
The Texas Board of Professional Engineers Quarterly e-Newsletter June 7, 2016

Board Meeting Update

The Texas Board of Professional Engineers Quarterly Board and Committee Meetings were held May 25-26, 2016. Highlights include the following:

- **Adopted Board Rule Changes**

The Board rules are re-adopted pursuant to and following the Board's Quadrennial Rule Review required by the Texas Government Code §2001.039. This review revealed that the original reasons for the adoption of all rules still exist and that all rules are necessary for the Board's performance of its duties, the governance of its own proceedings, and the regulation of the practice of engineering in this state. The new Law and Rules document will be effective June 10, 2016 and can be downloaded from the TBPE Website.

- **Proposed Board Rule Changes**

Proposed changes will be posted on June 17, 2016. Comments to the rules can be made at that time. The information will be posted on the TBPE Website.

- **Changes to §133.27** - This change will implement a licensing agreement between the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and South Korea (The Republic of Korea) is being added to the existing rule for Temporary Licenses that currently addresses Australia, Canada and Mexico. The agreement was signed on March 10, 2016.

- **Changes to §§133.41 and 133.43** - These changes will implement process changes related to enhancing engagement of Engineers in Training. These changes would allow a person to demonstrate enhanced competence and readiness for licensure on the license application by including information on the Supplementary Experience Record regarding additional training and participation in professional organizations. The standards for competence will be the same as under the current system, but this addition will allow an applicant to present additional accomplishments.

- **Policy Advisory #40 - Extent of Jurisdiction Outside Texas**

This was closed by the Policy Advisory Opinion Committee on May 26, 2016. Refer to: <http://engineers.texas.gov/policy.htm#pao40>

- **Video Clips** Video recordings of the Board meeting are available at: <http://engineers.texas.gov/recordings.htm>

Viewing these recordings qualifies for continuing education credit under the category of self-directed study. A maximum of five credit hours may be accrued for self-directed study.

- **Disciplinary Actions**

All enforcement actions approved in the board meeting are posted on the TBPE website. Enforcement actions are reported based on the date of the board meeting at which the actions were taken.

Refer to: <http://engineers.texas.gov/disciplinary.htm>

TBPE Employment Opportunity

TBPE has an opening for a Director of Compliance & Enforcement. The position is open until filled. Refer to our webpage at <http://engineers.texas.gov/employment.htm> for the job description and instructions on how to apply.

Webinars and Outreach

TBPE continues to offer ethics outreach presentations both in person and in a webinar format for the convenience of our licensees. The free webinars have been so well received that we are now adding additional events as needed. If you are interested in scheduling a live TBPE ethics presentation at your workplace, refer to our outreach page at: <http://engineers.texas.gov/outreach>.

- **Ethics Webinars**

June 8 and June 9, 2016, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. - These quarterly webinars provide an up-to-date overview of agency activities, case studies, and a review of professional ethics topics. Ethics webinars are held approximately one month prior to each quarterly expiration date. Future webinars are scheduled for September 7th and December 7th. Registration for these webinars will open one month prior to each event.

- **Decoupling, the E.I.T. Process and Becoming a P.E. Webinar**

June 21, 2016, 12:00 p.m. - This webinar provides an overview of the new 'decoupling' of the PE Exam and experience requirements, the Engineer-In-Training (EIT) process, and other questions about becoming a Professional Engineer. You have questions, we have answers. The target audience is future Professional Engineers - current or soon-to-be EITs, as well as others interested in the decoupling process.

[Webinar Registration Page](#)

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