

Board of Professional Land Surveyors

Business Meeting Minutes

DATE: October 21, 2022

TIME: 12:30 P.M.

PLACE: Princess Royale Hotel
9100 Coastal Highway
Ocean City, MD 21842

JOINING INFO: Access Using Video Conferencing
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MEMBERS PRESENT: John V. Mette III, Chair, Land Surveyor
Tammy Y. Rollins, Vice Chair, Consumer Member
T.J. Frazier, Land Surveyor
Jeanne L. Nebre, Land Surveyor
Thomas M. Orisich, Land Surveyor
Derrick W. McLaughlin, Consumer Member

LABOR OFFICIALS & STAFF PRESENT:

Zevi Thomas, Executive Director
Raquel M. Meyers, Assistant Executive Director
Faith Green, Board Administrator
Danielle Anderson, Web Content & Outreach Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Ewell, President, MSS
John Palatiello, Executive Director, MSS

Call to Order

Chair, John V. Mettee, III, called the Business meeting of the Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveyors to order at 12:49 p.m.

Mr. Mettee introduced the members of the Board. He also stated that this will be the official Board meeting, the agenda has been published, and modified as there will be no Counsel's report, New Business, and Compliant Committee report.

Approval of the Minutes

The members of the Board reviewed the Business minutes held on September 7, 2022. Motion (I) was made by Ms. Rollins, seconded by Ms. Nebre, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes with corrections.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Thomas stated that the State-specific exams for next year will be held on March 23, 2023 . The dates will be available on the website.

Board Counsel's Report - None

Maryland Society of Surveyors

Mr. Mettee stated that the Board wanted to take time to recognize the newly licensed surveyors. Those newly licensed surveyors not in attendance will receive their certificates in the mail. Mr. Mettee recognized thirteen (13) newly licensed individuals as follows:

Patrick J. Corless, Jr.	Evan Christopher Young
Richard Edward Nagel	Tara Lee Kinsey
Collin Paul Stribne-Zuroski	Kevin L. Yoder
Gregory Joseph Gress	Robert Evans Walker
Scott R. Reeser	Juan Enrique Naranjo
Joseph Riley Cahill	Craig Black
Brian Thomas Yorkiewicz	

Public Hearing – Proposed Changes to Regulations

Mr. Mettee thanked Mr. Orisich, Mr. Frazier, Mr. James Shaw and Mr. Aaron Worley who served on the Ad Hoc Committee. He stated that there will be a link to the regulations made available to the public on the website.

Mr. Mettee stated that the regulation changes were created to support previous Acts. The following terms were further defined in the regulations: “*Accurate and precise location*”, “*Authoritative*”, “*Certification entity*”, “*Positional tolerance*”, and “*Relative positional precision*”. These terms required further definition. Mr. Mettee stated that the most important parts are the exemptions which are found in subsections .04 [Field Run] Topographic Surveys and .05 [Field Run] Planimetric Surveys. Mr. Mettee opened the floor up to public comments.

Town Hall Q & A

David McSpaden, a representative with Maryland State Geographic Information Committee (MSGIC), expressed concerns if the regulation language is written too broadly. This could restrict aerial mapping for example. Mr. Mettee thanked him for his comments and asked him to provide his comments to Mr. Thomas. Mr. Thomas stated comments on proposed regulations will be accepted until October 26, 2022. Mr. Mettee stated that the Board will take action on these regulations at the next meeting.

Mr. Mettee stated there have been numerous changes since the COVID pandemic. The department changed their name from DLLR to Labor, staff changes, and location. He further explained Board members are appointed volunteers. The website and contact information has been updated. We use the webpage as an educational tool and outreach opportunity for the public.

Mr. Palatiello asked what authority the Board has regarding unlicensed practice. Mr. Mettee informed the Board has the authority to fine up to \$5,000 per occurrence but has not had to implement this sanction at this point. If anyone comes across these types of incidents or misconducts, these should be reported to the Board. Additionally, he asked the public not to contact Board members directly, but instead contact the Board staff at the Department of Labor.

An attendee asked if there's still a requirement on the Board for a property line surveyor. Mr. Mettee stated due to the removal of the provision, a property line surveyor is no longer

required as long as they have the certification in the new regulations. The Board does not have any positions available currently.

An attendee asked whether an individual can offer a topographic survey without a license under the new regulations. Mr. Mettee stated this language was added in the regulations and Mr. Frazier agreed. Ms. Nebre mentioned it's under "*Authoritative*" use.

Mr. Mettee shared that the Board participated in the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) questionnaire. He explained how the information collected could inform the divisional exams. The Board went through the PAKS process which resulted in blueprints for 4 out of 5 divisional exams.

Mr. Mettee stated there were some discussions with Mr. Doyle Alan the previous Executive Director, Colonial States Board. The Colonial States Board could develop a State-specific exam instead of NCEES. They could use data from NCEES to create a blueprint for these exams.

Other Business

Mr. Mettee stated that the Board will move forward with the Complaint Committee, application review, and voting on adopting 09.13.06 Minimum Standards of Practice at the next board meeting on November 9, 2022.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Mettee thanked everyone for their participation. He also thanked Ms. Rollins and Mr. McLaughlin who serve as consumer members and all board members for their service in helping to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (II) was made by Mr. Frazier, seconded by Ms. Rollins, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn at 1:17 p.m.

Approved: _____ without corrections X with corrections

Signature on File

John V. Mettee III, Chair

Date: 11/28/2022