
Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveyors
Business Meeting
Meeting Minutes

DATE: October 17, 2024

TIME: 11:00 AM

LOCATION: Ashore Resort
10100 Costal Hwy
Ocean City, MD 21842
(Teleconference via Google Meet)

MEMBERS PRESENT: T.J. Frazier, *Chair*
Tammy Rollins, *Vice-Chair*
Jeanne Nebre, *Land Surveyor*
Derrick McLaughlin, *Consumer Member*

MEMBERS ABSENT: Erick Quintanilla, *Land Surveyor*
John V. Mettee III, *Land Surveyor*

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

Meeting Called to Order

Chair TJ Frazier called the business meeting of the Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveyors at 10:55 a.m.

Approval of September 4, 2024 Minutes

Members of the Board reviewed the meeting minutes for September 6, 2023. Motion (I) was made by Ms. Nebre, seconded by Ms. Rollins, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve minutes without corrections.

Executive Director's Report

State-Specific Exams

Mr. Thomas stated that the State-Specific Exams occurred on October 8, 2024. A total of 4 out of 4 examinees passed the Law & Ethics exam. A total of 10 out of 13 examinees passed the Road Grade and Storm Drain Design exam.

Board Counsel's Report

Mr. Venuti reported that the comment period has opened for the proposed regulation 09.13.07 Educational Equivalency Requirements. These proposed regulatory changes can be found on the Department of Labor website. All comments from the public regarding this proposal should be forwarded to the Board's Executive Director.

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Board's Presentation of Certificates to New Licensees

Mr. Thomas acknowledged the three new licensees: Kevin Murphy, PLS, Jeffrey Blachly, PLS, and Douglas Potts, PLS.

Briefing on NCEES on National Exams

Ms. Nebre provided a briefing on the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying annual meeting, specifically regarding the mapping science module.

Questions and Answers

Attendee #1 inquired to the board regarding more details of the mapping science exam from the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying annual meeting. Ms. Nebre explained that a task force is currently in the process of deciding if mapping science should be a separate module or a part of the principles and practice of surveying exam.

Attendee #2 inquired to the board when examinees will be notified of their State-Specific Exam results. Mr. Thomas responded that examinees will be notified of their test results in the coming week.

Attendee #3 inquired to the board if there is a possibility of bringing back Property Line Surveyor as a category that individuals can apply for. Mr. Frazier responded that the idea of bringing back the category has been discussed, but the board is currently uncertain of how the statutory change would affect the licensing process if its submitted to the State Legislature.

Old Business

Chair TJ Frazier presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Thomas "Tom" Orisich, for his decades of service on the Maryland State Board for Professional Land Surveyors. Mr. Orisich retired from the Board in June of this year.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (II) was made by Ms. Nebre seconded by Ms. Rollins and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Chair's Signature: Signature on File

Date: 12/04/2024