

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

DATE 10 May 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., DBR Deputy Director & Counsel (Present
1:25 to 2:45)**

Mr. Michael P. Hayes, RISPLS Liaison (Present 3:07 to 4:05)

**CALLED TO ORDER Chairman Mensinger called the meeting to order
at 1:25 PM.**

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

Approval of Minutes approve the Regular and Executive minutes of the 8 March 2011 and the 12

April 2011 meetings. 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 1:25 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 Secretary DiOrio, 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.

Record of Votes Taken in Executive Session

Executive Agenda Item #s 2a – Disclosure deferred.

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

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

Executive Agenda Item #2.c.1 – Mr. Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Federici, to remove this item regarding possible professional malfeasance matter in a Hopkinton boundary survey from the Executive Agenda. The motion was passed; four in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Mensinger, Vice Chairman Federici, and Mr. Lipsitz and Mr. McCormick. Secretary DiOrio abstained.

Executive Agenda Item #2.c.2 - Mr. Federici made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to continue this matter. The motion was passed unanimously; five in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman

Mensingher, Vice Chairman Federici, Secretary DiOrio Mr. Lipsitz and Mr. McCormick.

Executive Agenda Item #2.c.3. - Mr. Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Federici, to accept the RI PLS State Portion exam scores as presented which will result in three new registered Professional Land Surveyors. The motion was passed unanimously; five in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Mensinger, Vice Chairman Federici, Secretary DiOrio Mr. Lipsitz and Mr. McCormick

Adjournment Mr. McCormick made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Federici, 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 3:05 PM.

In Executive Session pending matters, there are now three (3) pending matters, comprised of three (3) investigative matters, with two (2) abstentions on a vote in three (3) matters and one (1) abstention on a vote in two (2) matters and one closed matter.

End of record of votes taken in Executive Session

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

Correspondence

2. A postcard reminder about the 90th NCEES Annual Meeting being held

in Providence, RI – 24-27 August 2011 was received.

3. An e-mail from the NCEES Exam Candidate Services Coordinator was received. She is inquiring as to whether the Board wants the exam results released directly to the examinees. We will notify them that we do not want them to notify them directly. The Board will continue to receive the results and accept the scores as has always been the practice.

4. Two CRMC Notices of Public Hearing were received.

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AGENDA ITEM #4 a. Legislation

Old Business

H5470 - Engineering surveys bill – Attorney DeQuattro reported that the bill is being held for further study. The House is hopeful that this can be worked out between the Boards and the RICE organization.

b. PDH Approval Requests

The following courses were reviewed:

Sponsor Dates Seminar/Course Title PDH Value

Surveyors 6/1 & 2 Proper Preparation for a 7

Educational 6/6 & 7 Successful Retracement

Seminars 6/9 & 10 Cemeteries & Burial Sites 7

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

Previous McKissock request – Mr. Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Federici, to send them a letter asking them to provide acceptable answers to our previous requests and if they are

not received within seven days, the Board has voted to rescind all previous approvals for all McKissock courses. 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.

Mr. Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Federici, to send Ms. Styron as the funded voting delegate and Mr. McCormick as the First Time Attendee to the Annual Meeting. The motion was passed unanimously; five in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman

Mensingher, Vice Chairman Federici, Secretary DiOrio Mr. Lipsitz and Mr. McCormick.

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e. Procedural & Technical Standards

The Board will schedule a workshop on the Standards.

f. Regulatory Agencies

1. Statutory Enforcement Strategies

g. PLS Exam

The Board members will submit new questions on a regular basis.

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 is working on drafting this.

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

Ms. Styron will send an e-mail to the NCEES mba listserv to inquire what policies other Boards have regarding the distribution of digital plans by municipalities.

k. Any Other Old Business

There was no other old business.

AGENDA ITEM #5 a. COA Application Review

New Business

The Board reviewed the following amended COA applications:

Changing name from Digital Geographic Technologies, Inc. to Digital Geographic Technologies, Inc. dba DGT Survey Group

Frisella Engineering, Inc. – Removing Joseph Frisella as a person in responsible charge due to his passing away and keeping Jeffrey Balch

Vice Chairman Federici made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to approve the above listed COA amendments. 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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b. LSIT/PLS Application review

Braeden Andrews – LSIT applicant - Vice Chairman Federici made a motion, seconded by Secretary DiOrio, to approve Mr. Andrews to take the October 2011 LSIT (FS) exam. 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. 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 14 June 2011 at 1:00 PM.

AGENDA ITEM #6 Upon the appropriate motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 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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