

The Texas Board of Professional Engineers
Quarterly e-Newsletter
June 20, 2017

Board Meeting Update

The Texas Board of Professional Engineers Quarterly Board and Committee Meetings were held May 24-25, 2017. Highlights include the following:

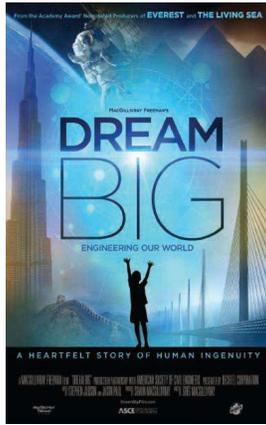
- **Approved Board Rule Changes** - The changes below were effective June 19, 2017.
 - §139.35(b) Sanctions and Penalties - The rule change removed rule language that is no longer in effect. This change implements the requirements of House Bill 2439 passed by the 84th Texas legislature in 2015, which removed the special roster of engineers qualified to be windstorm inspectors.
 - §137.19 Engineers Qualified to be Texas Windstorm Inspectors - The rule repeal removed rule language that is no longer in effect. This change implements the requirements of House Bill 2439 passed by the 84th Texas Legislature in 2015, which removed the special roster of engineers qualified to be windstorm inspectors.
 - **Video Clips** - Video recordings of the Board meeting are available at: <http://engineers.texas.gov/recordings.htm>. Viewing these recordings qualifies for continuing education credit under the category of self-directed study. A maximum of five credit hours may be accrued for self-directed study.
 - **Disciplinary Actions** - All enforcement actions approved in the Board meeting are posted on the TBPE website. Enforcement actions are reported based on the date of the Board meeting at which the actions were taken. Refer to: <http://engineers.texas.gov/disciplinary.htm>.
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Webinars and Outreach

TBPE continues to offer ethics outreach presentations both in person and in a webinar format for the convenience of our licensees. The free webinars have been so well received that we are now adding additional events as needed. If you are interested in scheduling a live TBPE ethics presentation at your workplace, refer to our outreach page at: <http://engineers.texas.gov/outreach>.

- **Ethics Webinars**

These quarterly webinars provide an up-to-date overview of agency activities, case studies, and a review of professional ethics topics. Ethics webinars are held approximately one month prior to each quarterly expiration date. Ethics webinars have been scheduled for September 6, 2017 and December 6, 2017. Registration links will be posted 30 days prior to each event at: <https://engineers.texas.gov/webinars.html>.



Dream Big: Engineering Our World

Dream Big is the first giant-screen film to answer the call of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) initiative, which aims to inspire kids of diverse backgrounds to become the innovators who will improve the lives of people across our entire planet as we head into the 21st Century and beyond. For more information and to find a showing near you, visit

<http://www.dreambigfilm.com/>.



New Videos

Board staff recently developed a "How to Apply for a P.E. License" video series.

The 5 videos are all available in a public playlist on YouTube. Playlist Link:

<http://engineers.texas.gov/videos>

E.I.T Deadlines

* June 19, 2017 - PE Exam Registration opened at NCEES for the October 27-28, 2017 PE and SE Exams. The exam deadline is August 31, 2017. Refer to the [NCEES website](#) for further information.

* July 14, 2017 - TBPE P.E. and E.I.T. Application Deadlines - Completed applications submitted prior to the deadline date will be processed in time to meet the exam registration deadlines. Those submitted after the deadline may not be processed in time to register for the October 2017 NCEES PE Exam.

NCEES Updates

- First Computer-Based PE Exam - The April 2017 exam administration ended an era for the PE Chemical exam. It was the last time the exam would be offered in a pencil-and-paper format. Registration for the first computer-based test (CBT) opened June 19, 2017, with the first CBT appointments beginning January 2, 2018. The exam will be offered year-round at

approved Pearson VUE test centers. The plan is for all exam disciplines to be converted to CBT between 2018 and 2023.

- E3 Customer Management System - The E3 system, which was launched in June 2016, unites customers, NCEES staff and state member Boards. The system which is accessible through a MyNCEES account contains the following components: exam registration, study materials, exam scoring, credentials evaluations, CPC tracking, license and exam verifications, enforcement tracking, and NCEES Records.

For further information on either of these new programs, refer to the NCEES Licensure Exchange Newsletter at: http://ncees.org/wp-content/uploads/Licensure-Exchange_April-2017.pdf or the NCEES Website at <http://ncees.org>.

And More:

Give us feedback on how we are doing by filling out our customer service survey. Please visit our website at <http://engineers.texas.gov/feedback> or call us for a paper survey. We want to hear your suggestions on how we can improve agency operations and service delivery.

In keeping with our efforts to modernize and increase communication with our licensees and the public, you can now follow us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and via an RSS feed. Join today!

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