
Board for Professional Land Surveyors
Business Meeting Minutes

DATE: May 1, 2024

TIME: 11:00 AM

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: TJ Frazier, Chair
Tammy Rollins, *Vice-Chair*
Thomas M. Orisich, *Land Surveyor*
John V. Mettee, *Land Surveyor*
Jeanne Nebre, *Land Surveyor*
Derrick McLaughlin, *Consumer Member*

STAFF PRESENT: Zevi Thomas, *Executive Director*
Matthew Venuti, *Board Counsel*
Faith Green, *Board Administrator*
Sarah McDermott, *Assistant Commissioner*
Matthew McKinney, *Director of Government Affairs*

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan Haynie, *President, Maryland Society of Surveyors (MSS)*

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 April 3, 2024 Minutes

Members of the Board reviewed the meeting minutes for April 3, 2024. Motion (I) was made by Mr. Orisich, seconded by Ms. Nebre, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes with corrections.

Correspondence

Change of Ownership

Mr. Orisich stated that a land surveying firm does not need to own a percentage of the business, unlike in other design professions. He continued to state that the firm cannot operate without a licensed professional land surveyor acting as Responsible Charge on behalf of the firm permit. In addition, the individual must be a full-time employee of the business and not a Responsible Charge for multiple companies.

New Business

None

Old Business

Ad-hoc Committee

Ms. Nebre reported to the Board that the Committee was unable to meet as scheduled in April, and therefore will not be able to draft their conclusions until May. Their findings will be ready to present at the June 5, 2024 meeting.

Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE)

The Board for Professional Engineers' responded that the matter SUE falls mostly under the scope of land surveying, and does not involve engineering. Mr. Frazier disagreed, stating that only part of the matter falls under surveying. Mr. Thomas suggested tabling the topic until after the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying's Zone Meeting (May 2 – 4) where the topics could be discussed along with members of the Board for Professional Engineers.

NCEES Emeritus Status

Motion (II) was made by Ms. Nebre, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, and unanimously carried by the board for Thomas Orisich, to be nominated for an emeritus status with the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES).

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Thomas informed the Board of an upcoming webinar from the Interorganizational Council on Regulation (ICOR) regarding overlapping practice within design professions. He reminded the board that the deadline for the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying to cover expenses for the annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois is May 1, 2024.

Board Counsel Report

Mr. Venuti reported that the Board's sunset extension was extended to 2027. The Criminal and Civil Trespass bill passed both the House and Senate, and is awaiting final review and signatures from the Governor's Office.

Maryland Society of Surveyors (MSS)

Mr. Haynie reported the following:

- The Maryland Society of Surveyors has not received confirmation on when the Criminal and Civil Trespass bill will be signed.
- The Maryland Society of Surveyors confirmed that the five candidates nominated for a seat on the Maryland Board for Land Surveyors have all completed their applications.
- On June 7, training seminars will take place at Chesapeake College
- On July 16, the Society will host its annual Crab Feast and networking event.

Review of Applications

Ms. Nebre stated review of applications is ongoing.

Executive Session

Motion (III) was made by Mr. Orisich, seconded by Ms. Nebre, and unanimously carried to enter Executive Session at 11:40 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 12:14 p.m.

Complaint Committee Report

Mr. Orisich stated there is no report this month.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (IV) was made by Ms. Rollins, seconded by Ms. Nebre, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

With Corrections _____

Without Corrections **X**

Chair's Signature: Signature on File *Date:* 06/24/2024