The meeting was called to order by Frank Conkling, Committee Chair, at 2:01 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Frank Conkling, Committee Chair
Nick Campanile
Steven Hyde

OTHERS PRESENT

George Grubbs, Board Vice Chair
Deborah Hill, Board Member
David Schryver, Board Member
Christopher McLaughlin, Board Member
Robin Petzold, Board Member
Keith Fountain, Board Member
Jenna Harper, Executive Director
Regenia Lee, Government Analyst
John Minnick, Acting Board Counsel
Amanda McKibben, Prosecuting Attorney
Corey Fedrick, Investigator
Sandra Bowling
Dianne Collins
Don Elder
Scott Lane
James Manning
John R. Beach
Alvin Gloer
Edwin Munoz
Robin Petzold
Amy Topol
David Melvin
Pam Nobles
Gail Oliver
Lou Campanile
REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JULY 2019 EXAM COMMITTEE MINUTES

After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Campanile made a motion to approve the July 2019 minutes.
SECOND: Mr. Hyde seconded.
ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF THE FLORIDA JURISDICTIONAL EXAMINATION STATISTICS

Ms. Lee reported that on September 26, 2016, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services took over the Florida Jurisdictional Examination from the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Since that date there have been 23 test dates of which 216 examinations given. Out of the 216 examinations given, a total of 190 candidates passed and 26 failed. She said that from September 26, 2016 to May 8, 2018, when the examination was updated, 118 passed and 7 failed which is a 94% pass rate. From October 26, 2018 to September 9, 2019, 72 passed and 19 failed which is a 74% pass rate.

UPDATE ON NCEES DIVISIONAL EXAMINATIONS – PAM NOBLES

Pam Nobles, member of the NCEES Exam for Perpetual Surveyors Committee and a past member of the NCEES Task Force for Divisional Exams reported that at the NCEES Annual meeting in Miami of 2017, the Western Zone put a motion forth to the council to consider producing a NCEES Divisional Exam for PLSS states. She said that California and the other PLSS states feel that the PLSS system is not being tested in depth on the current exam. She said that after the motion was made and passed, the NCEES President, Pat Tami, formed a task force to discuss and consider the pros and cons of breaking the examination into divisions. She stated that at the NCEES meeting in Washington, D.C., the task force put forth a motion to move forward with creating a PS Divisional Examination. She said that the motion passed overwhelmingly. She said that once the council voted, the task force ended and is now being handled by the NCEES Exam for Perpetual Surveyors Committee. She stated that the committee met in Rhode Island in October 2019 and developed a roadmap of which a letter and questionnaire would be developed and sent to the MBA’s in the Spring of 2020. The MBA’s would be given four modules and asked to select which ones they would use. After reviewing the comments and suggestions, the committee would decide how to move forward.

DISCUSSION ON IDEAS FOR GIVING THE FLORIDA JURISDICTIONAL EXAMINATION

Mr. Conkling said that a thought to consider would be to make the exam online and part of the application. He said that the online exam questions must be answered before completing the application and the exam would have to be 100% correct. Mr. Zoltek concurred. Mr. Zoltek said that he would like to see our examination more efficient, provide for the role that’s intended, and enhance the process. Ms. Harper said that she would check with FDACS IT for a timeline on when this could be implemented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lou Campanile asked about Incidental Drainage. Mr. Zoltek replied that this is considered Hydrology. Don Elder suggested that a re-take of the Florida Jurisdictional Examination could be part of the disciplinary process.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.