

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

DATE 12 April 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**

Ms. Dawne M. Broadfield, Administrative Assistant II

Mr. Michael P. Hayes, RISPLS Liaison (2:30 to 2:49)

**CALLED TO ORDER Chairman Mensinger called the meeting to order
at 1:03 PM.**

AGENDA ITEM #1 Mr. Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Federici, to Approval of Minutes continue the review and approval of the Regular minutes of the 8 March

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.

Mr. Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to continue the review and approval of the Regular minutes of the 8 March

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 Vice Chairman 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; five in favor. Voting

in favor were Chairman Mensinger, Vice Chairman Federici, Secretary

DiOrio, Mr. Lipsitz and Mr. McCormick at 1:05 PM.

Mr. McCormick made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, 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 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). 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 2a – No motions were made.

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

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

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 unanimously; 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.

Mr. Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Federici, that this Board opposes the proposed legislation H5470. The motion was passed unanimously; five in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Mensinger, Vice Chairman Federici, Secretary DiOrio Mr. Lipsitz and Mr. McCormick

b. PDH Approval Requests

The following courses were reviewed:

Sponsor Dates Seminar/Course Title PDH Value

RISPLS 1/22/11 Boy Scout Merit Badge College 4

2-3.5 hour sessions

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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; with the provision that PDH's will be awarded to an instructor/participant one time only and cannot be used for future PDH credit by the same individual. The motion was passed unanimously; five in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Mensinger, Vice Chairman Federici, Secretary DiOrio Mr. Lipsitz and Mr. McCormick.

c. Administrative Issues

1. Website

There is no update.

2. Any Other Administrative Issues

There are no Administrative issues.

d. NCEES

The 90th NCEES Annual Meeting will be held in Providence, RI –

24-27

August 2011. The Board asked Ms. Styron to ask NCEES if the Board can split a registration fee.

e. Procedural & Technical Standards

Chairman Mensinger suggested that the Board schedule a four hour workshop on the Standards.

f. Regulatory Agencies

1. 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. PLS Exam

The RI State exam was given on 7 April 2011.

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

Mr. Lipsitz will draft this one.

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Secretary DiOrio 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.

j. Distribution of digital plans by municipalities

There was no update on this agenda item.

k. Any Other Old Business

There was no other old business.

AGENDA ITEM #5 a. COA Application Review

New Business

There were no applications for review.

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 10 May 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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