
Board for Professional Land Surveyors
Business Meeting Minutes

DATE: April 2, 2025

TIME: 11:00 AM

LOCATION: 100 S. Charles St.
Tower 1
Baltimore, MD 21201
(Teleconference via Google Meet)

MEMBERS PRESENT: T.J. Frazier, *Chair*
Tammy Rollins, *Vice - Chair*
John V. Mettee, *Land Surveyor*
Erick Quintanilla, *Land Surveyor*
Jeanne Nebre, *Land Surveyor*
Derrick McLaughlin, *Consumer*

STAFF PRESENT: Zevi Thomas, *Executive Director*
Raquel Meyers, *Assistant Executive Director*
Matthew Venuti, *Board Counsel*
Faith Green, *Board Administrator*

OTHERS PRESENT: Donald Sutton
Tobias Sullivan
ABC Land Surveying, LLC
Kevin Norris, *Maryland Society of Surveyors*

Meeting Called to Order

Chair TJ Frazier called the business meeting of the Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveyors to order at 11:01 a.m.

Approval of February 5, 2025 Minutes

Members of the Board reviewed the meeting minutes for February 5, 2025. Motion (I) was made by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Quintanilla, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes with corrections.

Correspondence

Property Corners

Mr. Frazier stated that property corners would be covered by the individual's local and/or county land use regulations. The individual should contact the Anne Arundel County's planning and zoning authorities.

New Business

National Society of Professional Surveyors Board Meeting

Ms. Nebre reported to the board that the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) recently voted to have its President draft a letter expressing several of the Society's concerns about model law in land surveying. These will be shared during the NCEES annual meeting and town hall.

Office of the Secretary

Ms. Nebre stated that Sam Wilson from the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying contacted her regarding the vacancy for the Office of the Secretary with NCEES. Ms. Nebre expressed her interest in this position with the Council. She also mentioned the candidacy of Azuanuaka (Azu) O. C. Etoniru, P.E., P.L.S., for the NE Zone Vice-president position.

Maryland Land Title Association

Mr. Norris explained to the board that the Maryland Land Title Association would create a committee, including third-party shareholders, to meet with State Archivists regarding the recent 20-cent fee per page to access land records online. The State Archivists' funding has been cut, and they are trying to rebuild their system. Mr. Mettee stated that the service is not free and comes from the taxpayer's dollars.

Mr. Norris agreed and added that MSS and other stakeholders are more inclined to support a subscription service. With a subscription service, the fee could be passed down to the end-user. The State Archivists have the authority to attach fees without the legislature's approval.

Ms. Nebre inquired if the board could take action. Mr. Venuti responded that the board could take a position through comments.

Old Business

Exam Committee Meeting

Ms. Nebre stated that the Exam Committee recommends creating a take-home exam for the Maryland State Law and Ethics exam. Motion (II) was made by Mr. Quintanilla, seconded by Ms. Rollins, and unanimously carried by the Board to develop and begin offering the Maryland State Law and Ethics exam as a take-home exam.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Thomas reported that the state-specific exam will take place on April 7, 2025. He also reported that The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) annual meeting will be held in New Orleans, LA; August 19 -22, 2025.

Mr. Thomas listed the three NCEES-funded delegates for this year's meeting (2 land surveyors and one consumer member). In addition, Mr. Quintanilla will be covered by the Council as our newest board member.

Mr. Mettee announced to the board that his last official board meeting as a board member will be on May 7, 2025.

Board Counsel Report

Mr. Venuti reported that the Minimum Standard of Practice regulation will enter the 30-day comment period on April 4, 2025. The board will be able to take action on the regulation tentatively during their June 2025 meeting.

He continued to report that the legislative session ends on April 7, 2025. The Maryland Society of Engineers proposed a bill that would require all licensure applicants to pass the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam. The bill passed the Maryland State Senate and is currently in the State House. However, there's limited time to pass the bill before the legislative session ends.

Maryland Society of Surveyors (MSS)

None

Review of Applications

Mr. Quintanilla stated the review of applications is complete.

Complaint Committee Report

Ms. Nebre reported the following

- 12-LS-23: In pre-charge review
- 03-LS-24: Under investigation
- 03-LS-25: Closed
- 04-LS-24: In pre-charge review
- 04-LS-25: Awaiting a response

Motion (III) was made by Mr. Mettee, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Complaint Committee Report.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (III) was made by Mr. Mettee seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

Chair's Signature: Signature on File *Date:* 05/07/2025