MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MARYLAND BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

Date:

October 3, 2018

Place:

Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

500 North Calvert Street (3rd Floor Conference Room)

Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Time:

10:00 a.m.

Present:

John V. Mettee, Land Surveyor, Harford, County

T. J. Frazier, Land Surveyor, Frederick County

Donald Ocker, Property Line Surveyor, St. Mary's County Tammy Y. Rollins, Consumer Member, Baltimore County John Jensen, Consumer Member, Harford County

Others Present:

Steve Long, Executive Director, Design Boards

Joseph Cullingford, Assistant Executive Director, Design Boards

Marlethia Black, Board Administrator, Design Boards

Milena Trust, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General Andrew Brouwer, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

Jeremy Burns, Maryland Society of Surveyors Timothy Quinn, Maryland Society of Surveyors

Aaron Worley, Professional Land Surveyor, Rodgers Consulting

Absent:

Thomas M. Orisich, Land Surveyor, Baltimore County

CALL TO ORDER

John Mettee, Chairman, Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveyors, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion (I) was made by John Jensen; seconded by T. J. Frazier; and was unanimously accepted by the Board; to approve the minutes of the meeting September 5, 2018 Board Meeting with corrections.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Donald Ocker reported on the status of complaints discussed by the Complaint Committee.

03-LS-16 - Investigation 06-LS-18 - Closed

Motion (II) was made by Tammy Rollins; seconded by John Jenson and was unanimously accepted by the Board; to approve the Complaint Committee Report.

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CORRESPONDENCE - None

NEW BUSINESS

- The Maryland Society of Surveyors (MSS) is a part of the Design Counsel that will meet on November 5, 2018. The subject to be discussed is mechanics liens; specifically, the proposed "Duty to Defend" law.
- The Executive Director will read the North American Free Trade Agreement and provide an executive summary.
- A special committee to study the practice of surveying was created. The committee will consist of two board members and two MSS members. Thomas Osirich was appointed as Chair of the committee. Jeremy Burns will provide the names of two individuals from MSS who will serve on the committee. T. J. Frazier and Thomas Osirich will conduct a comprehensive review of the Standards of Practice and Steve Long will take the notes.

OLD BUSINESS

Milena Trust and Steven Arndt; Chairman, Board of Professional Engineers; met with the Secretary for the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation on the Joint Chairs Group in reference to budget allocations.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Maryland State-Specific Examinations were administered on September 14, 2018. Seven of the nine exam candidates passed the state-specific exams. One exam candidate that passed the exams was a re-take.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

The Failure to Respond Within 30 Days Regulations were published in the September 2018 issue of the Maryland Register. Milena recommended the Board should consider whether the Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) Exam should require Board pre-approval. MSS and the Board will send information to Catonsville Community College and Towson State University to publish on their website that no pre-approval is required to take the FS Exam.

Motion (III) was made by Donald Ocker; seconded by Tammy Rollins and was unanimously accepted by the Board, that no approval is required to take the FS Exam.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion (IV) was made by Donald Ocker; seconded by Tammy Rollins and was unanimously accepted by the Board, to go into Executive Session at 10:57 a.m.

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This session was permitted to be closed pursuant to General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, §3-305 (b) (7).

Motion (V) was made by Donald Ocker; seconded by Tammy Rollins and was unanimously accepted by the Board, to close the Executive Session at 11:35 a.m.

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

An Application for Licensure By Examination was presented to the Board for review. The Board approved the applicant (Candidate #533) to take the FS Exam, the Principles and Practices of Surveying (PS) Exam and the Maryland State-Specific Examinations.

OTHER BUSINESS - The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 7, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (VI) was made by John Mettee; seconded by Donald Ocker and was unanimously accepted by the Board; to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m.		
Approved: _	without corrections	with corrections SIGNATURE ON FILE

John V. Mettee

Date: 11/7/18