

**MINUTES
LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
1917 S. IH 35
Austin, Texas 78741
August 21, 2019—1:00 PM**

Discuss and Possibly Act on the Following Agenda Items:

1. Preliminary Matters:

A. Call to Order.

Dr. Sina Nejad, P.E., P.Eng., Chair, called the Licensing Committee meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers to order at 1:00 p.m. at the Texas Board of Professional Engineers, 1917 S. IH 35, Austin, TX. (NOTE: all votes are unanimous unless noted.)

B. Roll Call.

Ms. Boddan called the roll. It was noted for the record that a quorum was present.

The following committee members were present:

Sina Nejad, P.E., P.Eng.	Chair
Lamberto Ballí, P.E.	Member
Catherine Norwood, P.E.	Member
Rolando Rubiano, P.E.	Member

Veena Mohan, Assistant Attorney General, was present to provide legal counsel to the Board. Ademola Adejokun, P.E., Board Member, and Govind Nadkarni, P.E., Advisory Member, were present.

The following staff members were present:

Lance Kinney, Ph.D., P.E.	Executive Director
Rick Strong, P.E.	Director of Licensing and Registration
Michael Sims, P.E.	Director of Compliance and Enforcement
Elissa Mazza	Staff Attorney
Cristabel Boddan	Executive Assistant

C. Possibly excuse absent committee members.

All committee members were present.

D. Welcome Visitors.

Visitors: Nancy Allen Soteriou, Test Masters was present.

Personal Appearances: Matthew Dean Bailey and William Tatum Lauten IV were present.

E. Public Comment. None.

2. May 22, 2019 Licensing Committee Meeting Minutes.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Rubiano) to approve the May 22, 2019, Licensing Committee minutes as submitted. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

3. Applications for Licensure: Personal Interviews Cases.

• **Matthew Dean Bailey**

This applicant applied for licensure. He came before the Committee due to an unreported incident. The applicant has completed all court requirements. The Committee and applicant discussed his experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Norwood) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on August 22, 2019, to allow licensure in Texas upon successful completion of the 30-hour Basic Level Ethics course from Texas Tech. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

• **William Tatum Lauten IV**

This applicant applied for licensure. He came before the Committee due to multiple reported incidents. The applicant has completed all court requirements. The Committee and applicant discussed his experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Norwood) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on August 22, 2019, to allow licensure in Texas once the applicant has passed the Professional Engineer exam. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

4. Possible Rule Adoption.

• **Chapter 133**

- §133.69 Waiver of Examinations

Mr. Strong relayed that the rule language was included as an exhibit for the Committee.

Mr. Strong explained that the Preamble language had been published for public comment on the Texas Register and we received one public comment asking for a delay so that this person could qualify for a FE Waiver before the rule was enacted.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Ballí) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on August 22, 2019, to adopt the §133.69 Waiver of Examinations rule language as amended. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

5. Licensing Director's Report.

• **Results and Statistics: Licensing Application and Examination Report.**

Mr. Strong reviewed the report with the Committee members and provided application and exam results.

6. Issues for consideration for future board meetings. None.

7. Adjourn.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Norwood) to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Date minutes were approved by Committee as submitted:

November 13, 2019

Date Board accepted minutes:

November 14, 2019