

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
1917 S. IH 35
Austin, Texas 78741
August 23, 2018—10:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER. Elvira Reyna, Chair, called the Legislative Issues Committee meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers to order at 10:00 a.m. on August 23, 2018, at the Texas Board of Professional Engineers, 1917 S. IH 35, Austin, TX. A quorum was present. (NOTE: all votes are unanimous unless noted.)

1. Roll call and welcome visitors.

Ms. Bodden called the roll. It was noted for the record that a quorum was present.

The following Committee members were present:

Elvira Reyna	Chair
Albert Cheng	Member
Sina Nejad, Ph.D., P.E.	Member
Edward Summers, Ph.D.	Member
Kyle Womack, P.E.	Member (Alternate)

Ms. Veena Mohan, Assistant Attorney General, was present to provide legal counsel to the Board. Mr. Lamberto Ballí, P.E., Board Member; Mr. Edmundo Gonzalez, P.E., Advisory Member; Mr. Sockalingam Kannappan, P.E., Board Member; Mr. Govind Nadkarni, P.E., Advisory Member; Ms. Catherine Norwood, P.E., Board Member and Dr. Daniel Wong, Board Chair, were 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
Michael Sims, P.E.	Director of Compliance and Enforcement
Morgen Cuming, JD	Staff Attorney
Cristabel Bodden	Executive Assistant

Visitors: Terry Bilderback, P.E., Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE); Libby Norwood, Nicholas Consulting Group, Inc.; Kent O'Brien, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation; Stephanie Stanford, P.E., TSPE.

2. Public comment. None.

DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT ON THE FOLLOWING (AGENDA ITEMS 3-7):

3. Legislative Calendar for 86th Texas Legislative Session.

Mr. Howell relayed that the information provided to the Board were legislative dates of interest. Filing for the upcoming session will begin on November 12, 2018.

Mr. Howell relayed that the Bill tracking software used in the last Legislative Session would be used again to track issues or bills affecting the Board in the upcoming session.

4. Legislative Action Plan for 86th Texas Legislative Session.

Ms. Reyna relayed that no action is required on this Agenda item.

Ms. Reyna added that the Board would be reviewing a plan before the start of the Legislative Session.

Mr. Howell relayed that a Legislative meeting would be needed in November.

5. Legislative Communication Conference for 86th Texas Legislative Session.

Mr. Howell relayed that this Agenda item was only an announcement regarding the Legislative Communication Conference scheduled for October 17, 2018, in Austin, TX.

Mr. Howell relayed that this conference is very informative and would provide an overview on how the Legislative process works.

Dr. Kinney invited Board Members to attend this conference with fellow staff members.

6. Issues for consideration at future board meeting. None.

7. ADJOURN.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Cheng/Reyna) to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Date minutes were approved by Committee as submitted:

November 15, 2018

Date Board accepted minutes:

November 15, 2018