

MINUTES
LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
1917 IH35 SOUTH, BOARD ROOM, AUSTIN, TX 78741
August 16, 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 at the Texas Board of Professional Engineers at 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.	Chair
Lamberto “Bobby” Ballí, P.E.	Member
R. Kyle Womack, P.E.	Member
Edward L. Summers, Ph.D.	Member (arrived at 1:15pm)

Ms. Veena Mohan, Assistant Attorney General, was present to provide legal counsel to the Board. Mr. Jose Guerra, P.E., Advisory Member, was present.

The following staff members were present:

Lance Kinney, Ph.D., P.E.	Executive Director
David Howell, P.E.	Deputy Executive Director
Rick Strong, P.E.	Director of Licensing
Morgen Cuming, J.D.	Staff Attorney

Visitors: Kent O’Brien, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation.

Personal Appearance: Godwin Arthur, Saul Balcazar Jr., Zachary Neil Grosel, Robert G. Hermosillo, LaTonya Sharie Johnson, Daniel Nathan Karpen, Matthew Raymond Kelly, Timothy Mayberry, Robert Joseph Ontko.

2. Public comment. None.

Discuss and Possibly Act on the Following (Agenda Items 3-8):

3. Discuss and possibly approve the May 24, 2017, Licensing Committee Minutes.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Womack) to approve the May 24, 2017, 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.

- **Arthur, Godwin.** This applicant applied for licensure. He came before the Committee due to recent incidents which he did report. The applicant has completed all court requirements. 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 August 17, 2017, to allow licensure in Texas. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

- **Balcazar, Saul Jr.** This applicant applied for licensure. He came before the Committee due to recent incidents on his file which he did report. He has completed

all court requirements. 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 August 17, 2017, to allow licensure in Texas. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

• **Grosel, Zachary Neil** This applicant applied for licensure. He came before the Committee due to recent incidents in his file which he did report. He has completed all court requirements. 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 August 17, 2017, to allow licensure in Texas. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

• **Hermosillo, Robert G.** Mr. Ballí informed the Chair and the Committee members that he will recuse himself from any discussion and actions regarding Mr. Hermosillo because he knows this applicant. This applicant appeared before the Licensing Committee in May 2015 due to an unreported criminal incident. The Committee instructed him to complete an ethics course from Texas Tech, which he has successfully completed. He applied to take the PE exam and requested a waiver of the FE exam. The Committee and applicant discussed his experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Womack/Summers) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on August 17, 2017, to allow Mr. Hermosillo to sit for the PE exam with a waiver of the FE exam. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED (Ballí recused).

• **Johnson, LaTonya Sharie.** This applicant applied to take the PE exam and request a waiver of the FE exam. She came before the Committee due to nature of the incident which she did report. She has completed all court requirements. The Committee and applicant discussed her experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Summers/Ballí) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on August 17, 2017, to allow Ms. Johnson to take the PE exam with a waiver of the FE exam. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-1; Nejad against.

• **Karpen, Daniel Nathan** This applicant applied for licensure. He came before the Committee due to an incident on his file which he did not report. 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 August 17, 2017, to allow licensure in Texas after successful completion of the Texas Tech Level I course be provided to staff. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Chair called for a break at 2:22pm. Chair reconvened the meeting at 2:25pm.

• **Kelly, Matthew Raymond.** This applicant applied for licensure. He came before the Committee due to a recent in his file which he did report. The Committee and the applicant discussed his experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Womack/Summers) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on August 17, 2017, to allow licensure in Texas. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

• **Mayberry, Timothy** This applicant applied for licensure. He came before the Board due to a recent incident in his file which he did report. The Committee and the applicant discussed his experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Summers) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on August 17, 2017, to allow licensure in Texas. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

• **Ontko, Robert Joseph** This applicant applied for licensure. He came before the Board due to a recent incident in his file 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 August 17, 2017, to allow licensure in Texas. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

5. Discuss and possibly approve the Policy for Personal Appearance Application Process.

Mr. Howell presented a policy to the Committee regarding personal appearances related to criminal history for applicants. The revised policy will not require a personal appearance for an applicant if he or she has a single and reported criminal incident. The revised policy still allows staff to request the applicant appear before the Licensing Committee if an incident warrants attention. The policy will be posted in Texas Register.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Summers/Womack) to recommend to the Board to approve the Personal Appearance Application Process be posted in the Texas Register for comment. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

6. Licensing Director's Report.

• **Results and statistics: Application and Examination Report.**

Mr. Strong reviewed the report mentioned above with the Committee member which was also included as an exhibit.

7. Issues for consideration and schedule next meeting.

Committee members asked staff to consider moving the Licensing Committee meeting on the same day of the Regular Board meeting if the number of applicants was less than today's. Dr. Kinney commented that staff would discuss with the Committee chair.

8. Adjourn.

Dr. Sina Nejad, P.E., Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:07p.m.

Date minutes were approved by Committee as submitted: November 15, 2017
Date Board accepted minutes: November 16, 2017