

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION
1511 Pontiac Avenue, Bldg. 68-2
Cranston, Rhode Island 02920**

Division of

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

DATE: 9 June 2015

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-Chair Michael J. McCormick, Secretary
Daniel R. Cotta, Member Curtis M. Johnson (left at 3:00 p.m.) and
Member Mark D. Boyer**

MEMBER ABSENT: Chair Richard S. Lipsitz

**OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Lois Marshall, Administrative Assistant
Attorney Jenna Algee, Legal Counsel (arrived at 1:30 p.m. left at 2:09
p.m.)**

CALLED TO ORDER: Vice-Chair Michael J. McCormick called the

meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

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

Member Boyer made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 12 May 2015. Member Johnson seconded. Motion passed; three (3) in favor, one absent and one abstained. Voting in favor were, Vice-Chair Michael J. McCormick, Member Curtis M. Johnson and Member Mark D. Boyer. Chair Richard S. Lipsitz, was absent from this vote. Secretary Daniel R. Cotta abstained from this vote.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(1) Because of the nature of the following items, Member Johnson moved to convene into Executive Session at 1:14p.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. Secretary Cotta seconded. Motion passed; for (4) in favor and one absent. Voting in favor were, Vice-Chair Michael J. McCormick, Secretary Daniel R. Cotta, Member Curtis M. Johnson and Member Mark D. Boyer. Chair Richard S. Lipsitz, was absent from this vote.

(2) Member Boyer moved to adjourn from Executive Session and to reconvene to an open meeting at 3:05 p.m. pursuant to RI General Laws §42 46-4. Secretary Daniel R. Cotta seconded. Motion passed; three (3) in favor two (2) absent. Voting in favor were, Vice-Chair

Michael J. McCormick, Secretary Cotta and Member Mark D. Boyer. Chair Richard S. Lipsitz, and Member Curtis M. Johnson were absent from this vote.

(3) Member Boyer 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; three (3) in favor two (2) absent. Voting in favor were, Vice-Chair Michael J. McCormick, Secretary Cotta and Member Mark D. Boyer. Chair Richard S. Lipsitz, and Member Curtis M. Johnson were absent from this vote.

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(4) Member Boyer 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,D,F,G,H; three (3) in favor and two (2) absent. Voting in favor were, Vice-Chair Michael J. McCormick, Secretary Daniel R. Cotta, Member Mark D. Boyer. Chair Richard S. Lipsitz and Member Curtis M. Johnson were absent from this vote.

(5) Member Boyer 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; three (3) in favor two (2) absent. Voting in favor were, Vice-Chair Michael J. McCormick, Secretary Cotta and Member Mark D. Boyer. Chair Richard S. Lipsitz, and Member Curtis M. Johnson were absent from this vote.

(6) In Executive Session pending matters, there are six (6) pending matters.

Vice Chairman McCormick moved to continue the approval of the May 14, 2015 minutes until next month due to a lack of a quorum. Member Boyer seconded. Motion passed; two (2) in favor two (2) absent and 1 abstained. Voting in favor were, Vice-Chair Michael J, McCormick and Member Mark D. Boyer. Chair Richard S. Lipsitz and Member Curtis M. Johnson were absent from this vote. Secretary Daniel R. Cotta abstained.

C. CORRESPONDENCE (Review/Discuss/Take Action)

RISPL General Membership reminder.

Peregrine Information Consultants seeking information about licensure of professional land surveyors. The Board referred this firm to the Task list published on the Board's website.

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)

The NCEES Annual meeting will be held on August 19-22, 2015 in Williamsburg, VA.

(3) Rules and Regulation

Attorney Algee informed the Board that their proposed Rules and Regulations are presently with the Director of Business Regulations for review.

(4) 2015 Legislation – Status Update

Member Boyer had prepared a letter to Representative Kennedy requesting a meeting to discuss legislation submitted by DBR on behalf of the Board.

(5) PLS Examination

• Exam Database

Secretary Cotta did not have an updates to report.

• RI Portion Exam

• There were no candidates for the October RI portion at this time.

(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 was no new business to discuss at this time.

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(2) Comments from the General Public

No comments at this time.

F. Applications (Review/Discuss/Take Action)

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

Ronald R. Coler

Mr. Coler filed for a COA Exemption

Vice-Chair McCormick moved to accept “conditionally” pending receipt that the person in responsible charge is currently licensed, is not listed on more than two (2) COSs, that there is no disciplinary action. Member Boyer seconded. Motion passed; three (3) in favor and two (2) absent. Voting in favor were, Vice-Chair Michael J. McCormick, Secretary Daniel R. Cotta and Member Mark D. Boyer. Chair Richard S. Lipsitz and Member Curtis M. Johnson were absent from this vote.

(2) Land Surveyor-in-Training/Professional Land Surveyor (LSIT/PLS)

Application(s) by Examination and Comity

Neal Hingorany

The Board reviewed Mr. Hingorany's application to sit for the NCEES PLS and RI State examination. Vice-Chair McCormick moved to send a letter to Mr. Hingorany requesting that he document what courses he based his request 5-8.1-9(ii) and 5-8,1 (v) on. Member Boyer seconded. Motion passed; three (3) in favor and two (2) absent. Voting in favor were, Vice-Chair Michael J. McCormick, Secretary Daniel R. Cotta and Member Mark D. Boyer. Chair Richard S. Lipsitz and Member Curtis M. Johnson were absent from this vote.

G. Next Meeting 7 July 2015 Adjournment

Vice Chairman McCormick moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:46 p.m. Member Boyer seconded. Motion passed; three (3) in favor and two (2) absent. Voting in favor were, Vice-Chair Michael J. McCormick, Secretary Daniel R. Cotta and Member Mark D. Boyer. Chair Richard S. Lipsitz and Member Curtis M. Johnson were absent from this vote.

Posted on 8 July 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.