

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

DATE 13 March 2012

**PLACE 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Building 68-1 Conference Room,
Cranston, RI**

**MEMBERS PRESENT Chairman John Mensinger, Vice Chairman
Louis Federici and Board
Member Michael J. McCormick**

**MEMBERS ABSENT: Secretary Richard S. Lipsitz and Board Member
Daniel R. Cotta**

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

Ms. Dawne M. Broadfield, Administrative Assistant II

Mr. Todd Chapman, PLS Applicant (Present 2:08 to 2:24)

Mr. Robert Mason, PLS Applicant (Present 2:26 to 2:38)

CALLED TO ORDER Chairman Mensinger called the meeting to order

at 1:15 PM.

AGENDA ITEM #1 Mr. McCormick made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Federici, to

Approval of Minutes approve the Regular Minutes of the 14 February 2012 meeting. The motion

was passed; three in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Mensinger, Vice

Chairman Federici and Mr. McCormick. Secretary Lipsitz and Mr. Cotta

were absent from this vote.

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; three in favor. Voting in favor were

Chairman Mensinger, Vice Chairman Federici and Mr. McCormick

at 1:17

PM. Secretary Lipsitz and Mr. Cotta were absent from this vote.

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; three in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Mensinger, Vice Chairman Federici and Mr. McCormick. Secretary Lipsitz and Mr. Cotta were absent from this vote.

Mr. McCormick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cotta, 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 Chairman Mensinger, Vice Chairman Federici and Mr. McCormick. Secretary Lipsitz and Mr. Cotta were absent from this vote.

Record of Votes Taken in Executive Session

Executive Agenda Item #s 2a – No votes were taken.

Executive Agenda Item #2.b.1. – No votes were taken.

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Executive Agenda Item #2.b.2. – No votes were taken.

Executive Agenda Item #2.c.1. – No votes were taken.

Executive Agenda Item #2.c.2. - No votes were taken.

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; three in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Mensinger, Vice Chairman Federici and Mr. McCormick at 2:05 PM. Secretary Lipsitz and Mr. Cotta were absent from this vote.

In Executive Session pending matters, there are now four (4) pending matter, comprised of four (4) investigative matters and zero (0) matters were closed.

End of record of votes taken in Executive Session

AGENDA ITEM #3 Vice Chairman Federici made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCormick, to Approval of Executive approve the Executive Session Minutes of the 14 February 2012 meeting.

Session Minutes The motion was passed; three in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman

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

and Mr. Cotta were absent from this vote.

AGENDA ITEM #4 1. West Virginia Board Newsletter was received. Correspondence

2. Maryland Board Newsletter was received.

3. NCEES Licensure Exchange was received.

4. Notification regarding the 2012 NCEES Annual Meeting was received.

5. A letter from NCEES approving Louis DeQuattro and Dawne Broadfield as Associates Members was received.

AGENDA ITEM #4 a. Legislation

Old Business

H5470 - Engineering surveys bill

Mr. McCormick and Mr. Cotta met with Messrs. Aldinger and Farhoumand of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers last week. Mr. McCormick reported that they are making more progress and they will work on submitting a status report.

b. PDH Approval Requests

The following courses were reviewed:

Sponsor Dates Seminar/Course Title PDH Value

NBI 6-11-12 Current Issues in Land

Use Law s 7

Red Vector ongoing/online 57 Land Surveying Courses face value

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Mr. McCormick made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Federici,

to approve the above listed course and PDH value as indicated with proof of completion required - 0 PDH's without. The motion was passed; three in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Mensinger, Vice Chairman Federici and Mr. McCormick. Secretary Lipsitz and Mr. Cotta were absent from this vote.

c. Administrative Issues

The Board's new website will be launched soon.

2. Any Other Administrative Issues– There was no update.

d. NCEES – There was no discussion.

e. Procedural & Technical Standards

- 1. Review plan standards**
- 2. Review Data Accumulation, Control and Compilation Sections**
- 3. Schedule workshop**

There was a brief discussion regarding the Standards.

f. Rules and Regulations – There was a brief discussion regarding the Rules and Regulations.

g. Regulatory Agencies – There was no discussion.

1. Statutory Enforcement Strategies – There was no discussion.

h. PLS Exam – We have an exam ready for April 2012.

i. Proposed Informational Bulletins

1. Chairman Mensinger is still working on a draft.

2. Elevation Certificates – There was no discussion.

j. Submission of digital plans by municipalities - There was no discussion.

k. Miscellaneous – There was no discussion.

1. Any Other Old Business

The Board will draft a new policy that states that any firm offering land surveying, including national brokers, needs a Certificate of Authorization issued by this Board.

The Board asked Ms. Styron to research what, if any, policies other Boards may have regarding the issue of brokers.

**AGENDA ITEM #5 a. COA Application Review –
New Business**

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The Board reviewed the following new COA application:

**Gallas Surveying Group, LLC listing Donald Medeiros as the
person in
responsible charge**

**Mr. McCormick made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Federici,
to conditionally approve the above listed COA application pending
receipt of a Certificate of Good Standing issued by the RI Secretary of
State's office. The motion was passed; three in favor. Voting in favor
were Chairman Mensinger, Vice Chairman Federici and Mr.
McCormick. Secretary Lipsitz and Mr. Cotta were absent from this
vote.**

b. LSIT/PLS Application review

Todd Chapman, PLS, MA Comity Applicant

Mr. Chapman appeared before the Board to further discuss his experience and qualifications.

Vice Chairman Federici made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCormick, to deny Mr. Chapman's application because he does not meet the education requirements. The motion was passed; three in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Mensinger, Vice Chairman Federici and Mr. McCormick. Secretary Lipsitz and Mr. Cotta were absent from this vote.

Robert Mason, PLS, MA Comity Applicant

Mr. Mason appeared before the Board to further discuss his experience and qualifications.

Vice Chairman Federici made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCormick, to approve Mr. Mason's application to take the RI Portion PLS Exam. The motion was passed; three in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Mensinger, Vice Chairman Federici and Mr. McCormick. Secretary Lipsitz and Mr. Cotta were absent from this vote.

c. Miscellaneous - There were no miscellaneous items for review.

1. Any Other New Business – There was no other New Business.

d. Comments from the General Public

There were no comments.

f. Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 10 April 2012 at 1:00 PM.

AGENDA ITEM #6 Upon the appropriate motion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:41 PM.

Adjournment Vice Chairman Federici made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCormick, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed; three in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Mensinger, Vice Chairman Federici and Mr. McCormick. Secretary Lipsitz and Mr. Cotta were absent from this vote.

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