

MINUTES
POLICY ADVISORY OPINION COMMITTEE MEETING
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
1917 IH-35 SOUTH, BOARD ROOM, AUSTIN, TEXAS
August 27, 2015— 9:30am

CALL TO ORDER. Carry A. Baker, Chair called the Texas Board of Professional Engineers Policy Advisory Opinion Committee meeting to order at 9:30 am on August 27, 2015, 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.

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| Carry Ann Baker | Chair |
| Edward Summers, Ph.D. | Member |
| Sina Nejad, D. Eng. P.E., PEng. | Member |
| R. Kyle Womack, P.E. | Member |

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

The following staff members were present:

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| Lance Kinney, Ph.D., P.E. | Executive Director |
| David Howell, P.E. | Deputy Executive Director |
| C.W. Clark, P.E. | Director of Compliance & Enforcement |
| Dewey Helmcamp, III JD | Staff Attorney |
| Morgen Cuming, JD | Staff Attorney |
| Debbie Trevino | Continuing Education Coordinator |

Visitors. Terry Bilderback, P.E., Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE); Kent O'Brien, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT); John Mueller, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service; Peyton McKnight, American Council for Engineering Companies - Texas (ACEC); Libby Nezda, AT&T.

- 2. Public comment.** Mr. Mueller addressed the Committee and thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with Compliance & Enforcement staff regarding the On-Farm Energy Audit advisory.

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

- 3. Discuss and possibly approve the May 21, 2015, Policy Advisory Opinion Committee Minutes.**

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Summers/Womack) to approve the May 21, 2015, Policy Advisory Opinion Committee minutes as submitted. A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

- 4. Current status, discussion EAOR#39 – On-Farm Energy Audits.**

Mr. Clark reviewed the one page summary submitted as an exhibit with Committee members regarding the status of this opinion. The concern is whether the Board should require a Professional Engineer to complete these audits. Dr. Summers, Board Liaison on this advisory, opined that the requirement of a professional engineer depends on who the audience would be for the audit and what the audience requires from this audit. He added

that he would like to work with staff on additional research and possible stakeholder meetings. Mr. Mueller added that this is a new program, and they were directed to work with the Board on the requirement of a professional engineer regarding these audits. He explained the two part process federal requirement of this audit, and the percentage of applicants for these resources. Staff will continue the research, send out a questionnaire and hold a stakeholder meeting if needed.

5. **Review of Current Policy Advisory Opinions after end of 84th Legislative Session.**

Mr. Clark reviewed the report included as an exhibit with Committee members. The report is a research of all the Legislative changes that impact the engineering community and may affect the current policy advisories already in place. The review concluded that no policy advisories were affected by the Legislative Session and therefore no changes would be required.

6. **ADJOURN.**

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Summers/Womack) to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 am. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Date Committee approved minutes as submitted:
Date Board accepted minutes:

November 19, 2015
November 19, 2015