

MINUTES
GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
1917 IH-35 SOUTH, BOARD ROOM, AUSTIN, TEXAS
August 18, 2016—9:30 am

CALL TO ORDER. Lamberto “Bobby” Ballí, P.E., Chair called the General Issues Committee of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers to order at 9:44 am on August 18, 2016, at Texas Board of Professional Engineers, 1917 S. Interstate 35 in Austin, Texas. A quorum was present. (Note: all votes are unanimous unless noted)

1. Roll call and welcome visitors.

Lamberto “Bobby” Ballí, P.E.	Chair
Elvira Reyna	Member
Catherine “Cathy” Norwood, P.E.	Member
Sam Kannappan, P.E.	Member

A quorum was present. Ms. Veena Mohan, Assistant Attorney General, was present to provide legal counsel to the Board. Emeritus Members; Mr. Edmundo Gonzalez, P.E., Jose Guerra, P.E., and Mr. Govind Nadkarni, P.E. were present.

The following staff members were present:

Lance Kinney, Ph.D., P.E.	Executive Director
David Howell, P.E.	Deputy Executive Director
C.W. Clark, P.E.	Director of Compliance & Enforcement
Dave Daigle	Director of Compliance & Enforcement (incoming)
Morgen Cuming, JD	Staff Attorney
Dorothy Gonzales	Executive Assistant

2. Visitors: Terry Bilderback, P.E., Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE); Kent O’Brien, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT); Peyton McKnight, American Council for Engineering Companies - Texas (ACEC); Trish Smith, Executive Director, TSPE; Daniel O. Wong, Ph.D., P.E., Board Member.

3. Public comment. None.

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

4. Discuss and possibly approve the February 11, 2016, General Issues Committee Meeting Minutes.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Reyna) to approve the minutes as submitted. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

5. Discuss and possibly approve the following rule proposal to be posted in the Texas Register for comment.

Mr. Howell commented that the changes to the following rules are to clarify the rules. Mr. Howell added that these changes were identified during the 4 year rule review.

- Chapter 131
 - §131.1 Purpose and Duties
 - §131.3 Headquarters of the Board
 - §131.7 Organization of the Board
 - §131.63 Self-directed Semi-Independent Agency
 - § 131.81 Definitions
 - § 131.85 Board Rules and Procedures

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Reyna/Norwood) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on August 18, 2016, to post the listed rules from Chapter 131 in the Texas Register for comment. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

6. Issues for consideration and schedule next meeting.

None.

7. ADJOURN.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Kannappan) to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 am. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Date Committee approved minutes as submitted: November 17, 2016

Date Board accepted minutes: November 17, 2016