
Board for Professional Land Surveyors
Business Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 6, 2024

TIME: 11:00 AM

LOCATION: 1100 N. Eutaw St.
5th Floor Conference Room
Baltimore, MD 21201
(Teleconference via Google Meet)

MEMBERS PRESENT: T.J. Frazier, Chair
Tammy Rollins, *Vice-Chair*
Thomas M. Orisich, *Land Surveyor*
John V. Mettee, *Land Surveyor*
Jeanne Nebre, *Land Surveyor*

MEMBERS ABSENT: Derrick McLaughlin, *Consumer Member*

STAFF PRESENT: Zevi Thomas, *Executive Director*
Matthew Ventui, *Board Counsel*
Faith Green, *Board Administrator*

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan Haynie, *Maryland Society of Surveyors (MSS)*
Peggy Lucero, *Public Attendee*

Meeting Called to Order

Chair T.J. Frazier called the business meeting of the Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveyors to order at 11:04 a.m.

Approval of February 7, 2024 Minutes

Members of the Board reviewed the meeting minutes for February 7, 2024. Motion (I) was made by Mr. Orisich, seconded by Mr. Mettee, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes without corrections.

Correspondence

None

New Business

Ms. Peggy Lucero addressed the Board and inquired about the complaint process with the Surveyors Board. Chairman Frazier and members of the committee shared an overview of the complaint review process with Ms. Lucero.

Fee Increase Vote

Mr. Venuti reported that the comment period for fee increases has ended, and the Board should now vote to approve these increases.

Motion (II) was made by Mr. Orisich, seconded by Ms. Rollins, to approve the proposed fee increases with a majority of the members in favor, and one member opposed.

Old Business

None

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Thomas notified the members of the Board of the Governor's appointment of Mr. T.J. Frazier as Board Chair of the Board for Professional Land Surveyors. He thanked Mr. Mettee for his years of service on this Board and his dedication to promoting the profession in Maryland. Mr. Thomas reminded the Board members that the annual ethics filing is due on April 31, 2024. The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) has opened nominations for funded delegates for the annual NCEES meeting in Chicago, IL; taking place from August 14 – 17, 2024. He continued to report that the State-Specific exams will be hosted April 22 – 23, 2024, at the State Building at 1100 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, MD.

Board Counsel Report

Mr. Venuti reported to the Board that the hearing for the Board's sunset extension will held on Friday, March 8, 2024. In addition, the Maryland Apprenticeships in Licensed Occupations Act will not move forward.

Maryland Society of Surveyors (MSS)

Mr. Haynie reported the following:

- The Society has prepared a list of candidates to be presented to the Governor's office for consideration for Mr. Orisich's seat once his term ends in June 2024.
- MSS is currently making changes and updating its by-laws, specifically the Young Surveyors' program.
- A House Bill was introduced to impose a sales tax for professional services, including surveying. MSS intends to send a "no vote" for the Bill.

Review of Applications

Ms. Nebre stated review of applications is ongoing.

Executive Session

Motion (III) was made by Mr. Orisich, seconded by Ms. Rollins, and unanimously carried to enter Executive Session at 12:18 p.m. **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 12:42 p.m.

Complaint Committee Report

Mr. Orisich reported the following:

- 12-LS-23: Technical review has been reviewed, and the complaint will move forward with pre-charge filing.
- 01-LS-24: Time has not lapsed for additional information.
- 02-LS-24: Closed

Motion (IV) was made by Ms. Rollins, seconded by Ms. Nebre, and unanimously accepted by the Board to approve the Complaint Committee Report.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (V) was made by Ms. Nebre, seconded by Mr. Orisich, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 12:43 p.m.

Chair's Signature: Signature on File *Date:* 04/03/2024