

# MARYLAND BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** June 2, 2021

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

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

**Joining Info:** Access Using Video Conferencing  
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## **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:** Eric Cooper, MSS President-Elect

## **Labor Officials & Staff Present:**

Kausar Syed, Deputy Commissioner  
Raquel M. Meyers, Assistant Executive Director  
Carla Marie Zamon, Administrative Specialist III  
Milena Y. Trust, Board Counsel

**Others Present:** None

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, John V. Mettee, III, called the Business meeting of the Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveyors to order, virtually, at 11:05 a.m.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The members of the Board reviewed the Business minutes held on May 5, 2021. Motion (I) was made by Ms. Rollins, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes without corrections.

## **COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Orisich presented the Complaint Committee Report in Executive Session.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Mettee suggested that the email regarding the FAA is like a driver's license and does not qualify as a Continuing Professional Competency. Mr. Orisich said the decision should be left up to the authorized provider to determine the number of Continuing Education Units. Mr. Mettee said that study groups, if not under an approved provider, then the leader of the study group must become authorized as an approved provider.

Mr. Mettee and Mr. Orisich agreed that an MSS or NSPS, as recognized providers should make the decision. Ms. Trust said that this would be more easily completed through MSS. The Board decided that Ms. Meyers will respond to the two questions.

The correspondence regarding 3-D Laser scanning was tabled for executive session.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Mettee inquired when meeting in person would resume and when State Specific Exams will be given again. Ms. Trust said it is very helpful to meet in person and we are awaiting information from the Governor's Office and Department of Budget and Management. She stated that it is anticipated that something is opening up in July.

Mr. Mettee reminded the Board that there are a number of examinees awaiting a testing date. Ms. Trust said she hopes the testing may resume with in-person meetings scheduled by appointment. Mr. Mettee instructed Mr. Frazier to prepare an exam in anticipation of testing date(s) in July. Mr. Frazier said he would do so.

Ms. Trust advised Ms. Rollins that there will be registration meetings to book travel. Mr. Mettee advised that the forms were due last week and when an email is received to follow the instructions.

Ms. Trust inquired on whether she and Mr. Orisich will be receiving their awards. Mr. Orisich said that presentations are anticipated at the State of the Council on June 9, 2021.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Mettee congratulated Mr. Orisich as elected Vice President of the NE Zone. Mr. Mettee said the incumbent, Sam Wilson, was elected as Assistant Vice President and Chris Duhamel received election to President Elect.

Mr. Orisich offered to have his work office serve as a meeting place for the reconvening of the Practice Act Committee to include himself, Jim Shaw, Aaron Worley, Milena Trust and Jeanne Nebre. Mr. Orisich also asked Mr. Mettee if he wanted to comment on the surveyors' forum which had less attendance than anticipated.

Mr. Mettee said that at the NE Zone Meeting, Mr. Orisich gave a briefing about the Practice Act and there were few comments.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - None

### **BOARD COUNSEL'S REPORT**

Ms. Trust informed the Board that as a member of the UPLG Committee, she gathered that after reviewing the model law requirement for the number of years of experience, that the required field work might be a disadvantage to those with mobility issues, including pregnant women. She further stated that if the Board of Directors declines changing the language to be closer to "progressive work experience with board approval," then the issue will be brought to the Council at the Annual Meeting.

Mr. Orisich said that he finds it interesting that there are so many surveyors on the UPLG committee of NCEES. Ms. Trust said the matter in question doesn't appear to be on the consent agenda. Mr. Mettee stated that those in opposition are more Professional Engineers. Ms. Trust suggested letting Boards decide which language they use.

Ms. Trust addressed the topic of reentry into the building. She said either she or Ms. Meyers would know and advise the Board when there is a specific date planned. Moving out of 500 N. Calvert street to 1100 Eutaw Street is scheduled for some time from December of this year to June of 2022.

### **MARYLAND SOCIETY OF SURVEYORS**

Mr. Cooper being absent, Mr. Orisich mentioned that MSS is hosting a crab feast this month.

### **APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW**

This task was tabled for executive session to consult with counsel.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The next Board Meeting is Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion (II) was made by Ms. Rollins, seconded by Ms. Nebre, and the Board unanimously agreed to enter into Executive Session, pursuant to § 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provisions Article, Maryland Annotated Code, at 11:47 a.m., virtually, in order to discuss and obtain the advice of Counsel regarding the Complaint Committee Report, State Specific Exams, correspondence regarding 3-D laser scanning and applications review.

Motion (III) was made by Mr. Frazier, seconded by Ms. Rollins and the Board unanimously voted that the Board reconvene in the Business Meeting at 12:09 p.m. Upon completion of the session, the Board reconvened its public meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Mr. Mettee agreed to review the reinstatement application and clarified that the next meeting is July 7, 2021.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ without corrections \_\_\_x\_\_\_ with corrections

Signature on File \_\_\_\_\_  
John V. Mettee, III, Chair

Date: 8/4/2021