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

DATE: January 3, 2024

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*
Thomas Orisich, *Land Surveyor*
T.J. Frazier, *Land Surveyor*
Jeanne Nebre, *Land Surveyor*
Derrick McLaughlin, *Consumer Member*

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tammy Rollins, *Vice-Chair*

STAFF PRESENT: Zevi Thomas, *Executive Director*
Matthew Venuti, *Board Counsel*
Faith Green, *Board Administrator*

Meeting Called to Order

Chair John V. Mettee III called the business meeting of the Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveyors at 11:05 a.m.

Approval of December 6, 2023 Minutes

Members of the Board reviewed the meeting minutes for December 6, 2023. Motion (I) was made by Mr. Orisich, seconded by Ms. Nebre, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve minutes without corrections.

Correspondence

None

New Business

Jim Demma Honor – Maryland Society of Surveyors

Mr. Mettee stated that there will be a Maryland Society of Surveyors meeting where the Society will honor Jim Demma. He inquired if the Board would like to prepare or present Mr. Demma with some recognition for his service to this Board. Mr. Orisich inquired if the Board was allowed to take part in this event for Mr. Demma, or if it would be considered a conflict of interest since Mr. Demma is currently a licensed surveyor. It was suggested that perhaps a citation from the Secretary of Labor.

Mr. Frazier stated that he would be attending the event, and is willing to arrange the delivery of any such citation. Mr. Venuti stated that he and Mr. Thomas would begin the process of working on a citation from the Office of the Secretary.

NCEES Zone Meeting

Mr. Orisich inquired if all the arrangements had been covered for Board members regarding the National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Surveying (NCEES) zone interim meeting scheduled for May 2–4, 2024, in Washington DC. Mr. Thomas confirmed that the Board members should receive an email from NCEES soon.

Old Business

None

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Thomas reported that the legislative sunset extension is continuing to move forward without incident. Mr. Orisich inquired to Mr. Thomas about which divisions were part of the move to the downtown business district. Mr. Thomas replied that everyone in the current Department of Labor Eutaw Street campus will be moving.

Board Counsel Report

Mr. Venuti reported that the fee increase has continued to move forward, and these should be posted to the Maryland Register by March 2024. Mr. Orisich inquired if there were any legislative bills in the pipeline, and if members of the Board are allowed to attend the legislative hearings. Mr. Thomas responded that under the new administration, members of the Board are allowed to attend as subject-matter/expert witnesses, but not as a Board representative.

Maryland Society of Surveyors

None

Review of Applications

Mr. Frazier stated the review of applications is ongoing.

Complaint Committee Report

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (II) was made by Mr. Orisich, seconded by Mr. Frazier, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Chair's Signature: Signature on File

Date: 02/07/2024