

## **MINUTES**

### **BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS**

DATE: October 7, 2015

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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

PRESENT: John Mettee, Chairman  
John Jensen  
Daniel Lavelle  
Donald Ocker  
Thomas Orisich  
Brian Dunne

#### **OTHERS**

PRESENT: Pamela Edwards, Executive Director  
James Baseman, Assistant Executive Director  
Milena Trust, Assistant Attorney General  
Tim Quinn, MSS  
Thomas J. Frazier, MSS

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **MINUTES**

A motion (I) was made by Tom Orisich, seconded by Dan Lavelle, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2015 meeting as submitted.

#### **COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Ocker noted that there are no new complaints that the Complaint Committee is currently investigating.

15-LS-04 Complaint is closed but being monitored.

16-LS-01 Consent Order was sent to respondent.

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16-LS-02 The Board is sending another letter but it may have to be closed due to the complainant being non-responsive to the Board's request for additional information.

Motion (II) was made by Dan Lavelle, seconded by Brian Dunne, and unanimously carried to approve the complaint committee's report.

### **CPC PROVIDER COMMITTEE REPORT**

John Jensen reported that the provider is not providing surveying courses and the application should be denied.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to review.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Milena Trust reported that Governor Hogan's first Regulatory Reform Commission meeting was held in College Park on September 10, 2015. During the meeting an interest was shown in the Design Boards and the Joint Chairs Group which discusses and makes recommendations on overlapping practice issues. A recommendation made by the 2004 Overlapping Task Force was brought up at the meeting by an individual who was dissatisfied with a specific opinion issued at that time. It was noted that decisions submitted by the Overlapping Task Force cannot be appealed because decisions of the panel are suggestions.

The Board discussed the issuance of the design board newsletter and Tom Orisich stated that an article should be published that addresses the Joint Chairs Group, the types of issues it gives suggestions on and how it acquires authority. The article should also touch on the benefits of the committee.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Mapping Science/GIS

John Mettee proposed that the Board not revisit the article from *Kentucky Engineer Quarterly Magazine* regarding mapping sciences, since the Mapping Science Committee will not be reconvening at this time. The Board agreed that Kentucky did a good job defining authoritative maps.

#### MSS/MDSPE Joint Conference Q & A

The Board will discuss this in Executive Session.

### Review of Education Bill

The Board reviewed the September 22, 2015 draft. Tim Quinn explained changes that were made. He stated that grandfathering of individuals who are currently in the pipeline was not adequately addressed in the previous draft. Therefore, section 305(f) was added which will maintain the status quo for non-degreed individuals until December 31, 2025.

The Board discussed at length the provisions of 305(f). A majority of the Board agreed that section (f) should require 9 years of experience instead of 12. Tim Quinn agreed to propose the bill with 9 years in Section (f). He stated that the bill will be presented to the members at chapter meetings for input and comments.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Pamela Edwards reported that admissions letters were sent to Maryland state specific examinees this week. She noted that starting October 2016 the Principles of Surveying exam will be computer-based and the state specific exams will no longer be married to the exam dates of April and October. The Board should begin discussions on giving the state specific exams more frequently. Ms. Edwards also shared that she believes that she has located a good state-owned location to conduct the state specific exams in the future. John Mettee stated that he has already started discussions on this issue.

### **MSS REPORT**

TJ Frazier stated that Commissioner Wilkins will be in attendance at the MSS/MDSPE Joint Conference tomorrow and that she will make a short introduction. He said that 66 individuals are registered for the Town Hall meeting which will feature members of the surveyors' and engineers' board in a question and answer session.

Mr. Frazier stated that this is his last time attending the board meeting as the President-Elect. Pat Simon is the incoming President-Elect.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion (III) was made by John Jensen, seconded by Dan Lavelle, and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session at 11:55 a.m. at 500 North Calvert Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Baltimore, Maryland, 21202. This session was permitted to be closed pursuant to State Government Article, Title 10-508(a)(7). Upon completion of the session, the Board reconvened its public meeting at 12:25 p.m.

**REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS**

One application for licensure by reciprocity was not approved because the applicant lacked the required amount of minor engineering experience.

Following a review of the above application by a minimum of two board members, a motion (IV) was made and unanimously carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

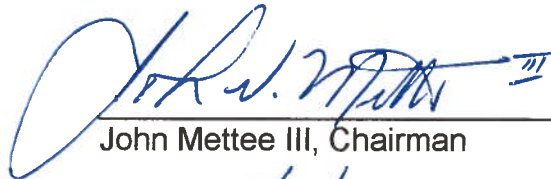
John Mettee stated that the next board meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2015. Mr. Mettee will not be at the next meeting and Donald Ocker will chair the meeting in his stead.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion (V) was made by John Mettee, seconded by Donald Ocker, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:29 p.m.

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John Mettee III, Chairman

Date: 12/2/2015