

# MARYLAND BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** December 1, 2021

**Time:** 11:00 a.m.

**Location:** 500 Calvert Street  
Room 302  
Baltimore, MD 21202

**Joining Info:** Access Using Video Conferencing  
meet.google.com/znw-ckha-meg  
Phone: 1-262-546-6259  
PIN: 112 898 300#

**Members Present:**

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

**Absent:** None

**Labor Officials & Staff Present:**

Gregory J. Morgan, Commissioner, O & P Licensing  
Zevi Thomas, Executive Director  
Raquel M. Meyers, Assistant Executive Director  
Milena Y. Trust, Board Counsel  
Melissa Coles, Administrative Specialist III  
Noraida Lozano, Board Administrator

**Others Present:** Taylor Shepley, Applicant

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The members of the Board reviewed the Business minutes held on November 3, 2021. Motion (I) was made by Mr. Orisich, seconded by Ms. Nebre, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes without corrections.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Mettee introduced an email from David McSpaden regarding MSGIC EC HB 684 - Initial Legal Consultation. Mr. Orisch stated that he had received this email from Marshall Stevenson. Members of MSGIC are concerned about the law. Ms. Trust suggested sending an invite to Mr. McSpaden and Mr. Stevenson to discuss this matter further at the next Board meeting. Mr. Mettee and Mr. Orisch agreed to send an invitation. Mr. Trust asked Mr. Thomas to invite them via google meets or in-person to the next Board meeting.

Mr. Mettee introduced an email from Patrick Simon regarding MSS Board meeting follow up. Mr. Frazier stated that the academic/experience was prepared in 2015. He suggested the chart should be reviewed and verified. Mr. Mettee stated that Board staff will respond to Mr. Simon after the chart has been verified.

Mr. Mettee introduced an email from James Shaw, Jr. regarding CPC Covid grace period status. Ms. Trust stated that licensing extensions for Land Surveyors was extended until March or April of this year. Mr. Mettee asked Mr. Thomas to respond to Mr. Shaw.

Mr. Mettee introduced an email from John Palatiello regarding a Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor licensee in Delaware who inquired about Maryland Pathway to licensure. Mr. Mettee stated that some of the Maryland Board website links were not working properly. The IT department is aware and working fixing the system. The website's education and exam requirements needs to be updated. A response will be sent to Mr. Palatiello once the academic/experience chart has been verified.

Mr. Mettee introduced an email from Riley Cahill regarding reference material for the Road Grade and Storm Drain exam. Mr. Trust stated that this is not in the Board purview. An applicant may study from any resource he/she deems helpful. Ms. Trust recommended responding thanking Mr. Cahill: however the Board does not approve study material. Mr. Mettee asked Mr. Thomas or Ms. Meyers to Respond to Mr. Cahill.

Mr. Mettee introduced an email from Aaron Teets regarding a perimeter description for a property request. It's a matter of professional judgment and interpretation of minimum standards of practice. Ms. Trust suggests that a response be sent to Mr. Teets regarding the minimum standards of practice.

Ms. Trust informed the Board that a letter requesting interpretation of the Machine Control Models Designed by Non-Engineering Firms was discussed by the Professional Engineers Board at its November meeting. Ms. Trust stated due to the nature of this inquiry, they referred it to the Board for Professional Land Surveyors. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed with the position by the North Carolina Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors. The scope of creation and the design of a three-dimensional model falls under the scope of a licensed professional. Ms. Trust requested this topic to be included on the website FAQ's Ms. Trust will respond to the inquiry letter.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Trust suggested for Mr. Thomas and Ms. Meyers to check the licensing fees and exam costs being charged for the Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Boards. She also suggested to check the regulations for any fee changes. Ms. Trust stated the National exam fees may have changed. Mr. Mettee stated fees for the fundamentals exam was lowered. She suggested the November 2017 regulations and the education equivalency be updated in the Board binders as well.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Shepley asked the status of his application. Mr. Mettee informed Mr. Shepley that the applicants would be reviewed within the next few days. Mr. Shepley will be informed of the status of his application at that time.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Thomas informed NCEES 2022 National Service Awards deadline is January 31, 2022. He informed the Design Boards is currently recruiting for the Office Secretary position. He also welcomed Ms. Coles as the new Administrative Specialist for the Board for Professional Land Surveyors.

The Board agreed to nominate Mr. Mentee for this year's NCEES Service Award. Ms. Trust will submit the application. Ms. Meyers will send her the documents for the nomination.

## **BOARD COUNSEL'S REPORT**

Ms. Trust suggested for the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss the Road Grade and Storm Drain exam applications and the Complaint Committee Report.

## **MARYLAND SOCIETY OF SURVEYORS** - None

## **APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW**

Ms. Meyers stated there is no update regarding the IEAC CPC application. Mr. Frazier stated the applications are still under review. He stated that the Applications Committee will have an update prior to the next meeting.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion (II) was made by Ms. Nebre, seconded by Ms. Rollins, and the Board unanimously agreed to enter Executive Session, pursuant to § 3-305(b)(7) of the General

Provisions Article, Maryland Annotated Code, at 12:17 p.m., to discuss and obtain the advice of Counsel regarding exam applications and the Complaint Committee Report.

Motion (III) was made by Mr. Frazier, seconded by Ms. Rollins, and unanimously voted that upon completion of the Executive Session, the Board reconvened its public meeting at 12:51 p.m.

### **COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Orisich presented the Complaint Committee Report.

04-LS -20	Awaiting court civil case resolution
08-LS-21	Closed
10-LS-21	Closed
08-LS-22	Awaiting response from Respondent
09-LS-22	Received response. Send full complaint and second letter to Respondent.
10-LS-22	Awaiting response from Respondent
11-LS-22	Awaiting response from Respondent

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

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Motion (V) was made by Mr. Frazier, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, and unanimously carried by the Board to accept the 2022 meeting calendar as published.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2022, 11:00 a.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (VI) was made by Mr. Orisich, seconded by Mr. Frazier, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ without corrections X \_\_\_\_\_ with corrections

Signature on file

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John V. Mettee, III, Chair

Date: 1/5/22\_\_\_\_\_