

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD**

**DATE 9 March 2010**

**PLACE 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Building 69-1 Conference Room,  
Cranston, RI**

**MEMBERS PRESENT Chairman Tomas D. Drury, Jr., Vice Chairman  
John Mensinger., Secretary Alfred W. DiOrio, Board Member Richard  
S. Lipsitz**

**MEMBERS ABSENT: Louis Federici**

**OTHERS PRESENT Ms. Christina M. Styron, Administrative  
Assistant**

**Mr. Richard W. Berstein, Legal Counsel**

**Mr. Brian J. Riggs, DBR Department Budget Administrator**

**Ms. Dawne M. Broadfield, Administrative Assistant II**

**Ms. Nicole Courtemanche, RI.Gov**

**Mr. Thomas Viall, RI.Gov**

**Mr. Joseph Alba, RI.Gov**

**Mr. Mark Sousa, CCRI Land Surveying Student**

**Mr. John Norris, CCRI Land Surveying Student**

**Mr. Patrick Carr, CCRI Land Surveying Student**

**Mr. Ed Daniel, CCRI Land Surveying Student**

**CALLED TO ORDER** Chairman Drury called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

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

**Approval of Minutes** approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the 9 February 2010

meeting. The motion was passed; four in favor. Voting

in favor were Chairman Drury, Vice Chairman Mensinger, Secretary DiOrio

and Mr. Lipsitz.

**AGENDA ITEM #2** Because of the nature of the following items, Secretary DiOrio made a

**Executive Session** motion, seconded by Mr. 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; four in favor. Voting

in favor were Chairman Drury, Vice Chairman Mensinger, Secretary DiOrio

and Mr. Lipsitz at 2:00 PM.

Secretary DiOrio made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Mensinger, 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; five in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Drury, Vice Chairman Mensinger, Secretary DiOrio, Mr. Federici and Mr. Lipsitz.

Secretary DiOrio made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Mensinger, pursuant to RI General Law §42-46-4 that the Board defer disclosure of all votes in executive session until such time as such disclosure would not jeopardize any strategy, negotiation, or investigation undertaken concerning RI General Law §42-46-5(a).

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

**Executive Agenda Item #s 2.a.1. – Disclosure deferred.**

**Executive Agenda Item #s 2.a.2. - Mr. Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to close the DLR Dimensions, Inc. matter. The motion was passed; four in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Drury, Vice Chairman Mensinger, Secretary DiOrio and Mr. Lipsitz.**

**Executive Agenda Item #s 2.a.3. - Mr. Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to close the Greg Bagian matter. The motion was passed; four in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Drury, Vice Chairman Mensinger, Secretary DiOrio and Mr. Lipsitz.**

**Executive Agenda Item #s 2.a.4. - Mr. Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to continue this matter. The motion was passed; three in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Drury, Secretary DiOrio and Mr. Lipsitz. Mr. Mensinger did not vote as he was recused.**

**Executive Agenda Item #2.b.1. – Disclosure deferred.**

**Executive Agenda Item #2.b.2. – Mr. Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to continue this matter. The motion was passed; four in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Drury, Vice Chairman Mensinger, Secretary DiOrio and Mr. Lipsitz.**

**Executive Agenda Item #2.b.3. - Vice Chairman Mensinger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lipsitz, to close the Roy Messier matter and to send Mr. Messier a letter stating that the Board accepts his response and has closed the matter. The motion was passed; four in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Drury, Vice Chairman Mensinger, Secretary DiOrio and Mr. Lipsitz.**

**Executive Agenda Item #2.b.4. – Mr. Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Mensinger, to continue this matter. The motion was passed; four in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Drury, Vice Chairman Mensinger, Secretary DiOrio and Mr. Lipsitz.**

**Adjournment Secretary DiOrio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lipsitz, to come out**

**of Executive Session and reconvene to an open meeting pursuant to RIGL**

**§42-46-4. The motion was passed at 2:23 PM; four in favor.**

**Voting in favor were Chairman Drury, Vice Chairman Mensinger, Secretary**

**DiOrio and Mr. Lipsitz.**

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

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**AGENDA ITEM #3 1. Oklahoma Board Newsletter was received.**

**Correspondence**

**2. NCEES Licensure Exchange was received.**

**3. NCEES 2009 Annual Report was received.**

**AGENDA ITEM #4 a. Legislation**

**Old Business**

**Attorney Bernstein reported that he has been forwarding bills of**

interest to the Board that have been submitted and when they will be heard. He also reported that he will testify on behalf of the fines for unregistered activity bill and asked that the Board and members of the RISPLS testify.

Vice Chairman Mensinger made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, that the Board opposes Bill H7533. The motion was passed; four in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Drury, Vice Chairman Mensinger, Secretary DiOrio and Mr. Lipsitz.

b. PDH Approval Requests – There are no courses for review.

Vice Chairman Mensinger drafted a PDH Policy Informational Bulletin for Board review.

Mr. Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to ask Mr. Riggs if there is funding to mail out the new PDH policy. The motion was passed; four in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Drury, Vice Chairman Mensinger, Secretary DiOrio and Mr. Lipsitz.

c. Administrative Issues - There was no discussion on this agenda item.

d. NCEES –Ms. Styron will be attending the Joint Northeast/Southern Zone meeting in April.

e. NSPS – Chairman Drury reported that Mr. Ed O’Brien will be replacing his position with the NSPS.

f. Miscellaneous

1. Ms. Nicole Courtemanche, Mr. Thomas Viall and Mr. Joseph Alba from RI.Gov appeared and updated the Board on their progress on the on-line COA renewals.

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

**New Business**

There were no applications for review.

**b. LSIT/PLS Application**

Frederick Lapham was scheduled but did not appear.

c. Miscellaneous – There were no miscellaneous items at this time.

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**d. Comments from the General Public – None at this time.**

**Mr. McCormick inquired about the status of the proposed revisions to the Procedural & Technical Standards. Ms. Styron and Ms. Broadfield gave an update.**

**e. The next Board meeting is scheduled for 13 April 2010 at 1:00 PM.**

**AGENDA ITEM #6 Upon the appropriate motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:16 PM.**

**Adjournment**

**Mr. Federici made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lipsitz, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously; five in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Drury, Vice Chairman Mensinger, Secretary DiOrio, Mr. Federici and Mr. Lipsitz.**



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