

**RI BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND
SURVEYORS**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

DATE 10 January 2006

**PLACE 1 Capitol Hill, 2nd Floor Conference Room B, Providence,
RI**

**MEMBERS PRESENT Messrs. DiOrio, Federici, Lipsitz, Reddington
and Sheldon**

**OTHERS PRESENT Ms. Christina Styron, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Peter N. Dennehy, Esquire, Legal Counsel
Mr. Thomas D. Drury, Jr.
Mr. Matthew Cotta, RISPLS Liaison
Mr. Robert Cournoyer, RISPLS President**

**CALLED TO ORDER Chairman DiOrio called the meeting to order at
1:06 PM.**

**AGENDA ITEM #1 Mr. Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Mr.
Federici, to**

Approval of Minutes approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the 13 December

2005 meeting with a verbiage change on Agenda Item #4a regarding

Comity. The motion was passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #2 Because of the nature of the following items, Vice Chairman Sheldon made Executive Session a motion at 1:13 PM, seconded by Secretary Reddington, to hold an

Executive Session according to Section 42-46-5a of the Rhode Island

General Laws, for sessions or work sessions pertaining to collective

bargaining or litigation under Section 42-46-5(A)(2) and for investigative

proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct under

Section 42-46-5(A)(4) and the motion was passed. See Executive Session

Minutes Agenda.

Vice Chairman Sheldon made a motion at 2:31 PM, seconded Secretary Reddington, to come out of Executive Session. The motion was passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Sheldon made a motion, seconded by Secretary

Reddington, to seal the Executive Session minutes of today's (10 January 2006) meeting of the Board. The motion was passed unanimously.

Record of Votes Taken in Executive Session

Executive Agenda Item #1 - Mr. Federici made a motion, seconded by Secretary Reddington, to have Attorney Dennehy file a motion for an Entry of Judgment instead of a request for Injunctive Relief. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item #2 - Mr. Federici made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lipsitz, to continue this matter until the next meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

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Executive Agenda Item 3. - Secretary Reddington made a motion, seconded by Mr. Federici, to have Vice Chairman Sheldon draft and send a letter to the owners of the property requesting their cooperation with the surveyor involved on ironing out this complaint issue. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item 4 - Mr. Federici made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Sheldon, to have the person involved in this complaint appear at the 14 March 2005 meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item 5 - Mr. Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Sheldon, to have Mr. Federici finalize his report and continue this matter until the next meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item 6 Mr. Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Sheldon, to have two individuals involved in this complaint appear at the 14 March 2006 meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item 7 Vice Chairman Sheldon made a motion, seconded by Secretary Reddington, to continue this matter until the next meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item 8 - Vice Chairman Sheldon made a motion, seconded by Secretary Reddington, to continue this matter until the next meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item 9 Vice Chairman Sheldon made a motion, seconded by Secretary Reddington, to continue this matter until the next meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item 10 - Vice Chairman Sheldon made a motion, seconded by Secretary Reddington, to continue this matter until the next meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item 11 - Vice Chairman Sheldon made a motion, seconded by Secretary Reddington, to send a letter to the complainant asking him/her to send the Board evidence such as a copy of a RFP that contained land surveying that both his/her firm and the other firm involved in this complaint responded to in Rhode Island. We will include a copy of the other firm's response. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item b. a. - Secretary Reddington made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Sheldon, to continue this matter until the next meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item b. b. - Secretary Reddington made a motion,

seconded by Vice Chairman Sheldon, to continue this matter until the next meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

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AGENDA ITEM #3 1. A letter from NCEES regarding ABET and foreign degree evaluations was Correspondence received.

2. A letter from ABET regarding ABET and foreign degree evaluations was received.

AGENDA ITEM #4 a. Legislation

Old Business Continuing Education Exemption Repeal Bill - Attorney Dennehy will prepare a list of Talking Points in support of this bill.

Interim COA - On a case-by-case basis for companies/individuals with an existing COA, we will have a person make a formal request to 1. Identify their problem, ask for a Temporary waiver of the statutes that

exist in favor of continuing their work and ask the Board what we can do for them. The Board will have to notify the registrants under what conditions such as death, termination, retirement fall under this category.

Mr. Federici suggested that the Board sends a notice to all COA registrants with the 2006-08 renewals informing them that the Board is working on developing guidelines regarding Interim/Emergency COA's

Comity Applicants - Secretary Reddington and Mr. Federici are working on developing a guideline as a policy. We will target March 2006 for re-visitation.

Mr. Federici proposed that the Board change the penalties allowed by law. Attorney Dennehy will work on this.

b. Statewide Planning/RIGIS - There is no update at this time.

c. CEU committee - The following course was reviewed and assigned PDH value as follows:

Sponsor Date Seminar/Course Title PDH Value

PESI,LLC 1-23-06 Deeds, Descriptions

And the Law 8

Secretary Reddington made a motion, seconded by Mr. Federici, to approve the above listed course and PDH values as indicated. The motion was passed unanimously.

d. Administrative Issues/Budget -There is no update at this time.

e. CRMC - Chairman DiOrio - Ms. Styron received and sent a copy of the proposed CRMC regulations to the Board for their review. Chairman DiOrio will re-draft a letter to CRMC.

f. NCEES - There is no update on this matter

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g. NSPS - Mr. Drury gave the Board an update.

h. Education

- CCRI Update

Mr. Federici spoke to Mr. Cardin. Mr. Federici will be reviewing the final draft of all the paperwork next week that Mr. Cardin has to submit to the Board of Higher Education. Then it will go to the Board of Higher Education sometime around 17 January 2006.

Mr. Federici also reiterated that all individuals inquiring about the degree program to send applications directly to Mr. Cardin at CCRI.

- RISPLS - Equivalency degree option

There is no update at this time. However, this agenda item will remain on the Agenda while waiting for a response from Mr. Cardin.

i. City of Providence - Abandoned Streets

There is no update at this time.

j. Miscellaneous

There is nothing at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #5 a. COA Application Review

New Business

The following new COA application was re-reviewed by the Board:

Co Operative Land Surveyors LLC

This company is a LLC but their application reads that they are applying as a partnership. Ms. Styron returned the application for correction. The application was received corrected to applying as a corporation.

Mr. Federici made a motion, seconded by Secretary Reddington, to continue this application review until the next meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

b. LSIT/PLS Application Review- There are no applications at this time.

c. Miscellaneous - There is nothing at this time.

d. Comments from the General Public - There is nothing at this time.

e. The next Board meeting will be 14 February 2006 at 1:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned on the appropriate motion and was

approved unanimously at 4:41 PM.

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