

MINUTES

BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

Date: September 5, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
500 North Calvert Street (3rd Floor Conference Room)
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Present: John V. Mettee III, Chair, Land Surveyor, Harford County
Donald J. Ocker, Property Line Surveyor, St. Mary's County
Thomas M. Orisich, Land Surveyor, Baltimore County
T. J. Frazier, Land Surveyor, Frederick County
Tammy Y. Rollins, Consumer Member, Baltimore County
John Jensen, Consumer Member, Harford, County

Others Present: Milena Trust, Assistant Attorney General
Steve Long, Executive Director
Joseph Cullingford, Assistant Executive Director
Frazier West, Investigator, Professional Design Boards
Jeremy Burns, Maryland Society of Surveyors
Andrew Brouwer, Assistant Attorney General

CALL TO ORDER

John V. Mettee III, Chair, Board for Professional Land Surveyors, called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion (I) was made by Donald J. Ocker, seconded by Tammy Y. Rollins and was unanimously accepted by the Board, to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2018 meeting.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Donald Ocker reported on the status of the following complaints:

- 16-LS-05 – Consent Order
- 17-LS-03 – Investigating
- 18-LS-06 – Inquiry under review

Motion (II) was made by John Jensen, seconded by Tammy Y. Rollins and was unanimously accepted by the Board, to accept the Complaint Committee Report.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received a request from Chris Schein, Board Chair for the Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects requesting comments regarding the "Preliminary Plan in Prince George's County: Proposed Subdivision Ordinance". Questions arose regarding who can prepare and who should sign the preliminary plan. It was decided that this falls within the purview of landscape architecture and that landscape architects should be added to the list of authorized design professionals who can sign and seal the preliminary plans. The Board agreed that it does not object to adding landscape architects to the proposed letter of support; however, the plan should be corrected to include "Licensed Professional Surveyors, Professional Engineers and Landscape Architects". A letter will be composed by the Board acknowledging the Board's support. The Executive Director will prepare the correspondence and send it to Prince George's County.

NEW BUSINESS

An update was provided on the National Council of Examiners of Engineering and Surveying's (NCEES) 2018 Annual Meeting. During the open business section of the annual meeting, the Board of Directors of NCEES named B. David Cox as their new chief executive officer, effective October 1, 2018. Cox replaces Jerry Carter, who served 11 years as CEO of the organization. The Council has developed a task force to look at the module concepts of Fundamentals of Surveying and the Principles and Practices of Surveying Exams for state specific exams.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussions were held regarding the administration of the state specific exam, both Maryland Law and Ethics and the "Road Grade and Storm Drain. The Board decided to keep administering the two exams as it is currently done.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Joseph Cullingford was introduced as the new Assistant Executive Director for Design Boards and Marlethia Black was introduced as the new Board Administrator. The Board of Professional Licensing will be administering Maryland State-Specific Examinations for land surveyors on September 14, 2018.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Proposed regulations have been promulgated that will require licensees to respond to written requests from the Department within 30 days. The Board was informed by Counsel that it is the licensee's responsibility to provide the Board with updated addresses.

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MARYLAND SOCIETY OF SURVEYORS

The next Board of Directors Meeting of the Maryland Society of Surveyors (MSS) is scheduled for September 18, 2018. The MSS 2018 Annual Fall Conference is scheduled for October 17th – 20th, at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, College Park, Maryland.

Questions for the Town Hall meeting at the Maryland Society of Surveyors' fall conference will be discussed at the next Board Meeting on October 3, 2018. The Board's Chair will prepare the responses to the questions to be discussed at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion (III) was made by Don Ocker, seconded by John Jensen, and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. at 500 North Calvert Street, 3rd Floor Conference Room, and Baltimore, Maryland, 21202. This session was permitted to be closed pursuant to General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, §3-305(b)(7). Upon completion of the session, the Board reconvened its public meeting at 11:45 a.m.

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

One Reciprocal Application was presented to the Board for review and approval. T. J. Frazier provided Board Approval for the applicant to take the Maryland State-Specific Examination, "Maryland Law and Ethical Issues".

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a Motion (IV) was made by Donald J. Ocker, seconded by John Jensen and unanimously accepted, to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Approved:

without corrections

with corrections

SIGNATURE ON FILE

John V. Mettee, III, Chairman

Date: 10/3/2018