

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD**

**DATE 8 March 2011**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT Chairman John Mensinger. Vice Chairman  
Louis Federici, Secretary Alfred W. DiOrio, Board Members Richard S.  
Lipsitz and Michael J. McCormick**

**MEMBERS ABSENT: None**

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

**Mr. Louis A. DeQuattro, Jr., Legal Counsel (3:42 to 3:53)**

**Mr. Brian J. Riggs, DBR Department Budget Administrator (1:35 to**

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

**CALLED TO ORDER Chairman Mensinger called the meeting to order  
at 1:10 PM.**

**AGENDA ITEM #1 Vice Chairman Federici made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to**

**Approval of Minutes approve the Regular minutes of the 8 February 2011 meeting with minor wording revisions. The motion was passed**

**unanimously; five in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Mensinger, Vice**

**Chairman Federici, Secretary DiOrio, Mr. Lipsitz and Mr. McCormick.**

**Mr. McCormick made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to approve**

**the Executive Session minutes of the 8 February 2011 meeting. The motion**

**was passed unanimously; five in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman**

**Mensinger, Vice Chairman Federici, Secretary DiOrio, Mr. Lipsitz and Mr.**

**McCormick.**

**AGENDA ITEM #2 Because of the nature of the following items, Mr. McCormick made a**

**Executive Session motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, 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; five in favor. Voting**

**in favor were Chairman Mensinger, Vice Chairman Federici, Secretary**

**DiOrio, Mr. Lipsitz and Mr. McCormick at 1:10 PM.**

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

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

**Mr. McCormick.**

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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. –Disclosure deferred.**

**Executive Agenda Item #2.b.1 – No motions were made.**

**Executive Agenda Item #2.c.1 – No motions were made.**

**Adjournment Mr. McCormick made a motion, seconded by Secretary  
DiOrio, to**

**come out of Executive Session and reconvene to an open meeting**

**pursuant**

**to RIGL §42 46-4. The motion was passed; five in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Mensinger, Vice Chairman Federici, Secretary**

**DiOrio Mr. Lipsitz and Mr. McCormick at 2:32 PM.**

**In Executive Session pending matters, there are three (3) pending matters,**

**comprised of three (3) investigative matters, with two (2) abstentions on a vote in two (2) matters.**

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

**AGENDA ITEM #3 1. NCEES Licensure Exchange was received. Correspondence**

**AGENDA ITEM #4 a. Legislation**

**Old Business**

**The following legislation was introduced on 2 March 2011. H5470 - Engineering surveys bill 5-8-2. Definitions. - (j) "Engineering surveys" means a specialty within the broader professional practice of engineering that, with the exception of boundary, right-of-way, or other cadastral surveying, includes all surveying and mapping activities required to support the sound conception, planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operation of engineered projects. Engineering surveying does not include surveys for the retracement**

of existing land ownership boundaries or the creation of new boundaries.

The Board is in opposition to this legislation in part because it conflicts with existing legislation.

Attorney DeQuattro entered the meeting to discuss this from 3:42 to 3:53. He will speak to Director McGreevy and get back to the Board ASAP.

**b. PDH Approval Requests**

The following courses were reviewed:

<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Seminar/Course Title</b>	<b>PDH Value</b>
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<b>RIFMA</b>		<b>Twilight Seminar Series 2</b>	
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		<b>Part 1 – Risk Mapping</b>	
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	<b>Coastal</b>		<b>3</b>
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**Mr. McCormick made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Federici, to approve the above listed courses and PDH values as indicated with proof of completion required - 0 PDH's without. The motion was passed; five in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Mensinger, Vice Chairman Federici, Secretary DiOrio Mr. Lipsitz and Mr. McCormick**

### **c. Administrative Issues**

**Ms. Styron has had a new listing of registrants posted by IT. We will continue to work on improving the website.**

### **d. NCEES**

**There is no update at this time.**

### **e. Adoption of Procedural & Technical Standards**

**Chairman Mensinger suggested that the Board schedule a four hour workshop on the Standards and Mr. Lipsitz will make all the notes and re-write the sections. Mr. Lipsitz will draft his sections for the next meeting**

### **f. Statutory Enforcement Strategies**

**Secretary DiOrio sent correspondence to the Charlestown Town Council regarding Ordinance No.'s 336 and 338. Secretary DiOrio will tweak the letter and the Board will send a similar letter to all cities and towns (Charlestown, South & North Kingstown) that may construct wind energy generators.**

**g. Miscellaneous**

- 1. Exam Database – Vice Chairman Federici is still working on the exam preparation.**
- 2. 7 April 2011 - The Board is still working on the exam preparation.**

**h. Proposed Informational Bulletins**

- 1. Guidelines regarding PLS procedures with regard to joint ventures with firms not holding COA's both local and out-of-state, including plan requirements**

**Secretary DiOrion suggested that we add a new agenda item under this**

**agenda item "Elevation Certificates Informational Bulletin".**

- i.. Response to State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers regarding so-called "Task List" – this will no longer appear**

as an Agenda Item.

The Board asked Attorney DeQuattro if the “Task List” should be removed from the PE Board’s website since the Boards agreed, on the advice of former legal counsel, that the “Task List” was not properly promulgated.

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

##### **New Business**

There were no applications for review.

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#### **b. LSIT/PLS Application review**

There were no applications for review.

#### **c. Miscellaneous**

- 1. There was no other new business.**

**d. Comments from the General Public**

**There were no comments.**

**e. Next Meeting**

**The next Board meeting is scheduled for 7 April 2011 at 1:00 PM.**

**AGENDA ITEM #6 Upon the appropriate motion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:53 PM.**

**Adjournment**

**Secretary DiOrio made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCormick, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed; five in favor.**

**Voting in favor were Chairman Mensinger, Vice Chairman Federici, Secretary DiOrio, Mr. Lipsitz and Mr. McCormick**

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