

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD**

**DATE 14 July 2009**

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

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

**OTHERS PRESENT Ms. Christina Styron, Administrative Assistant  
Mr. Richard W. Berstein, 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  
1:04 PM.**

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

**Approval of Minutes approve the Regular and Executive Session**

**minutes of the 9 June**

**2009 meeting and the minutes of the 13 May 2009 Workshop. 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. 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 1:06 PM.**

**Secretary DiOrio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Federici, 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 #s 2.a.1. - Secretary DiOrio made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Drury, to continue this matter. The motion was passed; Mr. Federici did not vote as he was recused.**

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

**Executive Agenda Item #2.b.d. – Mr. Federici made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Drury, to close this matter. The motion was passed unanimously.**

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

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**Executive Agenda Item #2.b.f. – Mr. Mensinger made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to have Attorney Berstein revise the letter, have Sage Environmental revise it in turn, have them send it and to close this matter. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**Executive Agenda Item #2.b.g.- Mr. Federici made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to accept the response and close this matter. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**Executive Agenda Item #2.b.h. – Secretary DiOrio made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Drury, to continue this matter until the letter is sent. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**Executive Agenda Item #2.b.i. - No motions were made regarding this agenda item.**

**Executive Agenda Item #2.b.j.1. - Secretary DiOrio made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Drury to have Ms. Styron send Ms. Dubuc a letter indicating that this appears to be a Boundary Dispute and is not under our jurisdiction. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**Executive Agenda Item #2.b.j.2. - Mr. Federici made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to that we should post disciplinary**

**actions on the website. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**Executive Agenda Item #2.b.j.3. - Secretary DiOrio made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Drury, to have Ms. Styron send the company involved the standard cease & desist letter and to respond within 30 days. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**Executive Agenda Item #2.b.k. - No motions were made regarding this agenda item.**

**Adjournment Secretary DiOrio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Federici, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene to an open meeting pursuant to RIGL §42-46-4. The motion was passed unanimously at 2:32 PM.**

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

**AGENDA ITEM #3 1. A Memo from NCEES regarding Actions by NCEES Board of Directors**

**Correspondence was received.**

**2. NCEES Exam Administration Agreement was received.**

**3. NCEES Licensure Exchange was received.**

**4. ABET Newsletter & Annual Report was received.**

**5. Continuing Education Attendance Lists for course by McKissock  
100%**

**Education were received.**

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**6. Missouri Newsletter was received.**

**7. A letter from Ed O'Brien asking for clarification of the term  
"authoritative" was received. Secretary DiOrio will draft a response  
which the Board will review before sending.**

**AGENDA ITEM #4 a. Legislation**

**Old Business**

**Budget Article 12 relating to Licenses & Fees – This legislation was  
passed which increases fees for all license fees. We will compare the  
fees charged by New England States to serve as a guideline in  
determining our new fees.**

**Mr. Federici made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to have Chairman Lipsitz prepare a document regarding the fees for the Director. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**There appears to be no opposition to the Board's education bill and DBR's bill regarding Administrative Procedures. There is opposition to DBR's bill requiring all licensees to provide e-mail addresses.**

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

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

<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Seminar/Course Title</b>	<b>PDH Value</b>
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<b>HalfMoon LLC</b>	<b>8/6/09</b>	<b>RI Land Surveying Law</b>	<b>6</b>
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**Mr. Mensinger made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to approve the above listed course and PDH value as indicated. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**A request for approval of 23 land surveying related and non-related courses was submitted by Auburn University/Samuel Ginn College of Engineering.**

**Mr. Mensinger made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to approve those specific courses with proof of completion. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**d. Administrative Issues – There was no discussion on this agenda item.**

**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 – Meeting scheduled for tonight.**

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

**New Business**

**The following new COA application was reviewed by the Board:**

**ASI Survey Inc. listing Kevin Blake in responsible charge.**

**Mr. Federici made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to conditionally approve the above listed COA pending receipt of a Certificate of Good Standing from the RI Secretary of State's office. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**The Board reviewed the following amended COA applications:**

**John W. Greene – changing from exempt to a sole proprietorship**

**Frank O. Waterman and Associates Inc. – removing Frank Waterman as the person in responsible charge and replacing with Kevin Hereth.**

**b. LSIT/PLS Application - There are no applications for review.**

**Robert Maio, PLS Applicant, appeared before the Board to further discuss his experience and qualifications.**

**c. Miscellaneous**

**1. Consideration of changing designation from PLS to PS – This matter will be removed from the agenda for now.**

**d. Comments from the General Public**

**1. Mr. McCormick, RISPLS Liaison further dicussed the bulletin and DOT regulations.**

**2. Jack Leyden, State Building Code Commissioner to discuss the Match 2009 Informational Bulletin. Mr. Leyden, Mr. McCormick and Mr. Federici will set up a meeting with the City & Town Building Officials to answer any questions they have regarding the Informational Bulletin.**

**e. The next Board meeting is scheduled for 11 August 2009 at 1:00 PM.**

**AGENDA ITEM #6 Upon the appropriate motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.**

**Adjournment**

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