

STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

DATE 9 December 2008

PLACE 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Building 69-2 Conference Room, Cranston, RI

MEMBERS PRESENT Messrs. DiOrio, Lipsitz and Reddington

OTHERS PRESENT Ms. Christina Styron, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Richard W. Bernstein, Legal Counsel

Mr. Brian J. Riggs, DBR Department Budget Administrator

Mr. Michael J. McCormick, RISPLS Liaison

CALLED TO ORDER Chairman Lipsitz called the meeting to order at 1:24 PM.

Due to a tape recorder malfunction, this meeting was not tape recorded.

AGENDA ITEM #1 Mr. Reddington made a motion, seconded by

Secretary DiOrio, to approve Approval of Minutes the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the 18 November 2008 meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #2 Because of the nature of the following items, Secretary DiOrio made a Executive Session motion, seconded by Mr. 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 unanimously at 1:25 PM.

Secretary DiOrio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reddington, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene to an open meeting pursuant to RIGL §42-46-4. The motion was passed unanimously at 2:03 PM.

Secretary DiOrio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reddington, 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.

Record of Votes Taken in Executive Session

Executive Agenda Item #2.a.1. - Mr. Reddington made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to accept the revised plan as is even though there are still some minor issues with the plan, to send the revised plan to the Town of West Warwick and to close this complaint file. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item #2.a.2 Mr. Reddington made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to continue this matter. The motion was passed unanimously.

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Executive Agenda Item #2.a.3. - Mr. Reddington made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to continue this matter. The motion

was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item #2.a.4. – Mr. Reddington made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to continue this matter. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item #2.a.5. - Mr. Reddington made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to continue this matter. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item #2.b.c – No motions were made regarding this agenda item.

Executive Agenda Item #2.b.d. - Mr. Reddington made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to continue this matter. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item #2 b.e. - Secretary DiOrio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reddington, to continue this matter. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item #2.b.f. - Secretary DiOrio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reddington, to continue this matter. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item #2.b.g. - Secretary DiOrio made a motion,

seconded by Mr. Reddington, to continue this matter. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item #2.b. h. - Secretary DiOrio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reddington, to continue this matter. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item #2.b.i. - Secretary DiOrio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reddington, to continue this matter. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item #2.b.j. - Secretary DiOrio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reddington, to continue this matter. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item #2.b.k. - Mr. Reddington made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to issue a complaint number, send the person named in the complaint a copy of the complaint and have him/her appear at the 13 January 2008 meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

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Executive Agenda Item #2.b.I. There were no other Executive Session Matters and therefore no motions were made regarding this agenda item.

End of record of votes taken in Executive Session

AGENDA ITEM #3 1 A Memorandum from NCEES regarding a Funded Delegate for the 2009 Correspondence Northeast Zone meeting to be held 16-18 April 2008 was received.

Chairman Lipsitz will check his schedule to see if he can attend.

2. A letter from McKissock, LP, a Continuing Education provider, was received. They are asking for an Excel list of registrant's names, addresses, registration number, phone number, initial license date, expiration, e-mail address, license type, categories. The Board instructed Ms. Styron to respond to them stating that the names, license numbers, expirations and addresses are on our website and that we will not be providing them any of the other information requested that is not on the website.

3. A letter from James Breting was received.

4. A list of attendees at the LORMAN “Subdivision & Land Development Law in Rhode Island” seminar was received.
5. ABET Newsletter was received.
6. A Memorandum from NCEES regarding Appointment of Associate and Emeritus Members was received. Mr. Reddington made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to nominate Richard W. Berstein, Legal Counsel and Brian J. Riggs, Department Budget Administrator as Associate Members. The motion was passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #4 a. Legislation

Old Business

Attorney Berstein submitted proposed legislation regarding including the Division of Design Professionals within DBR’s legal and administrative processes and reintroducing the RISPLS/State Board of Registration for Professional Land Surveyors education requirement bill.

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

c. PDH review - The following courses was reviewed and recommended PDH value as follows at the 21 October 2008 meeting:

Sponsor Dates Seminar/Course Title PDH Value

RIEMA

**& RIFMA 11-13-08 Elevation Certificate, Letter of
Map Amendment/Revision &
Smart Vent Training 3.0**

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Mr. Reddington made a motion, seconded Secretary DiOrio, that since he attended this meeting, it his recommendation that in the future, this seminar warrants only being approved for 2.0 PDH's. The motion was passed unanimously.

d. Administrative Issues

Mr. Reddington submitted his resignation effective 31 December 2008 at last month's meeting. Ms. Styron and Chairman Lipsitz will contact the Governor's office to see when they think an appointment will be made.

e. NCEES – There was no discussion on this agenda item.

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

g. Miscellaneous

1. RISPLS Advisory Committee regarding the Technical Standards & Code of Ethics

The draft was handed out at the RISPLS Annual Convention. They are waiting for comments.

2. CCRI – GIS Course – There was no discussion on this agenda item and it will no longer appear as a running item on the Agenda.

AGENDA ITEM #5 a. COA Application Review

New Business

There were no COA applications for review.

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

c. Miscellaneous

1. Election of Officers

Mr. Reddington made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to keep the current slate of officers: Mr. Lipsitz – Chairman; Mr. Drury –

Vice Chairman and Mr. DiOrio - Secretary. The motion was passed unanimously.

d. Comments from the General Public

Mr. McCormick, RISPLS Liaison, inquired as to whether there have been any letters of interest regarding Board appointment received and from whom. The Board reported that George Corrente and John Mensinger have submitted letters.

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e. The next Board meeting is scheduled for 16 December 2008 at 1:00 PM.

AGENDA ITEM #6 Upon the appropriate motion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:37 PM.

Adjournment

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