

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 6, 2021 MEETING OF THE MARYLAND BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

Date: January 6, 2021

Place: Access Using Video Conferencing
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Time: 11:00 a.m.

Present: John V. Mettee III, Chair, Professional Land Surveyor
Thomas M. Orisich, Professional Land Surveyor
Tammy L. Rollins, Consumer Member
Jeanne Lentejas Nebre, Professional Land Surveyor
Dereck McLaughlin, Consumer Member

Other: Milena Trust, Board Counsel
Carla Marie Zamon, Assistant Executive Director
Cynthia Geoghegan, Board Specialist
Frazier West, Investigator
Gregory Morgan, Commissioner

Absent: T.J. Frazier, Professional Land Surveyor
Joseph Cullingford, Executive Director

CALL TO ORDER

John Mettee, III called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion (I) was made by Thomas Orisich and seconded by Jeanne Nebre, and then unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 2, 2020.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

- 04-LS-20 Administrative Hold (Pending Civil Proceeding) – No Change
- 01-LS-21 Awaiting response from Surveyor due to COVID-19 and a letter will be sent out regarding the response and another complaint
- 02-LS-21 Still investigating
- 03-LS-21 Property located in a different state – Waiting to see if we hear further from other neighboring state.
- 04-LS-21 Awaiting response from surveyor
- 05-LS-21 Awaiting further evidence

Motion (II) was made by Jeanne Lentejas Nebre, seconded by Tammy Rollins, and then carried unanimously by the Board to accept the Complaint Committee Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Orisich advised the Board that Chris Duhamel is going to run for President Elect in the NE Zone. Mr. Orisich would like to run for VP of the Northeast Zone. Mr. Cullingford is to submit the nominating form for VP. It was also noted that the NCEES Annual Meeting scheduled for New Orleans is now going to be virtual.

Motion (III) was made by Tammy Rollins, seconded by Jeanne Nebre, and then carried unanimously by the Board to nominate Thomas Orisich for VP of the NE Zone.

OLD BUSINESS

NCEES Award Recommendations can be made at a subsequent meeting. Milena Trust will look into what other states are doing for testing. She is waiting to hear from Eric Cooper what the latest update is regarding the Practice Act.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Zamon reported that Mr. Cullingford will have graphs available showing the number of licenses over time. Thanks was given to Mr. Orisich and Mr. Metee for hosting Maryland State Exams at their places of business. Additional dates for testing were set up for January 20th and 27th.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Ms. Trust advised the Board that the 2021 legislative session is very busy with over 800 bills introduced; however, no bill for the Professional Land Surveyors Board is scheduled. Other agencies are looking at permits and initial licensure and renewal.

MARYLAND SOCIETY OF SURVEYORS

Mr. Cooper advised that there are no answers yet regarding the Practice Act and he will include Milena on any updates. There was no MSS meeting in December. The next MSS general meeting is on January 19, 2021.

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

T.J. Frazier forwarded an email stating that he and Ms. Nebre reviewed application and approved the application for Matthew Unger to sit for the Maryland Exams.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next Board Meeting is February 3, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

Motion (IV) was made by Mr. Thomas Orisich, seconded by Ms. Dereck McLaughlin, and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session at 11:45 a.m. This session is 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 12:04 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (V) was made by Mr. Thomas Orisich, seconded by Ms. Jeanne Nebre, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Approved: _____ without corrections ___X___ with corrections

Signature on File

John V. Mettee, III, Board Chairman

Date: 2/03/2021