

**MINUTES**  
**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**  
**Thompson Conference Center**  
**2405 Robert Dedman Dr., RM 2.120**  
**Austin, Texas 78712**  
**November 16, 2017—9:30 am**

**CALL TO ORDER.** Dr. Sina Nejad, P.E., called the General Issues Committee meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers to order at 9:45 a.m. at the Thompson Conference Center at 2405 Robert Dedman Dr., Rm 2.120, Austin, TX. A quorum was present. (NOTE: all votes are unanimous unless noted.)

**1. Roll call and welcome visitors.**

**The following Committee members were present:**

Dr. Sina Nejad, P.E.	Chair
Sam Kannappan, P.E.	Member
Catherine “Cathy” Norwood, P.E.	Member
Elvira Reyna	Member

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

**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
Dorothy Gonzales	Executive Assistant
Cristabel Bodden	Executive Assistant

**Visitors:** Terry Bilderback, P.E., Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE); Gordon Duncan, P.E., TSPE; Jimmy Alan Hall; Peyton McKnight, American Counsel for Engineering Companies; Kent O’Brien, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation.

**2. Public comment.** None.

**DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS (AGENDA ITEMS 3-4):**

**3. Discuss and possibly approve the following rule proposals to be posted in the Texas Register for comment.**

- Chapter 131
  - §131.15 Committees
  - §131.43 Public Participation
  - §131.87 Negotiated Rule Making Procedures
  - §131.113 Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Chapter 137
  - §137.7 License Expiration and Renewal
  - §137.15 Replacement or New Design Certificates

- §137.17 Continuing Education Program

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Kannappan) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on November 16, 2017, to post all rules in the Texas Register for a 30-day comment period. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

**Issues for consideration and schedule next meeting.** No issues were discussed.

**4. ADJOURN.**

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Reyna/Norwood) to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Date minutes were approved by Committee as submitted:

November 16, 2017

Date Board accepted minutes:

November 16, 2017