

**MINUTES**  
**POLICY ADVISORY OPINION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**  
**1917 IH-35 SOUTH, BOARD ROOM**  
**AUSTIN, TEXAS**  
**February 16, 2017— 9:00 am**

**CALL TO ORDER.** Kyle Womack, P.E., Chair, called the Policy Advisory Opinion Committee of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers to order at 9:10 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.**

R. Kyle Womack, P.E.	Chair
Lamberto “Bobby” Ballí, P.E.	Member
Dr. Sina Nejad, P.E., P.Eng.	Member
Albert Cheng	Member

Ms. Veena Mohan, Assistant Attorney General, was present to provide legal counsel to the Board. Mr. Edmundo Gonzalez, Jr. P.E., Advisory Member for the Board, was 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; Dr. Daniel Wong, P.E., Board Member.

**2. Public comment.** None.

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

**3. EAOR#41, Registration Requirements for Subsidiaries or Branch of a Parent Company**

- **EAOR #41, Registration Requirements for Subsidiaries or Branch of a Parent Company**
- **TBPE staff’s proposed response letter to EAOR #41**

Mr. Womack stated that the Board received an anonymous request asking about the registration requirement for subsidiaries or branches of a parent company and their ability to offer engineering services. Mr. Daigle added that he has worked with staff and Dr. Kinney, and together a draft response was developed in accordance with TBPE rules. He commented that the draft response was included as an exhibit for the Committee to consider. Mr. Womack commended Mr. Daigle and staff for all their hard work. Mr. Womack asked Committee members to consider the request as a Policy Advisory Opinion and the draft response included.

After further discussion, the Committee members unanimously agreed to recommend approval of the Policy Advisory Opinion and the draft response written by staff.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Nejad/Ballí) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 16, 2017, to approve the Policy Advisory Opinion and the draft response as submitted by staff. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

4. **Issues for consideration and schedule next meeting.** None.

5. **ADJOURN.**

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Nejad) to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 a.m. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Date Committee approved minutes as submitted: May 25, 2017

Date Board accepted minutes: May 25, 2017