

Welcome to the 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 email notice will be 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

- **Rules Review** – Every four years, state agencies are required to review their Board Rules to determine whether the rules remain relevant. TBPE has filed with the Secretary of State's Texas Register the intent to review all rules pursuant to this requirement. The review will determine whether our rules continue to serve a useful purpose in terms of implementing the Texas Engineering Practice Act. Any rules that change will be posted in the Texas Register for the standard 30-day comment period.
- **Sunset Review** – This year, TBPE will undergo review by the Sunset Advisory Commission, as was determined by the 82nd Legislature. The tentative schedule is that TBPE will receive the review in early summer, possibly June.
- **Texas Windstorm Roster:** TBPE and the Texas Department of Insurance have conducted presentations along the coast to explain the new requirements resulting from recent legislation. The third meeting was held in Brownsville on February 28. The application for the TPBE Roster of Engineers Qualified to do Windstorm Design is now available along with more information on our website: <http://engineers.texas.gov/windstorm.html>
- **Architects and Engineers:**
The Texas Board of Architectural Examiners has continued the process of reviewing documentation from engineers who wish to practice architecture as per the recent legislation. TBPE has created a short document summarizing the language of House Bill 2284, along with the associated language from the architect and engineering acts.
<http://engineers.texas.gov/overlap.html>

Other Board Highlights

- To view the meeting agenda and to listen to recordings of the November 2011 meeting visit <http://engineers.texas.gov/vid/21512/21512.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.
- Also, several enforcement actions were taken against individuals and engineering firms. For more information about these cases, go to <http://engineers.texas.gov/da/da021512.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.
- In keeping with our efforts to modernize and increase communication with our licensees and the public, you can now follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and via an [RSS feed](#). Join today!

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