
Board for Professional Land Surveyors
Business Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 5, 2025

TIME: 11:00 AM

LOCATION: 100 S. Charles St.
Tower 1
Baltimore, MD 21201
(Teleconference via Google Meet)

MEMBERS PRESENT: T.J. Frazier, *Chair*
Tammy Rollins, *Vice - Chair*
John V. Mettee, *Land Surveyor*
Erick Quintanilla, *Land Surveyor*
Jeanne Nebre, *Land Surveyor*
Derrick McLaughlin, *Consumer*

STAFF PRESENT: Zevi Thomas, *Executive Director*
Raquel Meyers, *Assistant Executive Director*
John Dove, *Commissioner*
Matthew Venuti, *Board Counsel*
Faith Green, *Board Administrator*

OTHERS PRESENT: Steven Gaskins, *Public Member*

Meeting Called to Order

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

Approval of February 5, 2025 Minutes

Members of the Board reviewed the meeting minutes for February 5, 2025. Motion (I) was made by Mr. Mettee, seconded by Ms. Rollins, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes without corrections.

Correspondence

National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying – Mapping Science Exam

Ms. Nebre stated that the survey question sent by Task Force is regarding a grandfathering process for a proposed mapping science exam; however, to answer the question, the Board has not discussed such and this may not apply to this board's current practices.

Maryland State Geographic Information Committee Certification

Regarding acceptable certification, the Maryland Board approves: The Board allows individuals exemption through specified certifications for mapping, not surveying. These are described in the Board regulations. Mr. Mettee stated that the Board only qualifies individuals as licensed land surveyors. Reviewing or approving such certificates is not part of the Board's purview. Mr. Frazier responded that the Board needs more information about the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing certification to determine if an exemption would be applicable. Mr. Mettee inquired to the Board members if a fee should be attached to a potential review process. Mr. Thomas responded that any additional fee would require regulatory review and approval. Ms. Nebre stated that it is necessary to have a nationally accepted exam. Mr. Thomas will circulate a draft response to Mr. Mettee and Mr. Frazier to issue a response to Mr. Bell.

Mr. Frazier stated that the official response of the Board should state that the law does not allow the board to issue an official exemption, and it will be the responsibility of the individual to ensure they will still qualify for an exemption. He continued to state that the Board should keep this topic under consideration. Ms. Nebre stated that it is necessary to have a nationally accepted exam.

New Business

None

Old Business

Exam Committee Meeting

Ms. Nebre stated that the committee will be meeting every third Tuesday of each month. She continued to report that she had spoken to a former member of the Tennessee Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors regarding their state-specific exam, and the costs of outsourcing these exams. The Kentucky Board of Engineers and Land Surveyors has completely removed their state-specific exam from the licensing process.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Thomas reported that on February 18, 2025, the Board sent a response to the Chief Executive Officer of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying regarding their previous correspondence on the proposed mapping sciences exam. The deadline reminder for candidates to apply under Category §15–305(f) has been posted on the Department of Labor (PLS Board) website.

Board Counsel Report

Mr. Venuti reported that the changes and updates to the minimum standards of practice regulation, COMAR 09.13.06, have been approved by the Office of the Secretary. The 30-day commentary period will begin on March 21, 2025.

Maryland Society of Surveyors (MSS)

None

Review of Applications

Mr. Quintanilla stated the review of applications is ongoing.

Complaint Committee Report

Ms. Nebre reported the following

- 12-LS-23: In pre-charge review
- 03-LS-25: Additional information requested
- 04-LS-24: In pre-charge review
- 04-LS-25: Additional information requested

Motion (II) was made by Mr. Mettee, seconded by Mr. Quintanilla, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Complaint Committee Report.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (III) was made by Ms. Rollins, seconded by Mr. Mettee, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

Chair's Signature: Signature on File *Date:* 04/02/2025