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**Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveyors**  
**Business Meeting**  
*Meeting Minutes*

DATE: September 6, 2023

TIME: 11:00 AM

LOCATION: 1100 N. Eutaw St.  
5<sup>th</sup> 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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Derrick McLaughlin, Consumer Member

STAFF PRESENT: Zevi Thomas, *Executive Director*  
Matthew Venuti, *Board Counsel*  
Faith Green, *Board Administrator*  
Danielle Anderson, *O&P Web Coordinator*

OTHERS PRESENT: Rob Kandruck, *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 11:11 a.m.

## Approval of August 2, 2023 Minutes

Members of the Board reviewed the meeting minutes for August 2, 2023. Motion (I) was made by Ms. Rollins, seconded by Mr. Orisich, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve minutes with corrections.

## Correspondence

None

## New Business

### 2023 NCEES Annual Meeting

#### *a. NCEES Foundation*

NCEES has received non-discretionary funds from exam rescheduling, or examinees not appearing to take the exam or other sources in the amount of \$15 million in reserves. The money can be allocated at the request of the NCEES Board. The Board decided to fund scholarships for engineering students. The funds will be provided through the various State chapters of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC). The NCEES Board receives requests for allocating these funds from various entities, and has power to allocate these funds. In addition, the Board has allowed \$7 million to be allocated for the The Foundation.

#### *b. Examination for Professional Surveyors (EPS) Module*

Mr. Orisich stated that the content of the exam is at the discretion of the Board and not the entire Counsel. The Maryland Board created several proposals, but they were considered out of order, and could not be presented. He continued to state that the EPS should have presented four separate exams instead of one. A task force has been created for further research. Mr. Orisich is concerned that surveyors in states with public lands exams would need to take 2 exams adding to the cost to get licensed in those states.

Ms. Nebre stated that the amendment to the motion was considered out of order during the annual meeting. Any proposed changes to the exam should be emailed to the EPS Committee. She supports changes in policy and procedures when introducing motions or amendments to EPS Committee.

Mr. Orisich added that model law was revised, and the committee established a definition for *engineering surveying* which states that engineers can enhance, and supplement additions to a topographic survey that has been given to them but cannot furnish these independently

## Old Business

None

## Executive Director's Report

### Federal Directive

Mr. Thomas informed the Board of the federal directive from the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division notifying State Licensing Authorities of a new provision in the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) about the portability of professional licenses for servicemembers and their spouses. This potential affects the Board Statutes with regard to reciprocity applications. Specifically, the State-specific exams requirements. He continued to explain that federal law would, of course, supersede state law on this matter. The Board staff provided a list of newly licensed surveyors to the Maryland Society of Surveyors (MSS) for this year's presentation during the annual meeting in October.

### Legislative Sunset

Mr. Thomas informed the Board that Mr. Venuti, Board Counsel, had signed the concept sheet for the Board's legislative sunset extension.

### Board Counsel Report

None

### Maryland Society of Surveyors

The following was reported from Mr. Kundrick:

- The Fall Conference will take place on Friday, October 20, 2023. There will be a general session from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. when the Board meeting will take place. Mr. Mettee added that the meeting will be informative, but not discuss questions about specific licensees or applicants.
- Mr. Kundrick inquired about updates for the Ad-hoc Committee members. Ms. Nebre stated that an email was sent out to all members of the Committee and the meeting would be held every third Wednesday.
- Mr. Kundrick confirmed from Mr. Thomas that an email was received regarding Precision Measurements.

### Review of Applications

Mr. Frazier stated the review process is ongoing.

### Executive Session

Motion (II) was made by Ms. Rollins, seconded by Mr. Frazier, and unanimously carried to enter Executive Session at 12:05 p.m. This session was permitted to be closed pursuant to General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, §3-305(b) (7). Upon completion of the session, the Board reconvened its public meeting at 12:15 p.m.

### Complaint Committee Report

Mr. Orisich presented the following report:

- 04-LS-20: Awaiting decision from Complainant
- 06-LS-23: Charges have been submitted to the Office of Administrative Hearings
- 12-LS-23: The Committee has chosen a surveyor for a technical review
- 16-LS-23: Closed
- 01-LS-23: Charges forwarded to the Office of Administrative Hearings.

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

Adjournment

Mr. Mettee inquired to the Board if a meeting should be held on both October 4, 2023 and October 20, 2023. He suggested if both meetings took place, the November meeting should be removed.

Ms. Rollins expressed a preference for canceling the October 4 meeting.

Motion (IV) was made by Mr. Frazier, seconded by Ms. Rollins, and unanimously carried by the Board to remove the October 4, 2023 meeting from the Board's calendar.

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (V) was made by Mr. Orisich, seconded by Mr. Frazier, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

*Chair's Signature:* Signature on File

*Date:* 10/23/2023