

RI BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

DATE 13 March 2007

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

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

**OTHERS PRESENT Ms. Christina Styron, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Peter N. Dennehy, Esquire, Legal Counsel**

Mr. Matthew Cotta, RISPLS Liaison – Present 2:18 to 3:45

CALLED TO ORDER Chairman Reddington called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM. All Board members, Attorney Dennehy and Ms. Styron were present.

AGENDA ITEM #1 Vice Chairman Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by, Secretary Federici to Approval of Minutes approve the open minutes of the 13 February 2007 meeting pending

verbal clarification from Mr. Thomas Drury regarding Agenda Item #4 f..

The motion was passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Secretary Federici, to approve and seal the Executive Session minutes of the 13 February 2007 meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #2 Because of the nature of the following items, Mr. DiOrio made a motion, Executive Session seconded by Secretary Federici, 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 unanimously at 1:09 PM.

Record of Votes Taken in Executive Session

Executive Agenda Item #1 - Mr. DiOrio made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Lipsitz to continue this matter. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item #2 - Vice Chairman Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. DiOrio, to schedule this as an informal investigator's conference rather than an Executive Session meeting as previously voted last month and to continue this matter . The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item #3 - Vice Chairman Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Secretary Federici, to continue this matter. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item #4 - Vice Chairman Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. DiOrio, to have a particular RI registered PLS, appear at the next meeting to discuss his/her relationship with this firm and to forward correspondence received regarding this matter to the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers. The motion was passed unanimously.

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Executive Agenda Item #5 - No motions were made for this agenda item.

Executive Agenda Item #6 – The motion was passed; Secretary Federici did not vote because he had recused himself.

Executive Agenda Item 2 b.c. – Vice Chairman Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. DiOrio, to continue this matter. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item 2 b.d. – Vice Chairman Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. DiOrio, to continue this matter. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item 2 b.e. – No motions were made for this agenda item.

Mr. DiOrio made a motion at 2:16 PM, seconded by Vice Chairman Lipsitz, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene to an open meeting pursuant to RIGL §42-46-4. The motion was passed unanimously.

End of record of votes taken in Executive Session

Mr. DiOrio made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Lipsitz, to seal the Executive Session minutes and record the votes taken in Executive Session pursuant to RIGL §42-46-4 and §42-46-5. The motion was passed unanimously

AGENDA ITEM #3 1. A copy of a letter was received from Mr. DiOrio to TSI Appraisal Services

Correspondence regarding recruitment of survey services.

2. Notice of CRMC Public Hearing and CRMC's 2007 calendar was received.

3 A copy of a corrected letter was received that was sent to Governor Carcieri from the RISPLS endorsing Alfred W. DiOrio.

4. A letter was received from the Colonial States Boards of Surveyor Registration regarding their Spring meeting to be held in conjunction with the Northeast Zone meeting in Newport on 5 May 2007.

5. NCEES Licensure Exchange was received.

6. A letter was received from the State of RI Department of Labor and Training requesting information on licensed occupations.

7. A letter was received from the West Virginia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers asking the Board to consider

Leonard Timms for the NCEES Northeast Zone Vice President.

8. A letter was received from Russell Moresi in which he asks to review his Rhode Island Portion exam taken on 30 November 2006. The Board denied his request since it is so close to the next exam date but will prepare and send him a list of the areas in which he was deficient.

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9.. Letters were received from John “Jeff” and Janice Black dated February 17, 2007, February 22, 2007, February 24, 2007, February 26, 2007, March 2, 2007, March 3, 2007, March 4, 2007and March 8, 2007 regarding Public Record Requests and their pending Executive Session complaints. Attorney Dennehy reported that he has been responding to the records requests as required by the Access to Public Records Act.

AGENDA ITEM #4 a. Legislation

Old Business

- **The Board members discussed the RISPLS proposed legislative changes**

- **Comity - There is no update on this matter.**

- **Right of Entry – target 2008**

- **Rules & Regulations – Attorney Dennehy requested the Board to submit suggested changes to him as soon as possible After he receives all of the suggested changes, he will prepare a draft.**

- * **Attorney Dennehy left the meeting room at 2:47 to attend to his other duties and did not return.**

- * **Mr. DiOrio left the meeting room at 2:47 and returned at 2:55..**

b. Statewide Planning/RIGIS

Mr. DiOrio will be showing the Informational Bulletin to the RIGIS people before it is sent out. Mr. DiOrio will make a list of which departments within the city and town officials that he wants the Informational Bulletin mailed to.

c. PDH review- Ms. Styron submitted requests received for

Continuing Education review and approval. These courses/seminars will be voted on at the 10 April 2007 meeting.

Secretary Federici made a motion seconded by Vice Chairman Lipsitz, to approve the above listed courses and PDH values as indicated. The motion was passed; Mr. DiOrio was not present.

d. Administrative Issues

• Administrative Assistant Duties – Ms. Styron reported that she has had increased demands on her time in various areas of her job. The Board advised Ms. Styron that the registrations, meeting minutes, applications, etc. take precedence.

e. NCEES – Ms. Styron reminded the Board members to send in their registration form for the Northeast Zone meeting as soon as possible.

f. NSPS - There was no discussion on this agenda item.

NSPS is still working on the national surveyor's insurance issue.

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g. Education

Secretary Federici reported that the Board of Governors voted unanimously to approve the two year Associates Degree program and

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h. Pending Policies

- Interim (Emergency) COA – There was no discussion on this agenda item.**

i. Unusual Plan Filing - There was no discussion on this agenda item.

j. Miscellaneous -

- RISPLS Advisory Committee regarding the Technical Standards & Code of Ethics - There was no discussion on this item.**

AGENDA ITEM #5 a. COA Application Review

New Business

The following application was reviewed:

1. American Engineering, Inc. – Adding Matthew Cotta as a person in

responsible charge along with Daniel Cotta.

Secretary Federici made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Lipsitz, to approve the above listed COA. The motion was passed; Mr. DiOrio was not present.

b. LSIT/PLS Application Review – There are no applications for review.

c. Miscellaneous - There was no discussion on this agenda item.

d. Comments from the General Public – There were no comments.

e. The next Board meeting will be 10 April 2007 at 1:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT Upon the appropriate motion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

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