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ASCE TEXAS SECTION

WINTER 2024-2025 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 31, 2025 | 2:00 – 5:00 PM CT | Austin, Texas

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1905 Aldrich Street, Suite 300, Austin, Texas 78723-3544 Room: Vaughn

1.0 Convene

1.1 President Mark Boyd PhD, PE called the meeting to order at 2:15 PM.

1.2 Roll Call, Determination of Quorum. A quorum was present.

Position	Name	Present/Absent
President	Mark Boyd PhD, PE	Present
Past President	Kimberly Cornett PE	Present
President Elect	Russell Carter PE	Present
VP Educational	Genest Landry PE	Present
VP Educational Elect	Joe Alvarez	Present
VP Professional	Julie Jones PE	Present
VP Professional Elect	Michael Bloom PE	Present
VP Technical	Mark Mann PE	Present
VP Technical Elect	Patricia Frayre PE	Absent
Senior Director at Large	Angie Fealy PE	Present
Treasurer	Anna Olveda	Present
Executive Director	Jenni Peters CAE	Present
Board Secretary	Mike Sosa	Present

Guests

1. Patrick Williams PE, Section/Branch Relations Committee Co-Chair
2. Adam Eaton, Texas Section Director at Large
3. Susan Roth, Region 6 Governor
4. Kim Garcia, Texas Section Staff
5. Katherine Smith, Austin Branch Section Director

1.3 President Boyd welcomed the guests listed above to the meeting.

1.4 President Elect Russell Carter PE led the Pledges and Invocation.

1.5 Investment Report. The Edward Jones rep was unable to attend; no report was given.

1.6 Region 6 Governor Susan Roth PE provided comments on behalf of Region 6 and ASCE.

Discussion: [Click here to read the full report.](#)

1.7 President Boyd provided the Executive Summary.

Discussion: President Boyd noted that he is making good progress on his goal of visiting each of the Branches, including a few planned visits over the coming months. The 2025

([A]-action items, [C]-consent items, [D]-discussion items, [I]-information items)

* Reports received and distributed prior to board meeting

Texas IRC release and the Legislative Drive-In are set for mid-February. He has not quite made progress on his goal to start an Education Council.

Reports for Action or Discussion

2.0 Administrative Items for Executive Committee Action

2.1 The Executive Committee is asked for any changes to the agenda.

Discussion: None.

2.2 The Executive Committee is asked to review the COI form and disclose potential conflicts.

Discussion: None.

3.0 Items for Discussion

SPEAKERS: Start each item with the [Strategic Plan](#) Goal it falls under (also listed at top)

3.1 Section Finances

Discussion: Treasurer Anna Olveda to send out an updated operating budget next week. Revenues and expenses are within expectations to this point in the fiscal year. Next, Treasurer Olveda explained consent agenda item 4.1.2, Section Investment management adjustments to Risk Tolerance and "Cash" percentage. See the consent agenda for link to the full details. After some discussion, it was moved to remove item 4.1.2 from the consent agenda until the Investment Rep from Edward Jones is available to facilitate that discussion. [Motion to remove item 4.1.2 from the consent agenda and table it until further notice. Move to remove. Seconded and passed without dissent.](#) Lastly, Treasurer Olveda explained the process of amending the budget. If any changes are needed, a request must be submitted to the Budget-Finance Committee for review. You can email requests to office@texasce.org or jpeters@texasce.org. There is a similar process for reimbursement requests. You can contact the Section office for a copy of the reimbursement form, which has instructions on how to fill the form out and which approval(s) are needed before payment can be processed.

3.2 Volunteer Recruiting

Discussion: President Boyd noted that the Porter Fund is still searching for a trustee (six-year position) and an Assistant Treasurer for the current term through 2026. That Assistant Treasurer would then ideally become Treasurer through 2028. The Texas Section also plans to shift the volunteer recruitment timeframe earlier in 2025 to July – September.

3.3 Membership Update

Discussion: President Elect Carter highlighted the membership graphic that was sent out by ASCE last week showing assigned membership trends over the last five years by Region. He also noted that the Section Office is working on a simple one-page graphic for each Branch that highlights the various entities in each area (student chapters, institutes, etc.). Executive Director Peters mentioned that the Section is continuing to increase its presence at other industry events and conferences this year.

3.4 Professional Activities

Discussion: VP Professional Julie Jones PE encouraged everyone who is interested to register for the Legislative Drive-In in February (deadline is Feb 7). She also mentioned that

the 2025 Texas IRC is set to be released on February 11 and there will be a release event for the report card along with the Legislative Drive-In on February 18-19.

3.5 Educational Affairs Update

Discussion: VP Educational Genest Landry PE explained that the name of the Student Symposium has been changed to the 2025 ASCE Frontier [Student Symposium](#). The 2025 event will be held April 2-5 in Stephenville, hosted by ASCE Student Chapter of Tarleton State University. She noted that sponsorships are doing very well and on track to hit the goal soon. Registrations are still minimal, but the majority usually come in close to the deadline.

Next, she mentioned that STEM Chair Nalah Williams PE would like to repurpose the 'Student' page on the Section website to update the content and add some features that help the STEM Committee's goals.

Lastly, Executive Director Peters explained that the recipient of the new award for Faculty Advisors will be announced during the Banquet at the Symposium each year. Keep an eye out for ongoing communication about this award.

3.6 [Leadership Development Weekend](#)

Discussion: President Elect Carter noted that LDW and the Summer ExCom Meeting are set for July 25-27 in Lubbock. Keep an eye out for more details in the Spring.

3.7 Technical Activities

Discussion: VP Technical Mark Mann PE mentioned that the election for the new TxSEI Leaders is set to finish February 9. He is also working with a few other chapters to establish new partnership agreements for CECON 2025.

The first webinar of 2025 was a success, with over 70 registrations. Next on the schedule is a February 11 session on Government and Public Relations that ties in well with the upcoming Legislative Drive-In.

The VP Tech team is always looking for ideas for potential webinar speakers. Please send them to the Section Office or directly to Mark Mann. See below for an update on webinar revenues over the previous three years.

	Budget	Actual		Budget	Actual		Budget	Actual		Budget	Actual	
Tex Sect WEBINARS	2024	2024	2.4%	2023	2023	26%	2022	2022	62%	2021	2021	101%
	\$8,000	\$195		\$16,000	\$4,200		\$15,000	\$9,890		\$12,500	\$12,615	

3.8 Texas Civil Engineer

Discussion: Angie Fealy PE noted that the committee is still meeting regularly and plans to start working on member surveying in the coming months.

3.9 [CECON](#)

Discussion: Russell Carter PE noted that the planning committee met briefly to kick off the process for CECON 2025. The event is set for September 17-19 in San Marcos and the theme for 2025 is Breaking Barriers.

3.10 Officer Nominations & Election

Discussion: Kimberly Cornett PE noted that the number of nominations received was way down this year, which will result in an uncontested election. The Section is hopeful for increased nominations again next year.

4.0 Items for Executive Committee Action

4.1 The Executive Committee is asked to [adopt the consent agenda](#).

Discussion: The word "elect" needs to be added to each position for clarity in item 4.1.5. Item 4.1.2 has been removed per earlier discussions during 3.1.

[Motion to adopt the consent agenda with the change noted above. Move to adopt. Seconded and passed without dissent.](#)

The consent agenda included:

- 4.1.1 Receive all Reports marked [I] on the agenda.
- 4.1.2 Receive Section Investment management adjustments to Risk Tolerance and "Cash" percentage.
- 4.1.3 Receive CECON 2025 budget and 2025 Symposium budget
- 4.1.4 Approve new Committee Chairs:
Younger Member Committee Co-Chairs Elizabeth Livergood and Thomas Poulose
CECON 1st Year Co-Chair Bria Whitmire
- 4.1.5 Endorse Slate of Officer Candidates for 2025-2026 as recommended by the Nominating Committee.
 - President Elect Julia Clarke, Houston
 - VP Educational Elect Alexa Nichols, Houston
 - VP Professional Elect Andrea Taylor, Fort Worth
 - VP Technical Elect Carlos Balderrama, El Paso
 - Directors at Large Oreoluwa Adedapo, Houston & Ricardo Pena, Dallas

4.2 Endorse Past Presidents Council Recommendations for 2025 Texas OCEA Award & Award of Merit winners. [Click here to view all nominations](#).

4.2.1 The recipient of the 2025 ASCE Texas OCEA Award is **Project 11: Houston Ship Channel Expansion, Segment 1-2 by Port Houston**.

4.2.2 The recipient of the 2025 ASCE Texas OCEA Award of Merit is the **Northhaven Trail Bridge Project by TxDOT Dallas District**.

Discussion: None.

[Motion to endorse Past Presidents Council Recommendations for 2025 Texas OCEA Award & Award of Merit winners. Move to endorse. Seconded and passed without dissent.](#)

5.0 President Boyd provided closing remarks.

Discussion: President Boyd reminded attendees about the upcoming events and deadlines listed in the calendar below.

6.0 President Boyd adjourned the meeting at 4:58 PM.



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2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 16-22, 2025 – Nationwide

[Engineers Week](#)

February 18, 2025 – Austin, TX

2025 Texas Infrastructure Report Card release

February 19, 2025 – Austin, TX

ASCE Texas Legislative Drive-In

February 28, 2025

ASCE Texas Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award nominations due *new award*

March 26-28, 2025 – Washington, DC

ASCE National Legislative Fly-In

April 2-5, 2025 – Stephenville, TX

[ASCE Frontier Student Symposium](#) & [TexASCE Board of Direction meeting \(Thursday AM\)](#),

hosted by ASCE Student Chapter of Tarleton State University

May 1, 2025

[ASCE Texas Section 2025 Annual Individual Awards](#) nominations due including 2nd annual YM & Student awards

July 26-28, 2025 – Lubbock, TX

[Leadership Development Weekend](#) & [TexASCE Executive Committee meeting \(Friday PM\)](#)

September 17-19, 2025 – San Marcos, TX

[CECON 2025](#), "Breaking Barriers" & [TexASCE Board of Direction meeting \(Friday PM\)](#)

October 31, 2025

ASCE Texas [Officer Nominations](#) & [Texas OCEA Award](#) nominations due

November 5 – Worldwide

[ASCE Day](#) celebrates the Society's founding on November 5, 1852!