

MARYLAND BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 4, 2022

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: 1100 Eutaw Street
5th Floor Conference Room
Baltimore, MD 21201

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Members Present:

John V. Mettee III, Chair, Land Surveyor
Tammy L. Rollins, Vice Chair, Consumer Member
Thomas M. Orisich, Land Surveyor - (in-person)
Jeanne L. Nebre, Land Surveyor
T.J. Frazier, Land Surveyor
Derrick McLaughlin, Consumer Member

Labor Officials & Staff Present:

Zevi Thomas, Executive Director
Milena Y. Trust, Board Counsel
Noraida Lozano, Board Administrator for Architects

Others Present: Paul Ewell, 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, at 11:02 a.m.

Chair Mettee suggested reviewing the draft of the PLS regulations first to make sure they have enough time to which Ms. Trust agreed.

Page one (1) - Mr. Orisich raised a question about transportation research (B)(5)(C). He also asked about the qualifications for the "Certification Entity" (B)(5) which was answered by Ms. Trust referencing (B)(14) "Qualifying Activity" on Page 2 to which Mr. Orisich agreed.

Page two (2) - Ms. Trust asked the Board if they verified Part (14) "Qualifying Activity", Chair Mettee, Mr. Frazier and Ms. Nebre agreed.

Page three (3) - has no change as per Ms. Trust.

Page four (4) - Ms. Trust asked the Board to read it carefully and stated that she's open to any suggestions referring to .04(A) "Topography". Mr. Orisich suggested changing "Qualifying Activity acceptable to the Board" as it is broad. Ms. Trust agreed and changed it to Qualifying Activity acceptable to the Board as defined in the specific part of this section.

Mr. Orisich asked if there is a time frame or restrictions on the submission, Ms. Trust replied "no", but suggested Mr. Thomas to seek assistance from some of the other licensing boards.

After a brief discussion, Motion (I) was made by Mr. Frazier, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and unanimously carried to accept the proposed changes with the exception of the changes to the Tolerance. Page six (6) - .04(E) Tolerances -

Ms. Trust reminded Mr. Thomas to draft a concept sheet to be submitted to Commissioner Morgan and to the Secretary's Office.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The members of the Board reviewed the Business minutes held on April 6, 2022. Motion (II) was made by Mr. Orisich, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes with corrections.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Orisich believes that exam fees will increase by having 5 divisions of exams. He stated that storm drain exams will be in jeopardy of falling out of the PAKS not having enough responses on the survey. He inquired if members of the board received the survey email. Chair Mettee responded that he received it and also recommended that the email be forwarded to Mr. Ewell to help distribute it and Mr. Thomas agreed.

Mr. Orisich mentioned that only 17 States are interested in having the exam. Chair Mettee said as he understood they need 200 responses.

Mr. Frazier stated that he would bring up the topic of the divisional exams at the General Membership Meeting.

Mr. McLaughlin inquired with Mr. Thomas about his reappointment to the Board. Mr. Thomas responded to have his forms completed by the deadline and he will keep him informed.

OLD BUSINESS - None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Thomas reported that the PLS questionnaire was sent out to approximately 280 licensees. State PLS exams are scheduled for July 27th and 28th. The exam facility will be at the Department of Labor Workforce Development facility near BWI. He also mentioned that the Board will be hiring a new Board Administrator in replacement of Ms. Melissa Coles, who recently left the department. He also mentioned that in the interim any communications relating to this Board can be forwarded to him or Ms. Meyers.

BOARD COUNSEL’S REPORT - None

MARYLAND SOCIETY OF SURVEYORS

Mr. Ewell updated the Board that the next General Membership Meeting will be on May 17, 2022. Registration he said will be on the site. He stated that Ms. Trust contacted him earlier about the mentoring program.

He shared with the Board how the recent MSS Spring Conference went. He also shared his plans for the Fall Conference and encouraged the Board to let him know if there is anything they would like to see included during this conference.

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

Mr. Mettee stated the applications for review are underway.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Orisich presented the Complaint Committee Report.

- 04-LS-20 Waiting on the result of the court case.
- 08-LS-22 To be closed.
- 12-LS-22 Honoring a 30-day additional for the complainant to provide evidence.

Motion (III) was made by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Frazier, and unanimously voted to approve the Complaint Committee Report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Rollins shared during the recent NCEES meeting there was discussion to include a public member to the NCEES board. Ms. Trust recommended Ms. Rollins and Mr. Orisich explained the nomination process and agreed that Ms. Rollins would make an excellent candidate.

The next Board meeting is on June 1, 2022, as mentioned by Chair Mettee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (IV) was made by Ms. Rollins, seconded by Ms. Nebre, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn at 12:13 p.m.

Approved: _____ without corrections ___X___ with corrections

Signature on File

John V. Mettee III, Chair

Date: ___June 1, 2022_____