson, James. This applicant applied for licensure. The applicant came before the Committee due to multiple recent incidents which he did disclose. He is licensed in multiple states. The applicant and the Committee discussed his experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Womack/) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 16, 2017, to allow licensure after successful completion of the Level II Ethics. The MOTION FAILED due to lack of a SECOND.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Nejad/Womack) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 16, 2017, to place the application on hold, allow licensure after successful completion of the Level II Ethics course from Texas Tech with documentation of completion to be provided to staff, and no additional criminal incidents for a period of at least one year from February 15, 2017. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED. Mr. Ballí abstained from conversation and voting.

Rios, Fabiola. This applicant applied for licensure subject to passing the PE exam. The applicant came before the Committee due to an undisclosed incident. The applicant and the Committee discussed her experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Womack) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 16, 2017, to allow the applicant to take the PE exam for licensure after successful completion of the Level I Ethics course from Texas Tech with documentation of completion provided to staff. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

5. Licensing Director's Report.

- Results and statistics: Application and Examination Report.

Mr. Howell reviewed the report with Committee members. He commented that to date, we have 62,674 total PEs and 200 new firms. He added that 2,067 individuals registered for the April 2016 exam and both Austin sites have been full for approximately the last two weeks.

Mr. Ballí asked staff how many engineers are from the Southern Zone area and other states and countries. He added that Texas Board members should be more involved in the National Council of Examination for Engineering and Surveying.

Dr. Kinney reported on the initial exam results involving decoupling and has shared the information with NCEES as well. The trend shows that the PE applicants that go through the typical 4 years of experience and examinees that took the exam via the decoupling process performed similarly as far as passing rates.

6. Issues for consideration and schedule next meeting.

None.

7. Adjourn.

Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:06 p.m.

Date Committee approved minutes as submitted: May 24, 2017