

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
1917 SOUTH IH-35, BOARD ROOM, AUSTIN, TX
FEBRUARY 16, 2017 - 10:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER. Elvira Reyna, Chair, called the Legislative Committee of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers to order at 10:00 am on February 16, 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.

Elvira Reyna	Chair
Albert Cheng	Member
Edward Summers	Member (absent)
Dr. Sina Nejad, P.E., P. Eng.	Member

Ms. Veena Mohan, Assistant Attorney General, was present to provide legal counsel to the Board. Mr. Jose Guerra, P.E., Mr. Edmundo Gonzalez, Jr. P.E., and Mr. Govind Nadkarni, 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
Dave Daigle	Director of Compliance & Enforcement
Morgen Cuming, JD	Staff Attorney
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); Peyton McKnight, American Council for Engineering Companies.

2. Public comment. None.

DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT ON THE FOLLOWING (AGENDA ITEMS 3-5):

3. 85th Legislative Session.

- Summary of Legislative Activities

Mr. Howell summarized the bill process and the bills currently being tracked. The summary of bills was included as an exhibit. He commented that bills being tracked are ones that would affect the engineering profession, agency operations, funding, open records, and those affecting personnel. The Committee members directed staff to email the summary of bills to the Board members, and to advise them on the affect in the engineering profession. No action taken.

4. Issues for future consideration and schedule next committee meeting. None.

5. ADJOURN.

Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:12am.

Date Committee approved the minutes as submitted: May 25, 2017

Date Board accepted the minutes: May 25, 2017