
Board for Professional Land Surveyors
Business Meeting
Meeting Minutes

DATE: May 3, 2023

TIME: 11:00 AM

LOCATION: 1100 N. Eutaw St.
5th Floor Conference Room
Baltimore, MD 21201
(Teleconference via Google Meet)

MEMBERS PRESENT: John V. Mettee III, *Chair*
Tammy Rollins, *Vice-Chair*
Thomas M. Orisich, *Land Surveyor*
T.J. Frazier, *Land Surveyor*
Jeanne Nebre, *Land Surveyor*
Derrick McLaughlin, *Consumer Member*

STAFF PRESENT: Zevi Thomas, *Executive Director*
Faith Green, *Board Administrator*
Kimberly S. Ward, *Board Counsel*
Danielle Anderson, *O&P Web Coordinator*

OTHERS PRESENT: Rob Kundrick, *Maryland Society of Surveyors*

Meeting Called to Order

Chair John V. Mettee III called the business meeting of the Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveyors to order at 11:06 a.m.

Approval of April 5, 2023 Minutes

Members of the Board reviewed the meeting minutes for April 5, 2023. Motion (I) was made by Mr. Orisich, seconded by Ms. Rollins, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes with corrections.

Correspondence

None

New Business

Houston, Texas Interim-Zone Meeting

Mr. Orisich proposed that the Board discuss the Interim meeting in Houston, Texas (April 27- 29).

A motion to implement 5 exam divisions did not pass the professional activities and knowledge study (PAKS). The EPS Committee concluded that the current format has enough questions that it does not need to add a boundary module. Mr. Orisich considers that with this approach the exam does not address mapping sciences or topography. Taking the boundary out of the exam would make it accessible to more qualified exam candidates. He continued to state that currently, Maryland Law would allow qualified candidates that only take two exams – core and mapping – to still obtain a license.

Updates on the development of the Public Land Survey System Module.

NCEES Board of Directors announced the creation of a licensing committee task force to examine aspects of both the PE and PLS licensure.

Mr. Mettee stated that the Maryland Board is opposed to the current NCEES Committee on Examination for Professional Surveyors (EPS) proposal combining of Core and Boundary exams, and suggests going back to the 4 divisional exams based on the exam specifications.

Old Business

Ad-Hoc Committee

Ms. Nebre stated that the second meeting of the Ad-hoc Committee is set for May 24, 2023. All charges were discussed at the first meeting, and the second meeting will focus on the first charge.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Thomas stated that he shared the recently published NCEES Interim-Zone Meeting presentation with the Board members.

Mr. Thomas informed the Board that Commissioner Greg Morgan will be stepping down as Commissioner of the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing later this month.

Board Counsel Report

Ms. Ward informed the Board that she will have information regarding their new Board Counsel at the June meeting which will end her tenure as temporary Board Counsel.

Maryland Society of Surveyors

Mr. Kundrick reported the following:

- The Criminal and Civil Trespass (SB0288) passed in the Senate unanimously but failed the House Judiciary Committee, possibly due to time constraints. The Maryland Society of Surveyors (MSS) plans to reintroduce the bill next session.
- MSS Fall Conference will be on October 18-21, 2023 in Ocean City, Maryland.
- MSS filed a complaint with the Board, however, that issue is still in the Complaint Committee.

- It was brought to the attention of MSS that a Professional Engineer (PE) signed a record plat, and the authorities having jurisdiction accepted it. It is an issue that does not require immediate action but will be monitored by the Association.

Review of Applications

In progress

Executive Session

None

Complaint Committee Report

Mr. Orisich presented the following Complaint Committee Report:

- 04-LS-20: Under investigation and requires court proceeding documents
- 06-LS-23: Pre-charge and under investigation
- 08-LS-23: Under investigation
- 13-LS-23: Closed
- 15-LS-23: Awaiting surveyor's response as the deadline for response has not passed

Motion (II) was made by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Ms. Rollins, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Complaint Committee Report.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (III) was made by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Orisich, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

Chair's Signature: Signature on File

Date 06/07/2023