

Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveyors Business Meeting

Meeting Minutes

DATE: January 4, 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

Thomas M. Orisich, *Land Surveyor*Jeanne L. Nebre, *Land Surveyor*T.J. Frazier, *Land Surveyor*

Tammy Y. Rollins, *Consumer Member* Derrick McLaughlin, *Consumer Member*

STAFF PRESENT: Zevi Thomas, Executive Director

Andrew Brouwer, *Board Counsel* Faith Green, *Board Administrator*

OTHERS PRESENT: Gregory Morgan, Commissioner, Labor O&P

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 11:05 a.m.

Approval of December 7, 2022 Minutes

The members of the Board reviewed the business minutes held on December 7, 2022. 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

None

Old Business

Mr. Mettee thanked the Board members who attend the farewell luncheon for retiring board's counsel, Ms. Milena Trust.

Mr. Orisich announced NCEES award nominations are due February 24, 2023. Mr. Mettee reminded the members that any action the Board wishes to undertake on this matter must be completed during the regular Board proceedings, either today (January 4, 2023) or during the next Board meeting on February 1, 2023.

Getasiteplan.com and Precision Property Measurements

Mr. Brouwer provided Mr. Mettee a letter of action regarding the online vendor's website. Mr. Orisich inquired about the issue of Precision Property Measurement forwarded to the Board by the Maryland Society of Surveyors (MSS). The Board has not taken any action. Mr. Mettee clarified that Get a Site Plan.com and Precision Property Measurements are two separate issues from two separate companies. Mr. Mettee asks Mr. Orisich to follow-up with the California Board for Professional Surveyors regarding the Precision Measurement matter since the company in question is based in California.

Mr. Brouwer asked Mr. Orisich if a complaint was attached to Precision Property Measurements. Mr. Orisich confirmed that there is currently no complaint attached to this issue. Mr. Mettee stated that it would be best for Mr. Orisich to speak with Mr. Brouwer before sending any correspondence. Mr. Brouwer suggested that the Board forward this matter to the Complaint Committee for review.

<u>Ad-hoc Committee – Regulations for Certifications</u>

Mr. Mettee inquired if MSS had selected two members for the ad-hoc committee. Mr. Kundrick confirmed that two members will be ready to join the committee by February 1, 2023. Mr. Mettee stated that he will have the charges for the committee ready by the next meeting. Mr. Orisich asked if the charges will include ethical issues. Such as when the current surveyor takes over from a previous surveyor. Mr. Mettee confirmed that this topic will be part of the charge.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Thomas reminded the Board of funded delegates for the 2023 NCEES Zone Interim Meeting. Mr. Thomas reported that there are 3 positions that are available through funding for NCEES. Mr. Orisich suggests that the Board Chair should receive State funding.

Motion (II) was made by Ms. Rollins, seconded by Ms. Nebre, and unanimously carried by the Board that three members are funded by NCEES and one to be funded by the State. An amendment was made to this motion that Ms. Rollins, Ms. Nebre, and Mr. McLaughlin will be funded by NCEES and Mr. Mettee will be funded by the State.

Mr. Thomas added that the emeritus status statement for Ms. Trust, former Board Counsel, was submitted to NCEES.

Board Counsel Report

Mr. Brouwer stated that there is no update regarding the Board's regulations that were submitted to the Maryland Register in November was effective on December 12, 2022. He added that the legislative session begins on January 11, 2023.

Commissioner Morgan updated the Board on the Department of Labor impending relocation to the Baltimore business district downtown. He also stated that Mr. McKinney will be joining the Licensing Boards to assist in Board appointments and Board recruitments.

Maryland Society of Surveyors

Mr. Kundrick reminded the Board of the upcoming Spring Technical Conference at the Maritime Museum for continuing professional competency units' opportunities. In addition, MSS will be holding a Board meeting in Hunt Valley. Mr. Orisich asked of Mr. Kundrick that MSS makes an effort to clarify that the new regulations help organizations that survey without a license.

The President of MSS created the Young Surveyors Committee with the aim of outreach to high-schoolage students introducing them to the profession of land surveying.

There is ongoing discussions regarding the relaunching of the surveyors mentoring program.

Mr. Kundrick suggested a future round table discussions to take place initially at the Chapter level (MSS) regarding multiple seals on record plats.

Review of Applications

None

Complaint Committee Report

04 LS 20 - No change

06 LS 23 – Continuing investigation

07 LS 23 – To be closed

08 LS 23 – Sending cease and desist letter as well as further investigation

09 LS 23 – Letter to surveyor

Motion (III) was made by Ms. Rollins, seconded by Mr. Frazier, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Complaint Committee's report.

Other Business and Adjournment

Ms. Nebre inquired if there's restriction for members of the Application Committee reviewing applicants from the same company or organization a member committee is currently employed by. Mr. Orisich remarked that while they could review such applications, it is preferable they refrain from doing to avoid the appearance of impropriety or conflict of interest.

Motion (IV) was made by Mr. Orisich, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Chair's Signature:	Signature on File	Date:	02/01/2023	
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