MINUTES

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS AND
MAPPERS

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING – PART I

EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON
3705 SPECTRUM BOULEVARD
TAMPA, FLORIDA 33612

May 3, 2018 (Part I) and May 4, 2018 (Part II)

The meeting was called to order by Deborah Hill, Chair, at 2:30 p.m. (Part I)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Deborah Hill, Board Chair
Steven Hyde, Board Vice Chair
Nick Campanile
David Schryver
Robin Petzold, Board Member
Christopher McLaughlin, Board Member
George Grubbs, Board Member
Jenna Harper, Executive Director
Regenia Lee, Government Analyst
Patrick Creehan, Board Counsel
Robert Summers, Prosecuting Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT

Todd Boyle
W. Lamar Evers
Joseph Beckman
Kevin Ryan
Alvin Gloer
Dianne Collins
David Melvin
Bill Payne
Justin Silva
Robert Prince
Wendy Edwards
Ryan Clark
Priscilla Seleska
Brice Hellstrom
Michael Goodnight
Kiel Bailey
J.L. Youderian
Robert Hall
Steven Bostwick
Patrick Collins
Amy Topol
Robert Strayer, Jr.

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REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 2018 GENERAL BUSINESS MINUTES

After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Hyde made a motion to approve the February 2018 minutes as amended.
SECOND: Mr. Petzold seconded.
ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

LICENSE HEARING INVOLVING NO DISPUTED ISSUES OF FACT – SCOTT BLISS

Mr. Creehan said that during the February 2018 Application Review Committee meeting, applicant Scott Bliss’ application was not approved by the Board due to insufficient employment experience and a denial letter was issued to Mr. Bliss. The Board requested Mr. Bliss to provide revised employment verification. Mr. Bliss sent in the requested information for Board review.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Campanile made a motion to approve Mr. Bliss’ application for licensure by examination and approved to take the Florida Jurisdictional Examination waiving the NCEES Fundamentals of Surveying and Principals and Practices examination.
SECOND: Mr. Petzold seconded.
ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

APPLICATION - REINSTATEMENT NULL AND VOID – EDWARD SCOTT DUNHAM (NOT PRESENT)

After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Hyde made a motion to DENY Mr. Dunham’s request for reinstatement based on not having an unusual hardship in conformation with Chapter 472, F.S.
SECOND: Mr. Petzold seconded.
ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

APPLICATION - REINSTATEMENT NULL AND VOID – MATTHEW CROWLEY (NOT PRESENT)

After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Petzold made a motion to DENY Mr. Crowley’s request for reinstatement based on not having an unusual hardship in conformation with Chapter 472, F.S.
SECOND: Mr. Hyde seconded.
ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

QUESTION FROM FDEP REGARDING SPECIFIC PURPOSE SURVEYS

Ms. Hill said that the Mr. Lamar Evers had a question regarding the responsible charge for processing submerged land leases for the State. She said that in the past the leases have been labeled as Specific Purpose Surveys and the new rule does not list Specific Purpose Surveys any longer. She said that Mr. Evers would like clarification on how this specific survey should be labeled. Mr. Petzold said that the rule didn’t say that you couldn’t call it a Specific Purpose Survey, it was removed from the requirements. He stated that it should be labeled whatever it is i.e. submerged land lease, etc. and that the whole concept was to allow professional judgement when performing a survey. Mr. Evers requested a letter of guidance from the Board to ensure that FDEP is following the rule. Mr. Creehan said that he would issue the letter.
Ms. Harper said that the NCEES Annual Meeting would be held on August 15-18, 2018 in Scottsdale, Arizona. She said that the FSMS Annual Conference falls on the same dates. She said that she would attend the NCEES Annual Meeting and that she would send Ms. Lee and Mr. Summers to the FSMS Annual Conference. She encouraged all Board members to attend.

The General Business Meeting, Part I, recessed at 3:23 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Deborah Hill, Chair, at 8:30 a.m. (Part II)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT
Deborah Hill, Board Chair
Steven Hyde, Board Vice Chair
Nick Campanile
David Schryver
Robin Petzold, Board Member
Christopher McLaughlin, Board Member
George Grubbs, Board Member
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Matthew Crowley
Amy Topol

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS – COURTNEY FRAZIER
Donald T. Ramsay – 1709-37110 – Noticed: April 16, 2018
(PCP Members – Fusco & Talbott)
After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Petzold made a motion to accept the prosecutor’s response and recommendations and move forward with the revocation of Mr. Ramsey’s license.

SECOND: Mr. Grubbs seconded.

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – DEBORAH HILL

Ms. Hill said that during National Surveyor’s Week, that she and Ms. Harper, FSMS Present Robert Strayer, FSMS Executive Tom Steckler, FDEP Representatives Lamar Evers and Mark Ashman, and Rudy Canoe, attended the March 7, 2018, Florida Cabinet meeting at the request of Commissioner Adam H. Putnam to receive the National Surveyor’s Week Proclamation. She said that she, Mr. Petzold, Pam Nobles, Nickolas Fusco and Ms. Harper attended the NCEES Southern Zone Meeting in Charlottesville, Virginia. She also stated that the rule revision is moving forward.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – JENNA HARPER

Ms. Harper said that during National Surveyor’s Week, she, and Ms. Harper, FSMS Present Robert Strayer, FSMS Executive Director, Tom Steckler, FDEP Representatives Lamar Evers and Mark Ashman, and Rudy Canoe, attended the March 7, 2018, Florida Cabinet meeting at the request of Commissioner Adam H. Putnam to receive the National Surveyor’s Week Proclamation. She said that during the National Surveyor’s Week, the Board office partnered with FSMS to make presentations to local schools. She attended the presentations given by Allen Nobles at two Tallahassee Elementary Schools. She said that there were four presentations given to local schools in other areas of the State. She said that this information would be included in the upcoming newsletter. She said that she attended the NCEES Southern Zone Meeting in Charlottesville, Virginia, and that during a breakout session she attended, the discussion was primarily about the surveying examination at the National level. She reported that there is currently one board vacancy on hold and she said that interviews had been given. She said that she has spoken with the Capitol staff and was told that they were going to try to locate a larger pool of applicants. She reminded the Capitol staff that there would be another consumer member position vacancy (George Grubbs) and a licensed professional position vacancy (Robin Petzold) effective November 1, 2018. She said that the deadline for accepting applications would be June 30, 2018. She said that she and Amy Topol would conduct interviews and that the selected application would be sent to the Capitol by August or September for approval by the Commissioner. She said the goal is to have the appointments made by the February 2019 PSAM Board meeting.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT – PATRICK CREEHAN

Mr. Creehan said that he would be submitting a Notice of Change and a Notice of Correction for Rule 5J-17. He said that he would be meeting with Ceda Rudd to format the rules that would be published once they are signed. He said that at that point, the new rule would be published, hopefully, within the next 3-5 weeks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROBABLE CAUSE PANEL – ROBIN PETZOLD

Mr. Petzold reported that there were 10 cases – 5 cases probable cause was found, 2 cases were issued a Letter of Guidance, 2 cases were closed and 1 case was dismissed.
APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE – NICK CAMPANILE

Mr. Campanile reported that there were 27 applicants – Mr. Bliss’ application was approved during the General Business Meeting – Part I, 13 were Examination applicants (10 were approved, 1 was approved with contingency, 1 was denied, and 1 tabled), 2 were endorsement applicants (1 was approved and 1 was denied), and 11 Surveyor in Training applications (All approved).

After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Hyde made a motion to approve the Application Review Committee report.
SECOND: Ms. Petzold seconded.
ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

CONTINUING EDUCATION REVIEW COMMITTEE – GEORGE GRUBBS

Mr. Grubbs reported that FSMS had requested a 1-hour Webinar continuing education credit and it was approved during the Committee meeting.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Hyde made a motion to approve the Continuing Education Review Committee report.
SECOND: Ms. Petzold seconded.
ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

PROBATION COMMITTEE – DAVID SCHRYVER

Mr. Schryver reported that Ms. Harper gave the Probation Summary. He said that the Committee members would be working on the Survey Review Checklist.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Hyde made a motion to approve the Probation Review Committee report.
SECOND: Ms. Petzold seconded.
ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

RULES COMMITTEE – STEVEN HYDE

Mr. Hyde said that the Committee reviewed the comments made by JAPC and approved the General Counsel’s office to move forward. He said that the Committee decided to conduct a Public Rules Workshop and it is scheduled for June 25, 2018 in the Orlando area.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Petzold made a motion to approve the Rules Committee report.
SECOND: Ms. Grubbs seconded.
ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.
EXAM COMMITTEE – STEVEN HYDE

Mr. Hyde reported that the Exam Committee met on April 4, 2018, to review the examination questions for the Florida Jurisdictional Examination. He said that all questions should be in place no later than late summer or early fall so that a new examination schedule could be created.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Petzold made a motion to approve the Exam Committee report.
SECOND: Ms. McLaughlin seconded.
ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

NCEES LIAISON REPORT – ROBIN PETZOLD

Mr. Petzold reported that in April 2018 that he attended the NCEES Southern Zone Meeting. He said that in June 2018 he will be chairing the NCEES National Surveying Award Committee. He said that this year the Committee would be discussing the inclusion of two-year schools. He said that Santiago Community College in California won an award last year. He said that Pam Nobles and Steven Hyde are on the Exam Committee again this year. He said that he has served 3 years on the NCEES Education Committee and that the Education Committee had been given the Future of Surveying Task Force to continue the surveying award program. He said that he and one other surveyor would be the only two judges on the panel judging the National Surveying Award. He said that the upcoming NCEES Annual Meeting would be held in August 2018 in Scottsdale, Arizona and that he was possibly going to be funded. He said that he would be attending. Ms. Hill stated that she would be attending as well.

NSPS LIAISON REPORT – NICK CAMPANILE

Mr. Campanile reported on the following:

Legislation in Congress proposes to transfer NFIP mapping from FEMA to USGS
The bill changes the composition of the Technical Mapping Advisory Council (TMAC), removing private sector members. NSPS is currently represented on the TMAC and has nominated a representative to fill its private sector spot moving forward, and does not support the elimination of private sector members from the TMAC.

Multi-state UAS procurement violates state licensing, QBS laws
A procurement solicitation by the Virginia Department of General Services (DGS) with national implications has drawn an objection from the Virginia Association of Surveyors (VAS).

The request for proposals asks for bids, including price, for a variety of services to be performed with an unmanned aircraft system (UAS or “drone”), including several surveying and mapping tasks, in Virginia and several other states, with an option for any state to participate. VAS noted the solicitation does not include a requirement for a licensed professional surveyor, in violation of the Virginia law and statutes in many other states, as the services sought fall within the licensing law definition of the practice of land surveying, and, as a professional service, does not comply with the Virginia qualifications based selection (QBS) law, nor similar “mini-Brooks Acts” in numerous other states.
NSPS has been reporting on NGS educational webinars involving:

GPS on Benchmarks to help improve the GEOID18 (new hybrid geoid model to replace GEOID12B)

The upcoming 2022 datums and State Plane Coordinate Systems. Currently, and through August, the NGS is open to recommendations and suggestions on changes to Florida's E & W Zones.

DC's First Federal Monuments

D.C.'s 40 boundary stones were set in place at the behest of President George Washington in 1791 to designate the border of the nation's capital. The 10-by-10-mile square includes a stone marker every mile. — 36 of the originals remain, the other four are replicas.

Check out the article, maps, and photographs in the 4/11 News & Views

President Trump Recognized National Surveyors Week

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Campanile said that at the meeting in February 2018, there was discussion on Chapter 177, F.S. and the fact that it needed to be updated. Ms. Harper said that Mr. Evers made relevant points at that meeting and that the Board decided that this was not a Board issue and should be handled by FSMS.

Ms. Harper said that the Department has an interactive GIS map directory for obtaining information on surveyors, as well as many other functions that the Department oversees. She said that it would be available soon.

Ms. Harper said that she would send an Elevation Certificate hardcopy to the Board members.

Ms. Harper said that there are now decoupling divisions. She said that the she would like to see this initiated in Florida. She stated that the advantage is to allow students to take the examinations right out of college before getting experience.

Mr. McLaughlin reviewed a statistical report regarding the current state of the land surveying profession.

Ms. Harper said that there had been a request for the Board to consider changing the dates of the St. Augustine Board meeting.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to move the dates of the last quarterly Board meeting in 2018 from November 5-7, 2018 to October 29-31, 2018.

SECOND: Mr. Schryver seconded.

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Dianne Collins said that she is not aware that Chapter 177, F.S., issue had been addressed and that she would contact Mr. Strayer to get the process started. She said that her concern regarding decoupling are the questions on the current exam. She asked the Board if there was a question on the exam that addressed the ability to make a judgement call and she suggested that there should be if not already on the exam.
Mr. Matthew Crowley, who applied to have his Null and Void License reinstated, appeared before the Board at the Friday meeting and requested that the Board approve his application. Ms. Harper told Mr. Crowley that he had been noticed, by mail, that his application would be considered on May 3, 2018, not May 4, 2018. Mr. Creehan told Mr. Crowley that his application has been denied during the General Business meeting on May 3, 2018.

**ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned on 9:54 a.m.