

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION
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Cranston, Rhode Island 02920**

**Division of
Design Professionals STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR
PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD**

DATE: 10 February 2015

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Richard S. Lipsitz, Vice-Chair Michael J. McCormick, Secretary Daniel R. Cotta (arrived at 1:27 p.m. and Member Curtis M. Johnson (left at 2:50 p.m. and Member Mark D. Boyer

**OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Lois Marshall, Administrative Assistant
James Caldarone, Exam Candidate**

CALLED TO ORDER: Chair Richard S. Lipsitz called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

A. MEETING MINUTES (Review/Discuss/Take Action)

Member Boyer made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 13 January 2015. Vice-Chair McCormick seconded. Motion passed; four (4) in favor and one absent. Voting in favor were, Chair Richard S. Lipsitz, Vice-Chair Michael J. McCormick, Member Curtis M. Johnson and Member Mark D. Boyer. Secretary Daniel R. Cotta was absent from this vote.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(1) Because of the nature of the following items, Member Johnson moved to convene into Executive Session at 1:22 p.m. pursuant to RI General Laws, §42-46-5(a)(2), for sessions or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation and §42-46-5(a)(4) for investigative proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Vice-Chair McCormick seconded. Motion passed; four (4) in favor and one absent. Voting in favor were, Chair Richard S. Lipsitz, Vice-Chair Michael J. McCormick, Member Curtis M. Johnson and Member Mark D. Boyer. Secretary Daniel R. Cotta was absent from this vote.

(2) Member Johnson moved to adjourn from Executive Session and to reconvene to an open meeting at 1:48 p.m. pursuant to RI General Laws §42 46-4. Secretary Cotta seconded. Motion passed; five (5) in favor. Voting in favor were, Chair Richard S. Lipsitz, Vice-Chair Michael J. McCormick, Secretary Daniel R. Cotta, Member Curtis M. Johnson and Member Mark D. Boyer.

(3) Member Johnson moved to seal the executive session and record the votes taken in executive session pursuant to RI General Laws §42-46-4 and §42-46-5. Secretary Cotta seconded. Motion passed; five (5) in favor. Voting in favor were, Chair Richard S. Lipsitz, Vice-Chair Michael J. McCormick, Secretary Daniel R. Cotta, Member Curtis M. Johnson and Member Mark D. Boyer.

(4) Member Johnson moved to record the votes taken in executive session in accordance with RI General Laws §42-46-4 as follows: Motions were made to continue the following agenda items B, C D and E were continued. Secretary Cotta seconded. Motion passed; five (5) in favor. Voting in favor were, Chair Richard S. Lipsitz, Vice-Chair Michael J. McCormick, Secretary Daniel R. Cotta, Member Curtis M. Johnson and Member Mark D. Boyer.

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(5) Member Johnson moved 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). Secretary Cotta seconded. Motion passed; five (5) in favor. Voting in favor were, Chair Richard S. Lipsitz, Vice-Chair Michael J. McCormick, Secretary Daniel R. Cotta, Member Curtis M. Johnson and Member Mark D. Boyer.

(6) In Executive Session pending matters, there are four (4) pending

matters.

(7) Member Boyer moved to approve and seal the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of 13 January 2015 as published. Vice-Chair McCormick seconded. Motion passed; four (4) in favor and one abstained. Voting in favor were, Chair Richard S. Lipsitz, Vice-Chair Michael J. McCormick, Secretary Daniel R. Cotta and Member Curtis M. Johnson. Member Mark D. Boyer abstained.

C. CORRESPONDENCE (Review/Discuss/Take Action)

Monthly correspondence received from the Rhode Island Society of Professional Land Surveyors regarding the February monthly meeting and the 2015 NSPS Membership application.

D. OLD BUSINESS (Review/Discuss/Take Action)

(1) Professional Development Hours (PDH) Approval Requests

There were no requests for Professional Development Hours (PDH) at this time.

(2) National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors (NCEES)

NCEES 2015 Presidents Assembly was attended by Member Boyer NCEES searching for volunteers to serve on their standing committees and task forces in 2015-2016. Member Boyer has volunteered.

(3) Rules and Regulations

Attorney Algee has been assigned as the Board's attorney. She will work with the Board to schedule a hearing for their new Rules and Regulations.

(4) 2015 Legislation – Status Update

New legislation has been proposed by the Department of Business Regulation regarding a change to the Building Code Commission.

(5) PLS Examination

- Exam Database**

Secretary Cotta continues to work on the digitalized format for the Rhode Island State portion of the PLS examination.

- RI Portion Exam**

- (A) Daniel MacKenzie**

Secretary McCormick moved to approve and accept Mr. MacKenzie to take the RI Portion Examination by Comity. Member Johnson seconded. Motion passed; five (5) in favor. Voting in favor were Chair Richard S. Lipsitz, Vice-Chair Michael J. McCormick, Secretary Daniel R. Cotta, Member Curtis M. Johnson and Member Mark D. Boyer.

(6) Any other Old Business

There is no old business at this time.

E. NEW BUSINESS (Review/Discuss/Take Action)

(1) Any Other New Business

There is no new business.

(2) Comments from the General Public

No comments at this time.

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F. Applications (Review/Discuss/Take Action)

(1) Certificate(s) of Authorization (COA) Application(s)

LandTech Consultants, Inc.

There were no Certificate of Authorization applications presented.

(2) Land Surveyor-in-Training/Professional Land Surveyor (LSIT/PLS) Application(s) by Examination and Comity

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Member Boyer moved to approve and accept Mr. Caldarone to take the NCEES Principles and Practice of Land Surveying and the Rhode Island State Portion. Member Johnson seconded. Motion passed; five (5) in favor. Voting in favor were Chair Richard S. Lipsitz, Vice-Chair Michael J. McCormick, Secretary Daniel R. Cotta, Member Curtis M. Johnson and Member Mark D. Boyer.

(B) Samuel Ryan Suorsa

Vice Chair McCormick moved to approve and accept Mr. Suorsa to take the NCEES Principles and Practice of Land Surveying and the Rhode Island State Portion. Member Johnson seconded. Motion passed; five (5) in favor. Voting in favor were Chair Richard S. Lipsitz, Vice-Chair Michael J. McCormick, Secretary Daniel R. Cotta, Member Curtis M. Johnson and Member Mark D. Boyer.

G. Next Meeting 10 March 2015 Adjournment

Member Boyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:58 p.m. Secretary Cotta seconded. Motion passed; four (4) in favor and one absent. Voting in favor were, Chair Richard S. Lipsitz, Vice-Chair Michael J. McCormick, Secretary Daniel R. Cotta and Member Mark D. Boyer. Member Curtis M. Johnson was absent from this vote.

Posted on 10 March 2015 electronically on Secretary of State's Office website; pursuant to the Open Meetings Law, R.I. Gen. Laws Sec. 42-46-6(b), business not included in this notice may be considered with the consent of the majority of the members, and/or may convene into Executive (closed) Session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws Sec. 42-46-5.