

**STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND  
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD**

**DATE 8 June 2010**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT Vice Chairman John Mensinger., Board  
Members Richard S. Lipsitz and Louis Federici**

**MEMBERS ABSENT: Chairman Thomas D. Drury, Jr. and Secretary  
Alfred W. DiOrio**

**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**

**Mr. Kevin Hanley, PLS Applicant**

**CALLED TO ORDER Vice Chairman Mensinger called the meeting to**

**order at 1:09 PM.**

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

**Approval of Minutes approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the 11 May 2010**

**meeting. The motion was passed; three in favor. Voting**

**in favor were Vice Chairman Mensinger, Mr. Federici and Mr. Lipsitz.**

**AGENDA ITEM #2 Because of the nature of the following items, Mr. Federici 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; three in favor. Voting**

**in favor were Vice Chairman Mensinger, Mr. Federici and**

**Mr. Lipsitz at 1:10 PM.**

**Mr. Federici made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lipsitz, 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; three in favor. Voting in favor were Vice Chairman Mensinger, Mr. Federici and Mr. Lipsitz.**

**Mr. Federici made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lipsitz, 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). The motion was passed; three in favor. Voting in favor were Vice Chairman Mensinger, Mr. Federici and Mr. Lipsitz.**

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

**Executive Agenda Item #s 2.a.1. – No motions were made regarding this Agenda item.**

**Executive Agenda Item #s 2.a.2. - No motions were made regarding this Agenda item.**

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**Executive Agenda Item #s 2.a.3. – No motions were made regarding this Agenda item.**

**Executive Agenda Item #2.b.1. – Mr. Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Federici, to continue this matter. The motion was passed; three in favor. Voting in favor were Vice Chairman Mensinger, Mr. Federici and Mr. Lipsitz.**

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

**Executive Agenda Item #2.c.1. - Mr. Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Federici, to accept the LSIT and RI Portion Exam scores as presented. The motion was passed; three in favor. Voting in favor were Vice Chairman Mensinger, Mr. Federici and Mr. Lipsitz.**

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

**Adjournment** Mr. Federici 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 2:05 PM; three in favor.

**Voting**

in favor were Vice Chairman Mensinger, Mr. Federici and Mr. Lipsitz.

In Executive Session closed matters, the vote was a 3 to 0 to close one (1) investigative matters, two (2) Board members absent from all matters.

In Executive Session pending matters, there are five (5) pending matters,

comprised of five (5) investigative matters, with two (2) recusals in one (1)

matter and one (1) recusal in one (1) matter and two (2) Board members absent from all matters. .

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

**AGENDA ITEM #3 1. Two CRMC Notice of Public Hearings were received.**

**Correspondence**

**2. RISPLS Newsletter was received.**

**3. A list of attendees of two seminars presented by PESI was received.**

**4. Correspondence regarding the Board's COA fees and the RI.Gov on-line renewal agreement sent by Attorney Berstein to Cheryl Asquino, Esq., Senior Legal Counsel, DOA was reviewed. Attorney Berstein asked the Board to ratify the fees that are presently in place which are \$100.00 Initial & Renewal fee (2 years) and a \$10.00 per month late fee for renewals received postmarked after 31 May of even years.**

**Mr. Federici made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lipsitz, to ratify the present fees of \$100.00 Initial & Renewal fee (2 years) and a \$10.00 per month late**

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fee for renewals received postmarked after 31 May of even years. The motion was passed; three in favor. Voting in favor were Vice Chairman Mensinger, Mr. Federici and Mr. Lipsitz.

Attorney Berstein will notify Attorney Asquino of the Board's vote.

Each Board should amend their rules and regulations which more clearly present the fee authorizations.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #4 a. Legislation**

##### **Old Business**

Attorney Berstein will be testifying this afternoon on 2464 Sub A and 7691 Sub A. It appears that both bills may pass.

b. PDH Approval Requests- 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>McKissock</b>	<b>100% online/</b>	<b>Preventing Burnout: Strategies 4 with proof</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>ongoing for</b>	<b>Revitalizing Your Land</b>	<b>of completion;</b>
<b>Surveyor</b>	<b>Career</b>	<b>0 without proof</b>	

Mr. Mensinger made a motion seconded by Mr. Lipsitz, to approve the

above listed course and PDH value as indicated. The motion was passed; three in favor. Voting in favor were Vice Chairman Mensinger, Mr. Federici and Mr. Lipsitz.

**c. Administrative Issues**

There was a brief discussion on the upcoming vacancy on the Board.

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

**e. NSPS – There was no discussion on this agenda item.**

**f. Miscellaneous**

**1. Adoption of Procedural & Technical Standards**

The Board will try to schedule a workshop. Each Board Member will submit a list of the items in the proposed document that they feel are the most important issues.

**2. Informational Bulletins**

Vice Chairman Mensinger asked Attorney Bernstein about the format and updating of past Informational Bulletins which will be posted on the website soon.

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

**New Business**

**The Board reviewed the following Initial COA application:**

**Timothy Bodah applying as exempt**

**Mr. Federici made a motion , seconded by Mr. Lipsitz, to approve the listed COA application. The motion was passed; three in favor. Voting in favor were Vice Chairman Mensinger, Mr. Federici and Mr. Lipsitz.**

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

**Stanley Engineering, Inc. – removing Elson Stanley and keeping**

**David Stanley**

**Mr. Federici made a motion , seconded by Mr. Lipsitz, to approve the listed amended COA application. The motion was passed; three in favor. Voting in favor were Vice Chairman Mensinger, Mr. Federici and Mr. Lipsitz.**

**b. LSIT/PLS Application**

**Kevin Hanley, PLS Reciprocity (MA) Applicant, appeared before the Board to further discuss his experience and qualification.**

**Mr. Federici made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lipsitz, to approve Mr. Hanley to sit for the October 2010 RI Portion exam. The motion was passed; three in favor. Voting in favor were Vice Chairman Mensinger, Mr. Federici and Mr. Lipsitz.**

**c. Miscellaneous**

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

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

**AGENDA ITEM #6 Upon the appropriate motion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:39 PM.**

**Adjournment**

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

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