

**AGENDA**  
**TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYING**  
**12100 Park 35 Circle, Bldg. E, Rm. 201**  
**Austin, Texas**  
**May 19, 2017, 10:00 a.m.**

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THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS.

*The Board may go into Executive Session on any of the following agenda items if authorized by Tex. Gov't Code, Chapter 551. Also, in accordance with the Tex. Penal Code, §46.035(c) handguns, whether concealed or openly carried, may not be taken into the meeting room during the open meeting.*

Call to Order, Establish Quorum, Introductions, and Comments from the Public

1. Motion to excuse members Mary Chruszczak and Jim Cheatham's absence from the March 3, 2017 meeting.
2. Motion to excuse member Jerry Garcia's absence from the May 19, 2017 meeting.
3. Approval of the March 3, 2017 Minutes
4. Director's Report
  - a. Update on appropriations hearings
  - b. Approval of hiring freeze waiver
  - c. Question regarding the Board's position on virtual offices
  - d. Suggestion for a description of the board seal to be included in the Board's rules
5. Complaints
  - a. Closed or Dismissed Complaints
    - i. 13-21
    - ii. 14-07
    - iii. 14-36
    - iv. 15-15
    - v. 16-37
    - vi. 17-19
  - b. Informal Settlement Conferences / State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH)
    - i. 14-47
    - ii. 16-32
  - c. Request for reinvestigation
    - i. 16-23
  - d. Opening a complaint in the name of the Board
    - i. 13-26
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Executive Committee –Jon Hodde, Chair
  - b. Rules Committee – Mary Chruszczak, Chair
    - i. Review and discussion of comments received and possible action regarding proposed rules
    - ii. Discussion of language concerning loss of surveyor by surveying firm and permission for firm to continue operations
    - iii. Maintaining paper copies with original signatures
    - iv. Update on drafting language to improve definition of “surveying” and including use of drones as tools
  - c. RPLS/SIT Examination Committee – Jon Hodde, Chair
    - i. Results of April 2017 RPLS exam

- ii. Confirmation of new RPLS
  - d. LSLIS Examination Committee – Bill Merten, Chair
    - i. Results of April 2017 LSLIS exam
    - ii. Confirmation of new LSLIS, John Denney
  - e. Continuing Education Committee – Paul Kwan, Chair
    - i. Approval of Courses
- 7. Other Business
  - a. Report on continuing education audit of 2017 and issues raised regarding course certificates submitted – Bill Merten
  - b. Treating surveys submitted to Texas Railroad Commission as “preliminary surveys” – Kerry Hoefner
  - c. Response to issues raised regarding oil and gas surveys – Dennis Hughes
  - d. Update from Committee formed to address oil and gas well surveys submitted to the Texas Railroad Commission – Mark Neugebauer
  - e. Discussion on whether the current rule definition of “surveying” would apply to hydrographic surveys – Davey Edwards
- 8. Future Agenda Items – Select next meeting date
- 9. Comments from the Public
- 10. Adjourn

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