

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2019 MEETING OF THE MARYLAND BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

Date: February 6, 2019

Place: Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
500 North Calvert Street
3rd Floor Conference Room
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Present: John V. Mettee III, Chair, Professional Land Surveyor
Thomas M. Orisich, Professional Land Surveyor
Tammy L. Rollins, Consumer Member
T. J. Frazier, Professional Land Surveyor
Donald J. Ocker, Property Line Surveyor

Others Present: Joseph Cullingford, Executive Director, Design Boards
Milena Trust, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Aaron Worley (MSS), Professional Land Surveyor
Carla Gourdine, Board Administrator, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects
Ruby Courtney, Board Administrator, Professional Engineers
Frazier West, Investigator

Absent:

CALL TO ORDER

John V. Mettee III called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion (I) was made by Donald Ocker, seconded by Tammy Rollins and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes with corrections of the meeting held on January 3, 2019.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Ocker reported on the status of complaints:

LS-17-03 – Pending

Motion (II) was made by Tammy Rollins, seconded by TJ Frazier and unanimously carried to accept the recommendations of the Complaint Committee report.

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CORRESPONDENCE

No new correspondence reported. John V. Mettee, III mentioned old correspondence from October 2018 meeting regarding the letter to PG county. Milena Trust drafted a letter and sent it to Steve Long but unsure where it left off. Joseph Cullingford will follow up and inform Michael Boyce as well.

NEW BUSINESS – No new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

OLD BUSINESS – An application to fill the consumer member vacancy was submitted. Mr. Mettee informed the Board he will be attending the President's assembly being held on February 7 – 8, 2019 in Atlanta, Georgia.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Joseph Cullingford informed the board that he is now the Executive Director. Mr. Cullingford also introduced the new Board Administrator, Carla Gourdine. Mr. Cullingford also informed the Board that the administration of the Maryland state-specific examinations is scheduled for March 8, 2019 and the application deadline is February 28, 2019. There are about 10 potential exam applicants.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2019.

The next Joint Chairs meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2019.

Mr. Ocker raised a concern about the category Land Surveyor - In -Training that currently has one person in the agency record count display. Milena Trust noted that this category should be eliminated.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT – Milena Trust reported to the Board that the Failure to Respond Regulations are final. The current Failure to Respond Regulations require that licensees or applicants have thirty days from the date of mailing to respond to a written communication from the Board. Additionally, Ms. Trust informed the Board of a proposed Senate Bill 655 which will require Engineer applicants to pass certain examinations in the Fundamentals of Engineering. A hearing is scheduled for February 15, 2019 at 1:00PM. Ms. Trust will forward a copy of the bill to the Board once she has it in her possession. Ms. Trust noted that this month will be her last meeting with the other Design Boards however, she will remain as Counsel for the Professional Engineers' and Land Surveyors' Board. Ms. Trust also informed the Board that committee meetings have to be advertised. John Mettee requested a report to view last year record count versus current year of Land Surveyors and Joseph Cullingford stated he would provide that report.

MARYLAND SOCIETY OF SURVEYORS

Aaron Worley, President elect of the Maryland Society of Surveyors reported that the qualification based selection bill is HB478. The hearing in Health and Government Operations is scheduled for February 19, 2019, at 1:00PM. The bill adds land surveying services everywhere engineering services and architectural services is mentioned.

The government employee bill has not been assigned a bill number yet, but should be introduced within a couple of weeks. The bill requires that any unit of state, county or municipal government, including

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institutions of higher education, that are providing land surveying services, name a person in responsible charge of the work.

On January 18, 2019, Jeremy and Aaron met with Richard Ortt, Maryland State Geologist, and staff from SHA. The purpose of the meeting was to lay the ground work for a bill in 2020 to address the datum issue. MSS formed a committee that put together a rough draft of the bill. In a few weeks, they are regrouping with Richard Ortt and SHA to review the MSS draft and discuss its adequacy with Richard and SHA. If all are satisfied with the bill, Richard will contact appropriate state agencies to let them know about the datum change. Bill Kress will contact the Maryland Association of Counties and the Maryland Municipal league to do the same. In the future, they are planning to meet with all the stakeholders to present the draft bill, gather input, and answer questions.

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

Four applications for examination were presented to the Board for review and were approved:

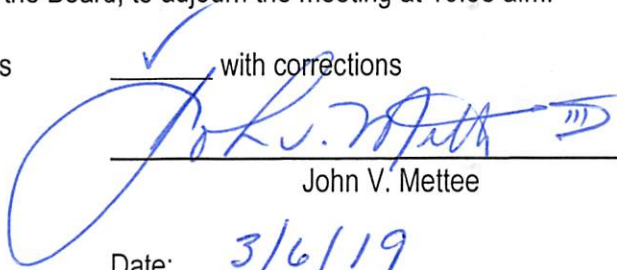
- Mcdade, Allison
- Taylor, Jonathan
- Pourkiani, Mostafa
- Arribas-Colon, Solymar

Two audit applications were presented to the Board for review.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (III) was made by Donald Ocker, seconded by Tammy Rollins and was unanimously carried by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Approved: _____ without corrections with corrections



John V. Mettee
Date: 3/6/19