

**MINUTES
ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
1917 S. IH 35
Austin, TX 78741
February 15, 2018—10:00 am**

CALL TO ORDER. Catherine Norwood, P.E., Chair called the Enforcement Committee meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Texas Board of Professional Engineering at 1917 S. IH 35, Austin, TX. A quorum was present. (NOTE: all votes are unanimous unless noted.)

1. Roll call and welcome visitors.

The following Committee members were present:

Catherine Norwood, P.E.	Chair
Sockalingam Kannappan, P.E.	Member
Kyle Womack, P.E.	Member
Edward Summers, Ph.D.	Member
Albert Cheng	Alternate Member

A quorum was present.

Ms. Veena Mohan, Assistant Attorney General, was present to provide legal counsel to the Board. Dr. Daniel Wong, P.E., Dr. Sina Nejad, P.E., Mr. Govind Nadkarni, P.E. and Mr. Edmundo Gonzalez, P.E., Advisory Members were present.

The following staff members were present:

Lance Kinney, Ph.D., P.E.	Executive Director
David Howell, P.E.	Deputy Executive Director
Rick Strong, P.E.	Director of Licensing
Jeff Mutscher	Director of Financial Services
Clif Bond	Supervising Investigator
Cristabel Bodden	Executive Assistant

Visitors: Kent O'Brien, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation.

2. Public comment. None.

DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS (AGENDA ITEMS 3-7):

3. Discuss and possibly approve the November 16, 2017, Enforcement Committee Meeting minutes.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Summers/Kannappan) to approve the November 16, 2017, Enforcement Committee minutes as submitted. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

4. Discuss and possibly recommend adoption of the following rules.

- Chapter 137
 - §137.57 Engineers Shall Be Objective and Truthful
 - §137.63 Engineers' Responsibility
- Chapter 139
 - §139.19 Final Resolution of Complaint
 - §139.35 Sanctions and Penalties

Mr. Howell discussed the possible adoption of these rules and relayed that they were published to the Texas Register for a 30-day comment period. Mr. Howell relayed that no comments were received and recommends adoption to the Board. If approved, the adoption would be published in the Texas Register.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Womack/Kannappan) to recommend to the Board for adoption with purposed changes to Chapter 137 and 139. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

5. Compliance & Enforcement Report.

- Update on process improvements
- Status on Compliance & Enforcement case load
- Status of Continuing Education Audit(s)

Mr. Howell reported that this report reflected information from November 1, 2017 - January 31, 2018, and reviewed the report with the Committee members. Mr. Howell relayed that there are a few SOAH cases pending and discussed the Hurricane Harvey exemption. Mr. Howell relayed that he had been audited and that the audit process truly works. No action taken.

6. Issues for consideration and schedule next meeting. None.

7. ADJOURN.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Summers/Kannappan) to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Date Board accepted minutes:

May 17, 2018