

## Texas Board of Professional Engineers' (TBPE) Quarterly Board e-Newsletter

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve communication between TBPE and license holders, an e-Newsletter is sent out after each Quarterly Board Meeting with news, highlights, and updates on Board activities. This e-Newsletter is in addition to the yearly paper newsletter. Please let us know if there are additional topics you would like to receive by emailing: [priscilla.pipho@engineers.texas.gov](mailto:priscilla.pipho@engineers.texas.gov)

- **New Board Members and Emeritus Member**

- Gov. Rick Perry has appointed Sockalingam "Sam" Kannappan, P.E. of Houston.
- The governor has also reappointed Edward Summers, Ph.D. as a public member of the Board.
- Govind Nadkarni, P.E. has been named as an Emeritus Member of the Board after serving as a TBPE board member for the past twelve years.
- For more information, see our news release at [http://engineers.texas.gov/downloads/PressRelease\\_NewBoardMembers\\_0512.pdf](http://engineers.texas.gov/downloads/PressRelease_NewBoardMembers_0512.pdf)

- **Rules Review** – TBPE has completed the required 4-year rules review and the Board has determined that the rules are necessary and appropriate. Individual modifications to the rules have been proposed and posted in the Texas Register for public comment. Those rules may be found at: [http://engineers.texas.gov/proposed\\_061512.html](http://engineers.texas.gov/proposed_061512.html)

- **Sunset Review** – This year, TBPE will undergo review by the Sunset Advisory Commission, as was determined by the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature. The dates for review have been set and the review team will be conducting interviews and writing their assessment July through October. Hearings will be held in November in anticipation of the legislative session that begins in January 2013.

- **Texas Windstorm Roster:** TBPE and the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) continue to collaborate on the changes to statutes regarding Texas Windstorm Inspectors. TDI plans to propose rules for making the transition to the current roster requirements. We will continue to keep you updated as to changes when we know them. <http://engineers.texas.gov/windstorm.html>

- **Architects and Engineers:**

The Joint Task Force as provided in statute has been designated and a meeting was held on June 12. The members include two board members from both the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners and TBPE, as well as one practicing engineer and architect member appointed by each board. The next meeting is scheduled for July 25. The purpose of the meeting is to help clarify the new statutory language and provide guidance for the staff of both agencies. <http://engineers.texas.gov/overlap.html>

### Other Board Highlights

- To view the meeting agenda and to listen to recordings of the May 2012 Board Meeting visit <http://engineers.texas.gov/vid/52412/52412.html> —Note that you can earn continuing education credit as self-study for watching Board meetings. Just print out the agenda and keep it in your records which you may need to produce if audited.

- Several enforcement actions were taken against individuals and engineering firms. For more information about these cases, go to <http://engineers.texas.gov/da/da052412.html>
- Let us know how we are doing! TBPE is focused on improving our service to the public and our customers. You can share your feedback and suggestions via our customer service survey: <http://engineers.texas.gov/feedback>
- Don't forget that if your firm or organization would like to have a presentation on engineering ethics or licensure, TBPE is happy to help arrange a presentation. Please contact Outreach Coordinator Dorothy Gonzales to make your request at [outreach@engineers.texas.gov](mailto:outreach@engineers.texas.gov).
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