

MINUTES
LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
1917 IH35 SOUTH, BOARD ROOM, AUSTIN, TX 78741
May 24, 2017—1:00 PM

Call to Order. Dr. Sina Nejad, P.E., Chair called the Licensing Committee meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers to order at 1:00 pm on May 24, 2017, at the Texas Board of Professional Engineers, 1917 S. IH35, Austin, TX. 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., 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
Rick Strong, P.E.	Director of Licensing
Morgen Cuming, JD	Staff Attorney
Dorothy Gonzales	Executive Assistant

Visitors. Albert Cheng, Board Member; Cathy Norwood, P.E., Board Member; Gary Thompson, NCEES Treasurer.

Personal Appearance: Gregersen, Casey; Iton, Kyle; Kane, Kyle; Ogban, Oghenetega; Belzer, Brett; Gastineau, Clarence; Williams, Patrick; Jones, Christopher; Grabowski, Michael; Sauers, Brett; Hooper, Russ.

2. Welcome and introduction of new Director of Licensing.

Dr. Kinney introduced the new Director of Licensing, Mr. Rick Strong, P.E. He added that we are delighted he joined our team. Mr. Strong thank everyone for the opportunity to join the team.

3. Public comment.

None.

Discuss and Possibly Act on the Following (Agenda Items 4-8):

4. Discuss and possibly approve the February 15, 2017, Licensing Committee Minutes.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Womack) to approve the February 15, 2017, Licensing Committee minutes as submitted. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

5. **Discuss and possibly act on applications for licensure: Personal Interviews Cases.**

- **Gregersen, Casey.** This applicant applied to take the PE exam. He came before the Committee due to unreported incidents on his record. The Committee and applicant discussed his experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Womack) to recommend at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on May 25, 2017, to hold his application and approve licensure upon providing documentation of successful completion of the Level I (30 hour) ethics course from the National Institute of Engineering Ethics at Texas Tech and passing the PE exam.

- **Iton, Kyle.** This applicant applied for licensure. He has passed both exams. He came before the Committee due to multiple recent criminal incidents on his record which he did disclose. The Committee and the 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 May 25, 2017, to hold his application, he take the Level I (30 hour) Ethics course from the National Institute of Engineering Ethics at Texas Tech, provide documentation of successfully completing this course, obtain 1 year of additional experience without any incidents, and reappear before the Licensing Committee before prior approval. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

- **Kane, Kyle.** This applicant applied for licensure. He has passed both exams. He came before the Committee due to an unreported incident in his record. 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 May 25, 2017, to hold his application, approve licensure after documentation is submitted to staff of successful completion the Level I (30 hour) Ethics Course from the National Institute of Engineering Ethics at Texas Tech. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

- **Ogban, Oghenetega.** This applicant applied for licensure. He has passed both exams. He came before the Committee due to a recent incident on his record which he did report. 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 May 25, 2017, to approve licensure in Texas. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

- **Belzer, Brett.** This applicant applied for licensure. He has passed both exams. He came before the Committee due to an unreported incident on his record. 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 May 25, 2017, to approve licensure upon providing to staff successful completion of the Level II (60 hour) Ethics course from the National Institute of Engineering Ethics at Texas Tech. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

- **Gastineau, Clarence.** This applicant applied for licensure. He has passed both exams. He came before the Committee due to an unreported incident on his record. The Committee and the applicant discussed his experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Womack/Ballí) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting to approve licensure upon providing to staff successful completion of the Level II (60 hour) Ethics course from the National Institute of Engineering Ethics at Texas Tech. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

- **Williams, Patrick.** This applicant applied for licensure. He passed both exams. He came before the Committee due to an unreported incident on his record. 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 May 25, 2017, to approve licensure upon providing to staff successful completion of the Level I (30 hour) Ethics course from the National Institute of Engineering Ethics at Texas Tech. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

- **Jones, Christopher.** This applicant applied for licensure. He passed both exams. He came before the Committee due to a recent incident on his record which he did disclose. The Committee and the 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 May 25, 2017, to approve licensure in Texas. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

- **Grabowski, Michael.** This applicant applied for licensure. He passed both exams. He came before the Committee due to unreported incidents on his record. 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 May 25, 2017, to approve licensure upon providing to staff successful completion of the Level I (30 hour) Ethics course from the National Institute of Engineering Ethics at Texas Tech. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

- **Potts, Shane.** Unable to attend this meeting. This application will be considered at a future meeting.

- **Sauers, Brett.** This applicant applied for licensure. He passed both exams. He came before the Committee due to multiple incidents on his record which he did report. The Committee and the 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 May 25, 2017, to approve licensure in Texas. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

- **Hooper, Russ.** This applicant applied for licensure. He has passed both exams. He has previously addressed the Committee and was asked to return upon completion of the Ethics course. He has successfully completed all the terms required by the Committee in 2015. The Committee and the applicant discussed his experience, lessons learned, as well as how the Ethics course helped and impacted his career and decisions.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Womack) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on May 25, 2017, to approve licensure in Texas. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

6. Licensing Director's Report.

- Results and statistics: Application and Examination Report.

Mr. Howell mentioned that the report shows numbers changing due to decoupling and more exams being taken. The graph provided shows the number of PE exams has gone up. He reported that as of April 2017, the Board has approximately 63, 000 licensees with 83% being active. Firm numbers are steady. The total number of Engineers-in-Training (EIT) is also large.

7. Issues for consideration and schedule next meeting.

Mr. Ballí asked for plan for EIT outreach.

8. Adjourn.

Dr. Nejad adjourned the meeting at 2:50pm.

Date Committee approved the minutes as submitted:

August 16, 2017

Date Board accepted the minutes:

August 17, 2017