
Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveyors
Business Meeting
Meeting Minutes

DATE: December 7, 2022

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*

MEMBERS ABSENT: Derrick McLaughlin, *Consumer Member*

STAFF PRESENT: Zevi Thomas, *Executive Director*
Raquel Meyers, *Assistant Executive Director*
Andrew Brouwer, *Board Counsel*
Faith Green, *Board Administrator*
Danielle Anderson, *Web Content and Outreach Coordinator*

OTHERS PRESENT: 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 November 9, 2022 Minutes

The members of the Board reviewed the business minutes held on November 9, 2022. Motion (I) was made by Mr. Orisich, seconded by Ms. Nebre, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes with corrections.

Correspondence

None

New Business

None

Old Business

NCEES Emeritus Status

Mr. Mettee inquired about the letter in support of emeritus status for Ms. Trust that was to be written by Mr. Thomas and sent to NCEES. He stated that Ms. Trust was instrumental to the Maryland Board of Professional Surveyors and the Maryland Board for Professional Engineers as well as NCEES. Mr. Mettee reiterated that the letter should be from the Maryland Board of Professional Surveyors to NCEES.

Mr. Orisich inquired if Ms. Trust would only be an emeritus member of NCEES, but not the State Boards. However, if both Boards wanted her as an emeritus member of a State Public Board, then it would be possible. Mr. Brouwer explained that the Board is bound by Maryland statutes, and that an emeritus position does not exist within the confines of Board statute.

Mr. Orisich stated that Ms. Trust will be able to sit on NCEES committees as an emeritus member which is voted on by members of NCEES

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Mr. Frazier stated he believed that this language was included in required seals and certification at one point. However, upon review, he did not see any indication that the language was required. Mr. Mettee believes that the language was supposed to be added to all design boards seal and titleblock rules. The current point in question is if the language of Professional Land Surveyors mirrors Professional Engineers.

Mr. Frazier stated that he wanted the language added for consistency. Mr. Mettee agreed.

Mr. Brouwer suggested that the Board waits until the moratorium on proposed regulations is lifted.

Mr. Orisich stated that the issue came up in Complaint Committee on whether a consumer who hires a new surveyor has to consult the former surveyor.

Mr. Mettee stated that he wants to put together an ad hoc committee for the language addition to review this in the spring. He suggested that Ms. Nebre spearheads the ad hoc committee, and asked that Mr. Orisich and two members of the Maryland Society of Surveyors (MSS) be included. The ad hoc committee will meet virtually. Ms. Nebre agreed to lead the committee. Mr. Mettee added that he will develop charges

for the committee. Mr. Kundrick will bring the topic of the ad hoc committee members to MSS at their next meeting.

Get a Site Plan and Cheap Surveys

Mr. Mettee asked Mr. Brouwer to follow – up on the cease and desist letter to the owners of the company that was started the previous month.

Executive Director’s Report

November 2022 State-Specific Exams

Mr. Thomas stated that all eight examinees who took the Maryland Law and Ethical Issues Relating to Land Surveying in the State of Maryland on November 18, 2022 passed their exam. He continued to state that only five of the twelve examinees who took the Principles & Practice Maryland Road Grade & Storm Drain Exam passed on the aforementioned exam.

Mr. Thomas mentions to the Board that there are candidates seeking feedback regarding their exam results. Mr. Mettee stated that the exams in question can be given to Mr. Frazier who will give general feedback and responses after reviewing the exam.

Mr. Mettee stated that he is doing everything within his power to get the Colonial States Board of Land Surveyors to take the Principles & Practice Maryland Road Grade & Storm Drain Exam, and perhaps allow the Law & Ethics exam to be a take-home examination.

Ms. Nebre expressed concern about examinees having short breaks during the exam. Mr. Mettee reiterated that examinees should not, under any circumstances, be allowed to have breaks during the exam.

Board Counsel’s Report

None

Review of Applications

Mr. Frazier stated that review of the applications are on-going.

Maryland Society of Surveyors

Mr. Kundrick updated the Board on the following business of MSS:

- The Spring Technical Conference for CPC unit opportunities will take place the first week in March at the Maritime Museum.
- The next MSS meeting will take place on December 13, 2022 at 4:00 pm in Hunt Valley, Maryland.
- There is no update regarding MSS mentorship program.

Mr. Kundrick inquired about a letter to the Board regarding precision measurements from the President of MSS. Mr. Orisich responded that the letter was received.

Executive Session

Motion (II) was made by Ms. Nebre, seconded by Mr. Orisich, and unanimously carried to enter Executive Session at 11:43 a.m. at meet.google.com/ecq-ckza-qzc?pli=1 or by phone 1 352 – 608 - 0121 (PIN: 767

512 793#). **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 12:08 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Chair's Signature: Signature on File

Date: 01/04/2023