

**MINUTES**  
**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**  
**1917 SOUTH IH-35, BOARD ROOM, AUSTIN, TX**  
**AUGUST 28, 2014 – 9:15 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER.** James “Jim” Greer, P.E., Chair called the Texas Board of Professional Engineers Legislative Committee Meeting to order at 9:16 am on August 28, 2014, at the Texas Board of Professional Engineers, 1917 South Interstate 35, Austin, TX. (NOTE: all votes are unanimous unless noted.)

**1. Roll call and welcome visitors.**

Jim Greer, P.E.	Chair
Carry A. Baker, JD	Member
Elvira Reyna	Member (Excused Absence)
Edward Summers, Ph.D.	Member

A quorum was present. Ms. Veena Mohan, Assistant Attorney General, was present to provide legal counsel to the Board. Mr. Jose I. Guerra, P.E., Emeritus Board Member, was present.

The following staff members were present:

Lance Kinney, P.E.	Executive Director
David Howell, P.E.	Deputy Executive Director
C.W. Clark, P.E.	Director of Compliance & Enforcement
Robert Opiela, P.E.	Director of Licensing
Dorothy Gonzales	Executive Assistant

**Visitors.** Kent O’Brien, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT); Daniel O. Wong, Ph.D., P.E.; Bobby Ballí, P.E.; Trish Smith, P.E., Executive Director, Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE); Terry Bilderback, P.E., TSPE

**2. Public comment.** None.

**DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT ON THE FOLLOWING (AGENDA ITEMS 3-8):**

**3. Licensure Advisory Task Force Committee Update.**

Mr. Kinney gave a brief report on the Licensure Advisory Task Force Committee June 2014 meeting. He commented that the Task Force is hoping to move forward with a proposal regarding the licensing of faculty members.

**4. 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session-Important dates and issues.**

Mr. Howell provided the Committee members with important dates for the upcoming legislative session.

**5. Intent and Activities of Legislative Committee for 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session.**

Committee members discussed the Board visibility initiative of being pro-active and visiting legislative staff and incoming new members at the Capitol. Staff was directed to develop an information brochure as a handout. Mr. Greer invited all Board and Emeritus members to be involved. Mr. Greer and Mr. Kinney will meet before November to discuss an action plan. Mr. Kinney will look at dates between February and May for a possible TBPE Legislative Committee meeting before the May scheduled Board meeting.

**6. 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial Pre-Session Legislative Communication Conference.**

Mr. Kinney reported that the Conference has been canceled.

**7. Issues for future consideration and schedule next committee meeting.**

**8. ADJOURN.**

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Summers/Baker) to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 am. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Date approved by Committee as submitted:	November 20, 2014
Date accepted by Board:	November 20, 2014