

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
1917 SOUTH IH-35, BOARD ROOM, AUSTIN, TX
AUGUST 17, 2017 – 10:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER. Dr. Sina Nejad, P.E., Acting Chair called the Legislative Issues Committee meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers to order at 10:00 am at the Texas Board of Professional Engineers at 1917 S. IH 35, Austin, TX. A quorum was present. (NOTE: all votes are unanimous unless noted.)

1. Roll call and welcome visitors.

Elvira Reyna	Chair (absent)
Albert Cheng	Member (absent)
Dr. Sina Nejad, P.E.	Member (Acting Chair)
Edward Summers, Ph.D.	Member
R. Kyle Womack, P.E.	Member (alternate)

Ms. Veena Mohan, Assistant Attorney General, was present to provide legal counsel to the Board.

The following staff were present:

Lance Kinney, Ph.D., P.E.	Executive Director
David Howell, P.E.	Deputy Executive Director
Dave Daigle, P.E.	Director of Compliance & Enforcement
Rick Strong, P.E.	Director of Licensing
Morgen Cuming, J.D.	Staff Attorney
Dorothy Gonzales	Executive Assistant

Visitors. Peyton McKnight, American Counsel for Engineering Companies (ACEC); Terry Bilderback, P.E., Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE); Kent O'Brien, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation; Trish Smith, TSPE Executive Director; Dr. Daniel Wong, P.E., Board Member; Sam Kannappan, P.E., Board Member; Catherine Norwood, P.E., Board Member

2. Public comment. None.

DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT ON THE FOLLOWING (AGENDA ITEMS 3-6):

3. Discuss and possibly approve the May 25, 2017, Legislative Committee Minutes.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Womack/Summers) to approve the May 25, 2017, Legislative Committee minutes as submitted. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

4. Summary of 85th legislative session activities and Special Session.

Mr. Howell gave a summary of the Bills passed during the 85th Legislative Session that affected the agency. Mr. Howell added that staff have been assigned to review and implement legislation as needed. No action was required.

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

6. ADJOURN.

Dr. Sina Nejad adjourned the meeting at 10:14am.

Date Board approved the minutes as submitted: November 16, 2017