

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD**

**DATE 11 September 2007**

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

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

**OTHERS PRESENT Ms. Christina Styron, Administrative Assistant  
Mr. Peter N. Dennehy, Esquire, Legal Counsel – Present 1:11 to 3:26**

**Mr. Matthew Cotta, RISPLS Liaison – Present 3:20 to 4:02**

**Ms. Kristal Ratti - Present during discussion of Executive Agenda Item #7. only**

**Mr. Albert Romano - Present during discussion of Executive Agenda Item #7. only**

**Mr. John Raymond - Present during discussion of Executive Agenda Item #8. only**

**CALLED TO ORDER Chairman Reddington called the meeting to**

order at 1:10 PM. Messrs. DiOrio, Drury, Federici, Lipsitz and Reddington, 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 14 August 2007 meeting. The motion was passed ; Mr. DiOrio abstained.

Vice Chairman Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Secretary Federici, to approve and seal the Executive Session minutes of the 14 August 2007 meeting with one amendment removing Mr. DiOrio as present. The motion was passed ; Mr. DiOrio abstained.

**AGENDA ITEM #2** Because of the nature of the following items, Secretary Federici made a Executive Session motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Lipsitz, 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 1:13 PM.

**Secretary Federici made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drury, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene to an open meeting pursuant to RIGL §42-46-4. The motion was passed unanimously at 3:20 PM.**

### **Record of Votes Taken in Executive Session**

**Executive Agenda Item #1 – Vice Chairman Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drury, to continue this matter until the November meeting per the 14 August 2007 motion to continue this matter for at least sixty days.. The motion was passed unanimously.**

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**Executive Agenda Item #2 – Vice Chairman Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drury, to have Attorney Dennehy send the letters of charges to all parties. The motion was passed with three members approving; Secretary Federici did not vote because he had recused himself and left the room prior to discussion of this matter.**

**Executive Agenda Item #3 – Vice Chairman Lipsitz made a motion,**

**seconded by Mr. DiOrio, to continue to the 16 October 2007 meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**Executive Agenda Item #4 – Vice Chairman Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. DiOrio, to continue to the 16 October 2007 meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**Executive Agenda Item #5 – Vice Chairman Lipsitz and Ms. Styron are working on a letter to be sent to Mr. Ezeama.**

**Executive Agenda Item #6 – Secretary Federici made a motion, seconded by Mr. DiOrio, to continue this matter.**

**Executive Agenda Item #7 – Vice Chairman Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. DiOrio, to send Mr. Romano a letter and instruct him to notify his client and let them know that due to his misunderstanding of the COA law, he was technically not in compliance with the COA law. If the mortgage inspection is to be used for something, it needs to be updated by a RI registered PLS holding a current Certificate of Authorization and restate that Mr. Romano stated that this was a one time thing and that he promised he will not do it again until and unless he obtains a Certificate of Authorization and send a photocopy of the letter to John Mensinger. A letter will also be sent to John Mensinger stating the Board's opinion on this matter. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**Executive Agenda Item #8 – Vice Chairman Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drury, to send Mr. Raymond a letter stating that per his own admission, he has prepared site plans which is practicing surveying, let your client know it and send a cc to the East Providence Building Official. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**Executive Agenda Item #9 - Vice Chairman Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. DiOrio, to continue this matter until the November meeting per the 14 August 2007 motion to continue this matter for at least sixty days.. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**Executive Agenda Item #10 - Secretary Federici made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drury, will have to redo the plans for the two jobs they submitted to the Board on 18 August 2007 to bring them up to standards, reissue them**

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**and inform the clients that due to their misunderstanding of the COA**

law,

they were technically not in compliance with the COA law. and explain they now have a current, valid COA in place and that is why they're being re-issued; and submit evidence such as certified receipt or signed letter of transmittal to the Board that they have re-issued them and notified the client. Also, have J. H. Lynch acknowledge by signing a receipt that these the 2 projects in North Kingstown and Burrillville are the only two not properly prepared by a registered professional land surveyor.

Secretary Federici made a motion, seconded by to come out of Executive Session and reconvene to an open meeting pursuant to RIGL §42-46-4. The motion was passed unanimously at 3:20 PM.

**End of record of votes taken in Executive Session**

Secretary Federici made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drury, to seal the executive session 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 cc of a letter to the House Finance Committee from Director A. Michael Correspondence Marques, DBR, was received from regarding the legislation.

2.. Two CRMC notices of Public Hearing was received.

- 3. A memorandum from NCEES was received regarding a staff change.**
- 4. Minnesota Board newsletter was received.**
- 5. NCEES Northeast Zone Update was received.**
- 6. Notice of CRMC Workshop was received.**
- 7. CC's of letters from the Governor appointing Thomas D. Drury and reappointing Alfred W. DiOrio to the Board was received.**

**AGENDA ITEM #4 a. Legislation**

**Old Business**

**Board reorganization – Attorney Dennehy drafted legislation extending the deadline for the Board's reorganization.**

- b. Statewide Planning/RIGIS - There is no update on this matter.**

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c. PDH review - The following courses were reviewed and recommended PDH value as follows:

**Sponsor Dates Seminar/Course Title PDH Value**

**LORMAN 11-13-07 Plat and Subdivision**

**Law 6**

**NBI 12-3-07 Land Use Law: Current**

**Issues in Subdivision**

**And Zoning 6**

**Land Surveyor's Workshops – 16 workshops approved each 4**

- 1. Buying or Selling the Engineering or Land Surveying Firm**
- 2. Land Surveying Measurement Tools**
- 3. GIS for Engineers, Surveyors, and Municipal Managers (Intro to GIS)**
- 4. Estimating and Contracting a Construction Survey**

- 5. Establishing Your Surveying or Engineering Practice**
- 6. Construction Surveying**
- 7. GIS for Engineers, Surveyors, and Municipal Managers  
(Designing and Implementing a GIS)**
- 8. Colonial Land System and the Building of America**
- 9. So, You've Discovered a Conflict, Now What? Part 1 (Conflict Resolution for the Surveyor)**
- 10. So, You've Discovered a Conflict, Now What? Part 2  
(Resolving Boundary and Title Problems)**
- 11. The First Surveyor's Doctrine – Facts and Fallacies?**
- 12. Magnetics and Optimum Use of "Your" Magnetic Locator**
- 13. Ethics for Land Surveyors (4 hour version - live seminar)**
- 14. Programming the HP33s**
- 15. Pricing for Professional Services**
- 16. Location Maps Made Easy**

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

**d. Administrative Issues**

**Chairman Reddington again expressed his desire to resign from the Board as soon as possible.**

**e. NCEES - There is no update on this matter.**

**f. NSPS – Mr. Drury will be attending the meeting scheduled for later this month.**

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**g. Miscellaneous -**

- RISPLS Advisory Committee regarding the Technical Standards & Code of Ethics – There is meeting scheduled for this afternoon.**

**AGENDA ITEM #5 . COA Application Review**

**New Business**

**The following amended application was reviewed:**

**Nitsch Engineering, Inc. – changing name from Judith Nitsch Engineering, Inc.**

**Secretary Federici made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Lipsitz, to approve the above listed COA. The motion was passed**

**unanimously.**

**b. LSIT/PLS Application Review – There are no applications for review at this time.**

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

**d. Comments from the General Public**

**The Board discussed the proposed RISPLS legislation with Mr. Cotta.**

**e. The next Board meeting will be 16 October 2007 at 1:00 PM.**

**AGENDA ITEM #6**

**Adjournment Upon the appropriate motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 PM.**

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