
Board for Professional Land Surveyors
Business Meeting
Meeting Minutes

DATE: April 5, 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*
T.J. Frazier, *Land Surveyor*
Derrick McLaughlin, *Consumer Member*

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeanne Nebre, *Land Surveyor*

STAFF PRESENT: Gregory Morgan, *Commissioner of O&P*
Zevi Thomas, *Executive Director*
Kimberly S. Ward, *Board Counsel*
Matthew McKinney, *Director of Strategic Initiatives*
Faith Green, *Board Administrator*

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan Haynie, *Maryland Society of Surveyors (MSS)*

Meeting Called to Order

Chair John V. Mettee III called the business meeting of the Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveyors to order at 11:06 a.m.

Approval of March 1, 2023 Minutes

Members of the Board reviewed the meeting minutes for March 1, 2023. Motion (I) was made by Mr. Orisich, seconded by Ms. Rollins, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes with corrections.

Correspondence

None

New Business

Mr. Mettee reminded Board members of the NCEES Combined Zone Meeting later this month in Houston, TX. Reports will be heard for the first time at this meeting, these may require the attention of the Board.

Old Business

Ad-hoc Committee

Mr. Mettee informed the Board that Ms. Nebre, who was absent from this meeting, stated that there will be a meeting notice for the Ad-hoc Committee for next Wednesday.

Executive Director's Report

State-specific Exam

Mr. Thomas updated the Board on the results of the State-Specific Exam that took place on March 23, 2023. There were eleven examinees in the Road Grade and Storm Drain Design exam, and four examinees in the Maryland Law and Ethical Issues exam.

Legislative Bills

Mr. Thomas updated the Board on Senate Bill 288 which is advancing in the State legislature without difficulty.

Board Counsel Report

Ms. Ward informed the Board that there is a hearing today, April 5, 2023, regarding Senate Bill 288 in the House.

Maryland Society of Surveyors

Mr. Haynie reported the following:

- The Maryland Society of Surveyors (MSS) has a new NSPS Director, Aaron Worley, who will be Acting Director until October when a new Director is voted in.
- MSS, tentatively, will have a draft of the mentoring program for review by June 2023.
 - The MSS Board is leaning towards not offering any CPC units for mentors, but the topic was put on hold until their May meeting.
 - MSS will reintroduce the mentoring program at the Fall Conference which will be followed by a two-hour training session. Mr. Haynie supported the idea of having Board Members take part in the training session.
 - Mr. Orisich stated that not offering CPCs for mentoring would require a change in the Board regulations; this would have to be discussed within the Ad-hoc Committee. Mr. Orisich remarked that the Board would have to consult Board Counsel before participating officially in any panel discussion. .
- A complaint was filed by MSS, and the MSS Board is requesting a status update.
 - Mr. Mettee responded that the Board does not advise on Complaint Committee matters.

Review of Applications

None

Executive Session

Motion (II) was made by Mr. Frazier, seconded by Ms. Rollins, and unanimously carried to enter Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. **This session was permitted to be closed pursuant to General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, §3-305(b) (7).** Motion (III) was made by Mr. Orisich, seconded by Mr. Frazier, and unanimously carried by the Board to conclude the session. Upon completion of the session, the Board reconvened its public meeting at 12:08 p.m.

Complaint Committee Report

Mr. Orisich presented the following Complaint Committee Report:

- 04-LS-20: Reopened and under investigation
- 06-LS-23: Pre-charge and under further investigation
- 08-LS-23: Under investigation
- 12-LS-23: Under review and awaiting investigating response
- 13-LS-23: Awaiting response
- 14-LS-23: Requesting complaint to be filed with the Board for Professional Engineers
- 15-LS-23: Requesting response from Surveyor
- Miscellaneous Correspondence: Committee requested a formal complaint be filed with supporting documents.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (V) was made by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Ms. Rollins, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

Chair's Signature: Signature on File *Date:* 05/03/2023