
Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveyors

Business Meeting

Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 1, 2023

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*
Tammy Rollins, *Vice-Chair*
Thomas M. Orisich, *Land Surveyor*
Jeanne L. Nebre, *Land Surveyor*
T.J. Frazier, *Land Surveyor*
Derrick McLaughlin, *Consumer Member*

STAFF PRESENT: Zevi Thomas, *Executive Director*
Faith Green, *Board Administrator*
Danielle Anderson, *O&P Web Coordinator*
Kimberly S. Ward, *Board Counsel*

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Kundrick, *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 11:03 a.m. with a revised agenda to place the Complaint Committee Report after the Approval of February 1, 2023 minutes.

Approval of February 1, 2023 Minutes

Members of the Board reviewed the business minutes held on February 1, 2023. Motion (I) was made by Ms. Nebre, seconded by Ms. Rollins, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes without corrections.

Correspondence

Surveying Mentor Program

Mr. Frazier explained that the inquiry regarding the surveying mentor program came from mentors not being comfortable mentoring licensure candidates on topics outside of their areas of expertise. The question posed is if the Board will approve licensure candidates having multiple mentors.

Mr. Mettee believed the mentoring was regarding the application process which made a singular mentor a sensible approach. The second concern is the number of professional development hours (PDH)/CPC units a mentor could earn.

Ms. Nebre inquired if it is part of the Youth Initiative Program, and if it will be a long-term program.

Mr. Kundrick stated that the mentoring program is a subdivision of the Youth Initiative dealing with junior high, high, and early college students. The head of the program inquired how CPC units would be sent to the Board if there are multiple mentors per mentee.

Mr. Orsich stated that mentors can only receive 1 CPC unit. He does not see a problem with multiple mentors. All mentors would qualify for 1 CPC unit. Mr. Frazier confirmed that based on the Board's regulations mentors would be eligible to receive 3 CPC units. Mr. Orsich continued that the goal of the mentorship program is to assist candidates early in their application process.

MSS Class

Mr. Frazier was contacted by Bill Pew who said that he would be giving presentations to licensure candidates concerning the application and licensing process in Maryland. Mr. Pugh requested feedback from the Board regarding his presentation. Mr. Mettee suggested the Professional members review and forward their feedback to Mr. Thomas who will respond to Mr. Pugh.

New Business

None

Old Business

Ad-hoc Committee – Regulations for Certifications

Ms. Nebre postponed the committee meeting to await the presence of a Board Counsel. Ms. Ward confirmed that she is the interim Board Counsel.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Thomas reported to the Board on hearing for the Senate Bill 288 took place on February 16, 2023. Mr. Thomas served as a witness in support of SB 288. Mr. Thomas continued to inform the Board of the State-Specific Exam that takes place on March 23, 2023.

Board Counsel Report

Ms. Ward stated the legislative bill on the Public Information Act regarding the disclosure of licensee emails may be a legislative process the Board should follow. Mr. Mettee posed the question, in relation to the new administration, the raising of fees for the Design Boards.

Maryland Society of Surveyors

Mr. Kundrick reported the following:

- The Maryland Society of Surveyors (MSS) lobbyists testified in favor of SB288 on Feb. 16, 2023
- The Spring Technical Conference begins March 3, 2023 which will cover Maryland Storm Drain course and a math review course that would be useful for applicants.

Review of Applications

CPC Provider

Mr. Thomas inquired if a CPC Committee exists to review a CPC provider's application. Mr. Mettee responded that both committee members are no longer with the Board.

Mr. Orisich inquired if the committee will review both audits and provider applications. Mr. Orisich then suggests that the CPC Committee be comprised of Mr. Mettee and Mr. McLaughlin. Mr. Mettee and Mr. McLaughlin agree to form the CPC Committee with Mr. McLaughlin as Chair of the Committee.

Complaint Committee Report

Mr. Orisich presented the Complaint Committee Report.

- 04-LS-20 – The Committee will move forward with further investigation.
- 06-LS-23 – There will be a pre-charge, and further investigation of the witnesses.
- 08-LS-23 – There will be further investigation regarding the surveyor who received the complaint, and sent to pre-charge; possible criminal charge.
- 09-LS-23 – Closed
- 12-LS-23 – Awaiting response from surveyor.
- 13-LS-21 – A new complaint was opened, and is in the process of investigation.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss motion (III) was made by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Ms. Nebre, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 11:54 p.m.

Chair's Signature: Signature on File

Date: 04/05/2023