**MINUTES**

**MARYLAND BOARD OF LAND SURVEYORS**

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| **Date:** | March 4, 2020 |
| **Place:** | Maryland Department of Labor  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  Donald J. Ocker, Property Line Surveyor  Thomas M. Orisich, Professional Land Surveyor  T. J. Frazier, Professional Land Surveyor  Tammy L. Rollins, Consumer Member |
| **Others Present:** | Milena Trust, Board Counsel, Office of the Attorney General |

Daniel Burke Jr. (MSS) Professional Land Surveyor

Tyanna Handy, Board Administrator

Frazier West, Investigator

**Absent:** Joseph Cullingford, Executive Director

Carla Gourdine, Board Administrator

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

# **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion (I) was made by Donald Ocker, seconded by Thomas Orisich and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Minutes without corrections of the meeting held on January 28, 2019.

# **COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Tammy Rollins reported on the status of complaints:

* 02-LS-20 – Closed

Motion (II) was made by Donald Ocker, seconded by T.J Frazier, and unanimously carried to accept the Complaint Committee report.

# **CORRESPONDENCE**

Review of firm permit. Jeffrey Lagana, a surveyor with R.A Barrett & Associates, requested an extension of his previously approved exception that allowed him to be in responsible charge of two organizations. He requested that this exception be continued until the projects that he has signed and sealed are completed. After a careful consideration, the Board decided not to approve the request for an extension as the licensing statute clearly states that a licensed surveyor can be in responsible charge of only one organization.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board decided to discuss NCEES proposed bylaws at the next Board meeting.

EPS committee is requesting that all state surveying boards complete a short survey to help in the development of the new PLS exam. The Board determined that at least the following subject areas need to be included: Boundary, Mapping, and Minor Engineering

The Board also discussed the status of the Mentoring program created by the Board and MSS in an effort to help applicants with applications and answer questions they may have. The Board will continue the discussion at the next Board Meeting.

# **OLD BUSINESS**

The Board continued its discussions regarding the issue related to licensure of photogrammetrists. Mr. Orisich recommended that the Practice Act Committee resumes its work to continue working on that issue.

Motion (III) by Donald Ocker, seconded by Tammy Rollins, and unanimously approved by the Board to reconvene the Practice Act Committee meetings at a later date.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

No report.

# **BOARD COUNSEL REPORT**

Ms. Trust informed the Board that the proposed regulations aimed at streamlining the regulations related to review of applications have been properly proposed, and no comments were received. Furthermore, it was noted that the text of the proposed regulations was placed on the Board’s webpage.

Motion (IV) by Donald Ocker, seconded by Tammy Rollins, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the final action of the regulations.

# **MARYLAND SOCIETY OF SURVEYORS**

Mr. Burke updated the Board on the current issues worked on by the MSS.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion (V) was made by Donald Ocker, seconded by Tammy Rollins and was unanimously carried to go into Executive Session at 11:44 a.m. at 500 North Calvert Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. This session is 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 11:21 a.m.

**APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW**

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

Marni Sklodowski

Cameron Forth

Matthew Unger

Kyle Parker

David Hann

One application was denied.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (VI) was made by Donald Ocker, seconded by Tammy Rollins and was unanimously carried by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ without corrections \_\_\_\_x\_\_\_ with corrections

Signature of File



John V. Mettee III. Board Chair

05/05/2020



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