

MINUTES
BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

DATE: May 2, 2018
TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 500 N. Calvert Street
Room 308
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

PRESENT: John Mettee, III, Chairman
Donald Ocker
Tammy Rollins
Thomas Orisich
John Jensen
TJ Frazier

OTHERS

PRESENT: Steve Long, Executive Director
James Baseman, Assistant Executive Director
Milena Trust, Assistant Attorney General
Leigh Hoyt, Board Administrator
Jeremy Burns, MSS

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER

John Mettee, Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

MINUTES

A motion (I) was made by Don Ocker, seconded by Tom Orisich and was carried by the Board to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2018 meeting as submitted.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Don Ocker reported on the status of the following complaints:

18-LS-03	Administrative Action Authorized (AAA)
18-LS-06	Closed
18-LS-07	Closed
18-LS-08	Closed
18-LS-09	Closed
18-LS-10	Investigating

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There were no new complaints to report. A motion (II) was made by John Jensen, seconded by TJ Frazier and unanimously carried to accept the Complaint Committee report.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Board reviewed a RFP bid for contractual drone services that was unclear in its request of services. The RFP listed deliverables that seemed to fall under the auspices of land surveying. Milena Trust suggested that John Mettee contact the submitter of the RPE to gain clarity on how the information gathered through the fulfillment of the RPE would be used.

Tom Orisich informed the Board of an email received from Cheryl Warren of NCEES, requesting input from surveyors for content for the Fundamentals of Surveying examination. It was suggested that Steve Long forward the email to MSS and to all licensed land surveyors.

OLD BUSINESS

The updated Mapping Standards were reviewed by the Board. There were additions and changes made to the definition terms. It was noted that in light of the current NCEES Model Law rule, the definition for “surveying deliverables” should be changed. Milena Trust requested that the Board review the updated Mapping Standards document, along with the Kentucky mapping standards article outlining their “authoritative” definition and the 2017 Model Law to discuss at the next board meeting. Ms. Trust said that she will send the Board the Connecticut ruling which defines “authoritative” as well.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Steve Long reported that Jim Baseman will be retiring as of June 30, 2018. There has been no word on the replacement for Board member John Jensen.

BOARD COUNSEL’S REPORT

Milena Trust reported that the proposed regulations for digital signatures has been posted in the April 27th issue of the Maryland Register. Final action will be taken at the August 2018 meeting.

MSS REPORT

Jeremy Burns reported that the general membership meeting will be held the week of May 7th. The Annual Fall Conference & Exhibition is scheduled for October 17-20, 2018 and will be held at the College Park Marriott Hotel & Conference Center. Mr. Burns notified the Board that MSS is going to formally contact Steve Long to find ways of minimizing complaints in the industry.

John Mettee formally thanked MSS for the exam writing workshop.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (III) was made by Donald Ocker, seconded by Tom Orisich and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. at 500 North Calvert Street, 3rd floor conference room, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. This session is permitted to be closed pursuant to General Provisions Article, Ann. Code of Md, § 3-305(b)(13). Upon completion of the session, the Board reconvened its public meeting at 10:05 a.m.

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

Following a review by a minimum of two Board members, motion (IV) was made and unanimously carried to approve the following application: Thomas Greg Pendleton for reciprocity.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion (V) was made by Donald Ocker, seconded by John Mettee and unanimously carried to cancel the July 4, 2018 board meeting and reconvene on August 1, 2018.

The Board noted that the next Board meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. on June 6, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion (VI) was made by Don Ocker and seconded by John Jensen and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Approved:

_____ without corrections

_____ with corrections

Original Signed

John Mettee, Chairman

Date: _____