

**MINUTES
LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
1917 S. IH 35
AUSTIN, TX 78741
FEBRUARY 14, 2018—1:00 pm**

Call to Order. Mr. Lamberto Ballí, P.E., 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 at 1917 S. IH 35, Austin, TX 78741. A quorum was present. (NOTE: all votes are unanimous unless noted.)

1. Roll call and welcome visitors.

The following Committee members were present:

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| Lamberto Ballí, P.E. | Chair |
| Dr. Sina Nejad, P.E. | Member |
| Edward L. Summers, Ph.D. | Member |
| Kyle Womack, P.E. | Member |
| Albert Cheng | Alternate Member |

Ms. Veena Mohan, Assistant Attorney General, was present to provide legal counsel to the Board. Dr. Edward Summers, Dr. Sina Nejad, P.E., and Mr. Edmundo Gonzalez, P.E., Advisory Member, were present.

The following staff members were present:

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| Lance Kinney, Ph.D., P.E. | Executive Director Deputy |
| David Howell, P.E. | Executive Director |
| Rick Strong, P.E. | Director of Licensing |
| Cristabel Bodden | Executive Assistant |

Visitors: Angelina Domino, Law Clerk with Attorney General's Office and Kent O'Brien, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation.

Personal Appearance: Brown, Michael Louis; Hansen, Dane Howell; Russell, Michael Thomas; Paul, Dr. Sanjay.

2. Public comment. None.

Discuss and Possibly Act on the Following (Agenda Items 3-9):

3. Discuss and possibly approve the November 15, 2017, Licensing Committee Minutes.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Summers/Womack) to approve the November 15, 2017, Licensing Committee minutes as submitted. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

4. Discuss and possibly act on applications for licensure: Personal Interviews Cases.

- **Brown, Michael Louis.** This applicant requested licensure. He came before the Committee due to recent incidents which he did not report. The Committee and applicant discussed his experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Nejad/Summers) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 15, 2018, to approve the Texas PE Licensure. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

- **Hansen, Dane Howell.** This applicant requested licensure. He came before the Committee due to recent incidents which he did not report. The Committee and applicant discussed his experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Womack/Summers) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 15, 2018, to approve the Texas PE Licensure. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

- **Russell, Michael Thomas.** This applicant requested licensure. He came before the Committee due to recent incidents which he did not report. The Committee and applicant discussed his experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Womack/Nejad) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 15, 2018, to approve the Texas PE Licensure after successful completion of the Level I 30-hour Ethics course. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

- **Paul, Dr. Sanjay.** This applicant requested licensure. He came before the Committee due to recent incidents which he reported. The Committee and applicant discussed his experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Nejad/Womack) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 15, 2018, to approve the Texas PE Licensure after providing staff with PE references from Dr. Pendyala for SER Engagement 1 and Mr. Lee for SER Engagement 3. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

5. Discuss and possibly recommend adoption of the following rule proposals.

Mr. Howell relayed that the Board had approved for publication in the Texas Register the ten rules in chapter 133 that were ready for adoption and nothing had changed from the previous Board meeting. The Board received one comment on the branches of Engineering in regards to Welding and Mr. Howell addressed the comment with the Committee Members. Mr. Howell relayed that the ten rules are ready for the Board's adoption. The Committee did not have any comments.

- Chapter 133
- §133.13 Branches of Engineering
- §133.21 Application for Standard License
- §133.23 Applications from Former Standard License Holders
- §133.25 Applications from Engineering Educators
- §133.27 Application for Temporary License for Engineers Currently Licensed Outside the United States
- §133.43 Experience Evaluation
- §133.83 Executive Director Review, Evaluation and Processing of Applications
- §133.93 Personal Interviews of Applicants
- §133.97 Issuance of License
- §133.99 Processing of Applications with a Criminal Conviction

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Summers/Womack) to recommend to the Board to adopt these rules and present to the Board. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

6. International Licensure Update.

Dr. Kinney provided a status update on a joint venture between TBPE and the Unión Profesional De Colegios De Ingenieros. Dr. Kinney relayed that the Memorandum of Understanding was moving forward as planned and are in the process of receiving the agreement back.

7. Licensing Director's Report.

- **Results and Statistics: Application and Examination Report.**

Mr. Strong reviewed the report mentioned above with the Committee members which was also included as an exhibit.

8. Issues for consideration and schedule next meeting.

Dr. Kinney relayed a TBPE initiative to be held in Beaumont, TX in March 2018. The next Licensing Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 16, 2018.

9. Adjourn.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Summers/Nejad) to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Date minutes were approved by Committee as submitted: May 16, 2018
 Date Board accepted minutes: May 17, 2018