

**MINUTES
LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
1917 S. IH 35
Austin, Texas 78741
February 13, 2019—2:00 PM**

Discuss and Possibly Act on the Following Agenda Items:

1. Preliminary Matters:

A. Call to Order

Dr. Sina Nejad, P.E., Chair, called the Licensing Committee meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers to order at 2:00 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. Bodden called the roll. It was noted for the record that a quorum was present.

The following Committee members were present:

Sina Nejad, Ph.D., P.E.	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. Jose I. Guerra, P.E., and Govind Nadkarni, 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
Michael Sims, P.E.	Director of Compliance and Enforcement
Cristabel Bodden	Executive Assistant

C. Possibly excuse absent committee members.

All committee members were present.

D. Welcome Visitors

Visitors: June Melton, P.E., Amstar Engineering and Austin Taylor, Attorney General's Office were present.

Personal Appearances: Emily Virginia Waldenmeyer.

E. Public Comment. None.

2. November 14, 2018 Licensing Committee Meeting Minutes.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Norwood) to approve the November 14, 2018, Licensing Committee minutes as submitted. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED. Mr. Rubiano abstained as he was not present at the November 14, 2018, Licensing Committee meeting.

3. Applications for Licensure: Personal Interviews Cases.

• **Emily Virginia Waldenmeyer**

This applicant applied for licensure. She came before the Committee due to an incident she did not report. The applicant has completed all court requirements. The Committee and applicant discussed her experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Norwood) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 14, 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.

4. Update regarding Fundamentals of Engineering Waiver after Fundamentals of Engineering Failure rule.

• **Chapter 133**

• **§133.69 Waiver of Examinations**

Mr. Strong provided an update on the Fundamentals of Engineering Waiver rule modification. Mr. Strong relayed that the waiver process change had been formed into a rule as directed by the Committee and move forward with the Preamble. The Preamble was cleaned up and the rule submitted to the Governor's Office. Mr. Howell took the lead on this.

Mr. Howell relayed that he had spoken with the Governor's Office several times and they were extremely interested in how this rule worked and had proved several suggestions and recommendations on the rule. Mr. Howell stated that the Committee had the most current and revised rule and a motion was needed.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Ballí) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on February 14, 2019, for approval of the revised FE waiver rule for posting in the Texas Register for a 30-day comment period. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

5. Update regarding process for evaluation of applicant character.

Mr. Strong presented a summary of possible process and rule changes for the licensing process related to the evaluation of applicant character. Mr. Strong explained that staff are in the process of developing rule changes that would affect at least eight licensing rules. Staff will bring these draft changes to the committee at the next meeting.

6. Licensing Director's Report.

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

Mr. Strong reviewed the report with the Committee members and provided application and exam results. The report is also included as an exhibit for the Committee.

Mr. Strong provided information requested by Mr. Ballí on the length of time taken by each Board reviewer and the length of time it takes to complete the entire review of an application.

Mr. Strong relayed that new Board members had been trained and would now be part of the application process.

Mr. Ballí asked that staff consider moving the Licensing Committee meetings to 2:00 or 3:00 p.m. to accommodate Committee members' work schedule. Dr. Kinney relayed that we would consider this request for future Licensing Committee meetings.

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

8. Adjourn.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Norwood) to adjourn the meeting at 2:41 p.m. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Date minutes were approved by Committee as submitted:

May 22, 2019

Date Board accepted minutes:

May 23, 2019