

MARYLAND BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 5, 2022

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: 500 Calvert Street
Room 302
Baltimore, MD 21202

Joining Info: Access Using Video Conferencing
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Members Present:

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

Absent: None

Labor Officials & Staff Present:

Gregory J. Morgan, Commissioner, O & P Licensing
Zevi Thomas, Executive Director
Raquel M. Meyers, Assistant Executive Director
Milena Y. Trust, Board Counsel
Melissa Coles, Administrative Specialist III

Others Present: David McSpadden
Paul Ewell, MSS

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, John V. Mettee, III, called the Business meeting of the Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveyors to order, at 11:03 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The members of the Board reviewed the Business minutes held on December 1, 2021. Motion (I) was made by Mr. Orisich, seconded by Ms. Rollins, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes with corrections.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Mettee introduced David McSpaden regarding MSGIC EC HB 684 - Initial Legal Consultation as mentioned in the December 2021 Board meeting. Mr. McSpaden views are aligned with the decision of the Board. Ms. Trust stated that only the people that are in charge will be notified of the hearings, both the surveyors and Mr. McSpaden's team. Ms. Trust stated that no one intends to get through without having all the stakeholders involved in the process. Mr. Mettee thanked Mr. McSpaden for attending the meeting.

Mr. Mettee introduced an email from Patrick Simon regarding MSS Board meeting follow up. Introduced in the December 2021 Board Meeting. Mr. Orisich will contact Mr. Simon. Mr. Mettee and Mr. Thomas will follow-up once Mr. Frazier responds.

Mr. Mettee introduced an email for follow-up on the letter requesting interpretation of the Machine Control Models Designed by Non-Engineering Firms was discussed by the Professional Engineers Board at its November and December meetings. Ms. Trust informed this inquiry was answered at the last meeting and for the Board to be copied on the reply.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Mettee expressed his concerns about the new Covid-19 regulations and the Departments move to 1100 North Eutaw Street location. Mr. Mettee stated that due to staff turnover he asked that records be transported securely to the new location. Mr. Thomas welcomed any assistance from the Board regarding file transportation because of prior knowledge of the files.

Ms. Trust suggested that the exam files should be separated and marked confidential. Mr. Mettee volunteered to assist and asked to get access to the Building. Mr. Frazier volunteered to assist as well. Mr. Thomas informed the moving date is scheduled for January 18, 2022. Mr. Thomas will follow-up to confirm the date/time for assistance with the files.

OLD BUSINESS - None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Thomas informed the Maryland General Assembly begins it's legislative session on January 12, 2022.

Mr. Frazier inquired about the move and space for the Board meeting. Mr. Thomas indicated that the February Board meeting will be held virtually. Mr. Orisich expressed concern about how the move will affect the state specific exams. Ms. Trust inquired about the upcoming testing dates. Ms. Meyers stated that the last exam was held in November 2021. Due to Covid-19, we may have to seek an alternative site moving forward. After a brief discussion, Mr. Frazier and Ms. Trust suggested scheduling the next state specific exams at the end of March. Ms. Trust suggested emailing the candidates an update that the Board is in the process of developing opportunities to schedule the exam.

BOARD COUNSEL'S REPORT

Ms.Trust informed the legislative session is about to begin. A bill has been introduced that requires the Department to predetermine applicants with criminal convictions to be eligible prior to applying for their license. It brings up issues about the applicant's charges which to her understanding, we would possibly have to return fees if the applicant is deemed ineligible. Ms. Trust stated that the bill could delay the application process. She will keep the Board informed. She also stated the legislative policy memorandum from the Secretary's office will be coming soon.

MARYLAND SOCIETY OF SURVEYORS

Mr. Mettee introduced Mr. Paul Ewell. Mr. Ewell stated that the December 2021 meeting was canceled. The next meeting will be held on January 11th virtually. The Spring conference was reported at the November meeting. Mr. Mettee inquired about the mentorship program. After a brief discussion, Mr. Ewell agreed to present at the MSS meeting and email Mr. Mettee with the results.

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

The Applications Committee will meet to review applications at a later date.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Orisich presented the Complaint Committee Report.

04-LS -20	Awaiting court civil case resolution
08-LS-22	Awaiting response from Respondent
09-LS-22	Awaiting response from Respondent

10-LS-22 Close
11-LS-22 Close

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Ostrich stated he will be sending a virtual invitation for the next Task Force Practice Act meeting.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2022 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (VI) was made by Mr. Orsich, seconded by Mr. Nebre, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

Approved: _____ without corrections ___x___ with corrections

Signature on file _____
John V. Mettee, III, Chair

Date: 2/2/22 _____