

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2021 MEETING OF THE MARYLAND BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

Date: February 3, 2021

Place: Access Using Video Conferencing
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Time: 11:00 a.m.

Present: John V. Mettee III, Chair, Professional Land Surveyor
Thomas M. Orisich, Professional Land Surveyor
Tammy L. Rollins, Consumer Member
Jeanne Lentejas Nebre, Professional Land Surveyor
Dereck McLaughlin, Consumer Member
T.J. Frazier, Professional Land Surveyor

Other: Joseph Cullingford, Executive Director
Gregory Morgan, Commissioner
Milena Trust, Board Counsel
Eric Cooper, President Elect of Maryland Society of Surveyors
Carla Marie Zamon, Assistant Executive Director
Makayla Nelson, Board Specialist
Frazier West, Investigator
Shaun Rector, Applicant

Absent:

CALL TO ORDER

John Mettee, III called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion (I) was made by Thomas Orisich and seconded by Tammy Rollins, and then unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 6, 2021 with corrections.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

- 04-LS-20 Administrative Hold (Pending Civil Proceeding) – No Change
- 01-LS-21 Awaiting response from Surveyor due to COVID-19 and a letter will be sent out regarding the response and another complaint
- 02-LS-21 Still investigating
- 03-LS-21 Property located in a different state – Waiting to see if we hear further from other neighboring state.
- 04-LS-21 Awaiting response from surveyor

05-LS-21 Awaiting further evidence
06-LS-21 Still Investigating

Motion (II) was made by Jeanne Lentejas Nebre, seconded by Tammy Rollins, and then carried unanimously by the Board to accept the Complaint Committee Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. John Mettee noted that Board of Directors need to determine if the NCEES Annual Meeting scheduled for New Orleans will be virtual or physical. The Board Presidents Assembly on Friday will review the impact of the pandemic on testing.

OLD BUSINESS

NCEES Award Recommendations are completed and the NE Zone award request was sent. Thomas Mettee is on the awards nominating committee. Milena Trust is waiting to hear from Eric Cooper what the latest update is regarding the Practice Act. It will be reviewed in the upcoming hearing. Testing will be discussed in the closed session.

CORRESPONDENCE

It was determined that a Professional Engineers must sign off on “as built” designs when the purpose is to review the technical requirements. If the location is what is in question, then this would be in the purview of the practice of land surveying.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cullingford presented graphs to show the increase in Land Surveyor licensing. Thanks was given to Mr. Orisich and Mr. Mettee for hosting Maryland State Exams at their places of business. Additional dates for testing were set up for March 24, 2021 and March 31, 2021. Ms. Makayla Nelson was introduced as the new Board Administrator.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Ms. Trust stated that she will present her report in Executive Session.

MARYLAND SOCIETY OF SURVEYORS

Mr. Cooper advised that there are no answers yet regarding the Practice Act and he will include Ms. Trust on any updates. The MSS on January 19, 2021 showed

Surveyors are in favor of the Practice Act and the board is hoping to gain support from ACEC.

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

Mr. T.J. Frazier forwarded an email stating that he and Ms. Nebre reviewed applications and approved the application to sit for the Practical Exam and the Maryland Exams.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next Board Meeting is March 3, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion (IV) was made by Mr. Thomas Orisich, seconded by Ms. Tammy Rollins, and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session at 11:44 a.m. This session is 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 12:23 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (V) was made by Mr. T.J. Frazier, seconded by Mr. Dereck McLaughlin, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 12:24 p.m.

Approved: _____ without corrections X with corrections

Signature on File
John V. Mettee, III, Board Chairman

Date: 3/3/2021