

Board for Professional Land Surveyors Business Meeting Minutes

DATE: June 4, 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*Erick Quintanilla, *Land Surveyor*Jeanne Nebre, *Land Surveyor*

MEMBERS ABSENT: John V. Mettee III, Land Surveyor

Derrick McLaughlin, Consumer

STAFF PRESENT: Zevi Thomas, Executive Director

Raquel Meyers, Assistant Executive Director

Robert Pambianco, *Board Counsel* Faith Green, *Board Administrator*

OTHERS PRESENT: John C. Dove, Jr, Commissioner, O&P

Meeting Called to Order

Chair TJ Frazier called the business meeting of the Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveyors to order at 11:02 a.m.

Approval of May 7, 2025 Minutes

Members of the Board reviewed the meeting minutes for May 7, 2025. Motion (I) was made by Ms. Rollins, seconded by Mr. Quintanilla, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes with corrections.

Correspondence

The Maryland State Archives will be adopting a new version for their website, *MDLandrec.net* (MDLR), that will incorporate a pay wall for certain public users. These fees are to enhance the security of the website and upgrade the infrastructure. These records will remain free and accessible for public use in the Archives' Search Room in Annapolis, county circuit court clerk's offices, and law offices. To ensure that small business owners, infrequent users, and historical researchers are not excessively impacted, the Archives may include a monthly subscription option for business users.

New Business

Mr. Frazier expressed his appreciation on behalf of all board to Mr. Mettee on his last official meeting as a board member, specifically for his many years as Chairman. He continued to wish Mr. Mettee the best in his future endeavors.

Old Business

Ms. Nebre inquired whether the board would like to discuss the decoupling of the Fundamentals of Surveying Exam, Principles and Practice of Surveying Exam, and both State-Specific exams for pre-approval of the application or wait until a later time. This inquiry was brought to the board at the May 7, 2025 board meeting by Mr. Norris of the Maryland Society of Surveyors.

Ms. Nebre stated that she found a list of states that have already decoupled the exams. Mr. Frazier stated that the Exam Committee will follow up with some state boards for further information.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Thomas reported that the National Council of Examiners for Engineering Surveying (NCEES), formally ratified the emeritus status of Mr. John Mettee. Mr. Mettee term on the state board ends on June 30, 2025.

He continued to report that Mr. Ramon Labrador will be our new board member once he takes the oath of office, which is scheduled in the coming weeks. His term officially begins on July 1, 2025.

Board Counsel Report

Mr. Frazier introduced Robert Pambianco, Assistant Attorney General. Mr. Pambianco will be filling in for Mr. Venuti for today's meeting.

Mr. Pambianco reported that the Minimum Standard of Practice Regulation is still awaiting approval from the Office of the Secretary.

Maryland Society of Surveyors (MSS)

None

Review of Applications

Mr. Quintanilla stated the review of application is ongoing. Two applications have been completed and are awaiting a secondary review. Mr. Frazier agreed to assist with that review. He also reported there has been a decline in applications reviewed since January.

Complaint Committee Report

Ms. Rollins reported the following

- 06-LS-25: Awaiting a response with the deadline of June 14, 2025
- 03-LS-25 Reopen, under review
- 04-LS-25: Under pre-charge review
- 03-LS-25: Complainant request to reopen
- 04-LS-24: OAH scheduling hearing
- 03-LS-24: Under pre-charge review
- 12-LS-23: Preparing for hearing

Motion (II) was made by Mr. Quintanilla, seconded by Ms. Nebre, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the recommendations for the Complaint Committee Report.

Executive Session

None

Other Business:

Ms. Nebre mentioned that NCEES State of the Council is scheduled today, June 4, 2025. The link will be shared with anyone interested in attending this virtual meeting.

Mr. Frazier reminded the members that there in no board meeting scheduled for July. The next Board meeting will be on August 6, 2025. He wished the Board an enjoyable summer.

<u>Adjournment</u>

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (III) was made by Ms. Rollins seconded by Mr. Quintanilla, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

Chair's Signature: <u>Signature on File</u> Date: