
Board for Professional Land Surveyors
Business Meeting Minutes

DATE: June 5, 2024

TIME: 11:00 AM

LOCATION: 1100 N. Eutaw St.
5th Floor Conference Room
Baltimore, MD 21201
(Teleconference via Google Meet)

MEMBERS PRESENT: T.J. Frazier, *Chair*
Tammy Rollins, *Vice-Chair*
John V. Mettee, *Land Surveyor*
Thomas M. Orisich, *Land Surveyor*
Jeanne Nebre, *Land Surveyor*

MEMBERS ABSENT: Derrick McLaughlin, *Consumer Member*

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean Lynn, *Maryland State Geographic Information Committee*

Meeting Called to Order

Chair TJ Frazier called the business meeting of the Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveyors to order at 11:03 a.m.

Approval of May 1, 2024 Minutes

Members of the Board reviewed the meeting minutes for May 1, 2024. Motion (I) was made by Ms. Nebre, seconded by Ms. Rollins, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes without corrections.

Correspondence

Adverse Possession

Mr. Frazier stated that the issue brought before the Board is out of its jurisdiction. Mr. Orisich agreed with Mr. Frazier, stating that licensed surveyors do not have the legal power to make decisions in regard to adverse possession.

New Business

NCEES Northeast Zone Meeting

Ms. Nebre stated that letters of support for a mapping science exam with the National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors were acknowledged at the zone meeting. However, the letters must have estimates and methodology as evidence.

Mr. Orisich added that if the mapping science exam were to become available, the GIS (Geographic Information System) community would be exempt from the "surveying without a license." Maryland law, as it stands, already exempts certified GIS and photogrammetry.

Mr. Lynn, from Maryland State Geographic Information Committee (MSGIC), stated his expectation that his organization would add a letter of support for the mapping science exam. He invited the board members to explain the benefits of the exam at the upcoming executive meeting on July 10, 2024 where discussion will begin. Mr. Lynn added that the topic will be eligible for a vote on August 14, 2024.

Old Business

Ad-hoc Committee

Ms. Nebre presented the Ad-hoc Committee's report to the Board. Mr. Frazier suggested that conversation of the report be tabled until the next board meeting, giving members time to review the report.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Thomas reported that the fee increase went into effect in May 2024, and has been updated on the Department of Labor's website. However, there will be a phase-in period until September 1, 2024 where licensees and businesses will not be charged the new fees. This period will allow for the changes to be implemented administratively.

Mr. Thomas continued to report that Mr. Orisich received emeritus status with the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES).

Board Counsel Report

Mr. Venuti reported that the fee increase went into effect on May 27, 2024.

Maryland Society of Surveyors (MSS)

There was no report.

Review of Applications

Ms. Nebre stated review of applications is ongoing.

Executive Session

Motion (II) was made by Mr. Orisich, seconded by Ms. Rollins, and unanimously carried to enter Executive Session at 12:03 p.m. **This session was 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 12:50 p.m.

Complaint Committee Report

Mr. Orisich reported the following:

- 12-LS-23: Awaiting a pre-charge
- 02-LS-24: Closed
- 03-LS-24: Awaiting response from licensed surveyor
- 04-LS-24: Awaiting response from licensed surveyor

Motion (III) was made by Ms. Rollins, seconded by Mr. Mettee, and unanimously carried by the Board to accept the report.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (IV) was made by Ms. Rollins, seconded by Mr. Mettee, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 12:51 p.m.

Chair's Signature: Signature on File *Date:* 08/07/2024