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**Board for Professional Land Surveyors**  
**Business Meeting Minutes**

DATE: August 7, 2024

TIME: 11:00 AM

LOCATION: 1100 N. Eutaw St.  
5<sup>th</sup> 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*  
Jeanne Nebre, *Land Surveyor*  
Derrick McLaughlin, *Consumer*

MEMBERS ABSENT: John V. Mettee, *Land Surveyor*

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

**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 June 24, 2024 Minutes**

Members of the Board reviewed the meeting minutes for June 24, 2024. Motion (I) was made by Mr. Orisich, seconded by Ms. Rollins, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes without corrections.

## Correspondence

None

## New Business

### *Maryland Society of Surveyors (MSS) Conference and Town Hall*

Mr. Frazier stated that the board had been invited to the MSS town hall in Ocean City, Maryland on October 17, 2024. He inquires to the board if there will be a quorum to hold the meeting at the town hall. The board members responded and enough members will be attending to have a board meeting.

### *Educational Equivalency Requirements Regulation Amendment*

Motion (II) was made by Ms. Nebre, seconded by Ms. Rollins, and unanimously carried by the Board to amend COMAR 09.13.07.02 to include 18 months of work experience equivalency guidelines for the minor in engineering.

## Old Business

### *Ad-hoc Committee*

The Committee's conclusion was to not recommend changes to the current regulations. Mr. Frazier suggested that the signing of a second professional land surveyor should not negate the liability of the original professional land surveyor who signed and sealed the documents.

Mr. Orisich recommended that the Committee's report should be forwarded to the Maryland Society of Surveyors for review and comments if the report is accepted. Mr. Haynie responded that the report will be on the agenda for the upcoming Maryland Society of Surveyors' board meeting in September.

Motion (III) was made by Mr. Orisich, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Ad-hoc Committee's report.

### *Maryland State Geographic Information Committee (MSGIC) Meeting Recap*

Ms. Nebre stated that their presentation during the MSGIC July 19 meeting was well received. However, many of the attendees were still unclear on how such mapping exams could be of benefit to them.

Mr. Frazier stated that he believes the feedback that was received at the MSGIC meeting is adequate evidence for the draft letter to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) in support of the mapping and science exams.

## Executive Director's Report

Mr. Thomas announced that the fall state-specific exams will take place during the first week of October 2024. Mr. Frazier stated that he wants time to think about the content and handling of the exam and create a committee on the topic of the state-specific exam at the next meeting.

Mr. Frazier suggested to the Board, that due to the October 2024 meeting being held at the annual town hall of the Maryland Society of Surveyors, the October and November meetings be combined if a quorum was attending the town hall. The Board members agreed that a quorum would be in attendance, and the November 2024 meeting would not take place.

Mr. Thomas stated that the recent ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court on the Chevron doctrine may have implications for how the Board regulates licensees, complaints, and hearings. Mr. Venuti responded that this most likely applies to the appeals of this board's decisions regarding licensees.

### Board Counsel Report

Mr. Ventui stated that the educational equivalency requirements regulation was his report.

### Maryland Society of Surveyors (MSS)

Mr. Haynie inquired if the Board will be accepting questions at their Board meeting during town hall, and if so, will the questions need to be reviewed in advance. Mr. Frazier responded they will be doing a Q&A portion, and will accept live questions.

Mr. Haynie continued to state that the Maryland Society of Surveyors officers will be sworn in after the town hall. He asks if Mr. Frazier will carry out the swearing in ceremony as it is typically done by the State Board's chair. Mr. Frazier accepted the invitation and agreed to take part in the ceremony.

### Review of Applications

Ms. Nebre stated review of applications is ongoing.

### Complaint Committee Report

Mr. Orsich stated there is no report.

### Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (IV) was made by Mr. Orsich, seconded by Ms. Rollins, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

*Chair's Signature:* Signature on File *Date:* 09/04/2024