

# MARYLAND BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** May 5, 2021

**Time:** 11:00 a.m.

**Location:** 500 Calvert Street  
Room 302  
Baltimore, MD 21202

**Joining Info:** Access Using Video Conferencing  
[meet.google.com/znw-ckha-meg](https://meet.google.com/znw-ckha-meg)  
Phone: 1-262-546-6259  
PIN: 112 898 300#

## **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

**Absent:** Derrick McLaughlin, Consumer Member

## **Labor Officials & Staff Present:**

Gregory Morgan, Commissioner, Division of O & P Licensing  
Raquel M. Meyers, Assistant Executive Director  
Carla Marie Zamon, Administrative Specialist III  
Milena Y. Trust, Board Counsel  
Frazier West, Investigator

**Others Present:** Eric Cooper, MSS President-Elect

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, John V. Mettee, III, called the Business meeting of the Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveyors to order, virtually, at 11:01 a.m.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The members of the Board reviewed the Business minutes held on April 7, 2021. Motion (I) was made by Mr. Orisich, seconded by Ms. Rollins, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes with corrections.

## **COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Orisich presented the Complaint Committee Report:

04-LS-20 Administrative Hold (Pending Civil Proceeding) – No Change  
01-LS-21 Informal conference with surveyor being scheduled  
04-LS-21 Informal conference with surveyor being scheduled  
05-LS-21 To be closed  
06-LS-21 To be closed  
07-LS-21 Sending correspondence to complainant to verify information  
08-LS-21 Awaiting response from surveyor  
09-LS-21 Awaiting response from surveyor

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

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Mettee suggested that the email regarding the exam review request be discussed in Executive Session. This item was tabled for Executive Session.

Mr. Mettee stated that he has only seen reference lines in a Delaware swamp area. Ms. Trust asked if this was an issue the Board, as a regulatory body, has the authority to comment on. Ms. Nebre and Mr. Frazier stated it is a professional opinion and not regulated by the Board. Ms. Trust agreed with Ms. Nebre and Mr. Frazier. Mr. Mettee said he agrees and that the standards of practice are silent on this matter.

Mr. Orisich quoted Regulation 9.13.06.03 as related to the latter. Mr. Mettee suggested referring the matter to MSS to learn what common, customary practice is. Ms. Trust offered to draft a letter to present to Mr. Mettee for approval and then forward it to Ms. Meyers for dissemination.

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Orisich suggested that the Board address the State of the Council Meeting on who to send to New Orleans. If Mr. Orisich wins the NE Zone meeting election for Vice President, he will be funded. Mr. Mettee stated that he is not funded as Secretary Treasurer. Ms. Trust suggested sending Mr. Mettee and Mr. Orisich and added that the State is now requiring vaccination for travel, per a MEMO from the Department of Budget and Management. Mr. Mettee and Mr. Orisich stated they are travel eligible. Mr. Orisich suggested that Mr. Mettee and he be voted as funded delegates with Ms. Trust as a back up.

Motion (III) was made by Mr. Orsich, seconded by Mr. Frazier, and carried unanimously by the Board to vote Mr. Mettee and Mr. Orsich as funded delegates and Ms. Trust as back up.

Mr. Orsich stated that now that House Bill 684 has passed, the Board needs to discuss how to implement its requirements. Mr. Mettee suggested creating a new or reconvening the Practice Act Committee. Mr. Orsich asked Ms. Trust if there should be a review of all regulations. Ms. Trust said she thinks they should look at the bill implementation first. Ms. Trust stated the prior committee had two (2) Board members and two (2) MSS members. The final proposed regulations drafted will be ready by the end of November at the latest, and then the process would take four (4) months after that.

Mr. Mettee said that Mr. Orsich was prior committee Chair and asked him if the committee could reconvene in June 2021. Mr. Orsich agreed and suggested an in person meeting at his place of business. Ms. Trust agreed.

Mr. Orsich stated that questions from the Podcast for the forum should be provided to Mr. Mettee who will give them in open meeting. The EPS Committee is moving forward with Divisional exams.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - None

#### **BOARD COUNSEL'S REPORT**

Ms. Trust informed the Board that House Bill 684 passed. She has a meeting with Mr. Morgan, Commissioner, and will bring up the Joint Chairs meeting. She advised that the Department of Labor will be moving between December, 2021 and June of 2022 to 1100 N. Eutaw Street. She also said that a return to the office will probably occur in July 2021. She is going to speak with Ms. Meyers regarding the budget before the meeting with Mr. Morgan.

#### **MARYLAND SOCIETY OF SURVEYORS**

Mr. Cooper said the Spring Conference has 244 attendees and 1,804 CPC's awarded. He said that they have had 20 students for the LS and PS exams with 98 hours of CPC's. The Fall Conference is planning on an in person plan at the Howard County Turf Valley Golf Course.

#### **APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW**

Mr. Frazier and Ms. Nebre met to review applications in the evening on May 5, 2021. One reciprocity application was approved and additional information was requested for another exam applicant. The information was provided on May 6, 2021 and the application was approved.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The next Board Meeting is Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion (IV) was made by Mr. Frazier, seconded by Ms. Rollins, the Board unanimously agreed to enter into Executive Session, pursuant to § 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provisions Article, Maryland Annotated Code, at 11:35 a.m., virtually, in order to discuss and obtain the advice of Counsel regarding an examination review.

Motion (V) was made by Mr. Frazier, seconded by Ms. Rollins and the Board unanimously voted that the Board reconvene in the Business Meeting at 12:24 p.m. Upon completion of the session, the Board reconvened its public meeting at 12:24 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (VI) was made by Ms. Nebre, seconded by Mr. Orisich, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Approved:   x   without corrections                               with corrections

Signature on File  
\_\_\_\_\_  
John V. Mettee, III, Chair

Date:   6/02/2021