

MINUTES
LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, Room 201
Austin, Texas 78753
November 13, 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 and Land Surveyors to order at 1:00 p.m. at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality building, 12100 Park Circle, Building E, Room 201, 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, P.E., P.Eng.	Chair
Ademola Adejokun, P.E.	Alternate 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.

The following staff members were present:

Lance Kinney, Ph.D., P.E.	Executive Director
Rick Strong, P.E.	Director of Licensing and Registration
Elissa Mazza	Staff Attorney
Cristabel Bodden	Executive Assistant
Natalie Jackson	Licensing Specialist
Deverett Morrow	Network Administrator
Albertina Romain	Licensing Specialist
Mason Schoolfield	Technology Team Lead

C. Excuse absent committee members.

Mr. Lamberto Ballí was excused from the meeting.

D. Welcome Visitors.

Visitors: None.

Personal Appearances: Erik Donald Friede, Cody Hix, Stephen Bruce Holst, Erin Elizabeth Hostetler, Kyle Barclay Iton, Kenneth Perkins, and Daniel Vetter were present.

E. Public Comment. None.

2. August 21, 2019 Licensing Committee Meeting Minutes.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Rubiano) to approve the August 21, 2019, Licensing Committee minutes as submitted. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

3. Applications for Licensure: Personal Interviews Cases.

• **Taylor Bruce Derden**

This applicant did not come before the Committee.

No motion required.

• **Erik Donald Friede**

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 (Rubiano/Norwood) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on November 14, 2019, to allow licensure in Texas upon the successful completion of the 30-hour Basic Level Ethics course from Texas Tech. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

• **Cody Hix**

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 (Norwood/Rubiano) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on November 14, 2019, to allow licensure in Texas upon the successful completion of the 60-hour Intermediate Level Ethics course from Texas Tech. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

• **Stephen Bruce Holst**

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 (Rubiano/Norwood) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on November 14, 2019, to allow licensure in Texas upon the successful completion of the 30-hour Basic Level Ethics course from Texas Tech. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

- **Erin Elizabeth Hostetler**

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

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Nejad/Norwood) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on November 14, 2019, to allow licensure in Texas upon the successful completion of the 60-hour Intermediate Level Ethics course from Texas Tech. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

- **Kyle Barclay Iton**

Mr. Iton came before the Committee after successfully completing the 30-hour Basic Level Ethics course from Texas Tech and submitted required references and fulfilled one-year of additional experience. The Committee and applicant discussed his experience and lessons learned.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Norwood/Adejokun) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on November 14, 2019, to approve the Professional Engineer licensure in Texas. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

- **Kenneth Perkins**

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 (Rubiano/Norwood) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on November 14, 2019, to allow licensure in Texas upon the successful completion of the 30-hour Basic Level Ethics course from Texas Tech. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

- **Adam Christopher Rankin**

This applicant did not come before the Committee.

No motion required.

- **Daniel Vetter**

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 (Norwood/Rubiano) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on November 14, 2019, to allow licensure in Texas upon the successful completion of the 30-hour Basic Level Ethics course from Texas Tech. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

4. Possible New Rule Proposal – Recognition of Out-of-State License of Military Spouse.

- **Chapter 133**

- §133.29 Application for Temporary License for Military Spouses who are Licensed or Registered in Another State.

Dr. Kinney discussed the rule proposal prepared by Board staff with the Committee. An exhibit was provided for the Committee for their review.

Dr. Kinney explained that the rule was developed to comply with a statutory requirement from Senate Bill 1200 in which each licensing agency in the state shall prepare a set of rules to allow married military spouses that have been stationed in Texas to get a license in the state and practice with a letter of authorization if they are already licensed in another state. License fees will also be waived. This will allow military spouses to continue to practice or allow them to get licensed while in the state.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Nejad/Norwood) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting on November 14, 2019, to approve the proposed rule as submitted by Board staff, send to the Office of the Governor for review and publish in the Texas Register for comment. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

5. Licensing Director’s Report.

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

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

- **Surveyor Results and Statistics: Registration 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.

Mr. Adejokun asked if we could improve the criminal history question on the application so that it would make this question very hard to miss and misinterpret. Mr. Adejokun added that in the future, if this question is missed, the minimum requirement should be a 60-hour Intermediate level course and not the 30-hour Basic course that is generally issued or recommended to these applicants.

Mr. Rubiano asked staff to review the responses to the application question concerning criminal history and how often issues were reported or not reported by applicants, and the resulting actions taken either by staff or the Licensing Committee. Mr. Strong relayed the conditions that trigger personal appearances.

Mr. Strong shared the full criminal history question to the Committee. The committee discussed the question and Dr. Nejad relayed that the question is already very detailed and it is not necessary to revisit this question for additional wording and consideration.

7. Adjourn.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Norwood) to adjourn the meeting at 2:57 p.m. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Date minutes were approved by Committee as submitted:

February 19, 2020

Date Board accepted minutes:

February 20, 2020