

**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: 4 August 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, Member Curtis M. Johnson and Member Mark D. Boyer**

**OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Lois Marshall, Administrative Assistant  
Attorney Jenna Algee, Legal Counsel (arrived at 1:16 p.m. left at 2:21 p.m.)**

**CALLED TO ORDER: Chair Richard S. Lipsitz called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.**

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

**Member Boyer made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 7 July 2015. Member Johnson seconded. Motion passed; three (3) in favor, two abstained. Voting in favor were, Vice-Chair Michael J. McCormick, Member Curtis M. Johnson and Member Mark D. Boyer. Chair Richard S. Lipsitz and Secretary Daniel R. Cotta abstained from this vote.**

**Member Boyer made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 28 July 2015. Member Johnson seconded. Motion passed; four (4) in favor, one abstained. 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 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 1:16 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. Member Boyer 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.**

**(2) Member Johnson moved to adjourn from Executive Session and to reconvene to an open meeting at 2:06 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.**

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**(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,E and G and to close F. 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.**

**(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 five (5) pending matters.**

**Member Johnson moved to approve and seal the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2015 as published. Member Boyer 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.**

#### **C. CORRESPONDENCE (Review/Discuss/Take Action)**

**A newspaper article was received and reviewed by the Board regarding dysfunctional surveying in Idaho.**

#### **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)**

**Member Boyer and Daniel Cotta will be attending the NCEES Annual meeting which will be held on August 19-22, 2015 in Williamsburg, VA.**

## **(3) Rules and Regulation**

**Attorney Algee presented language changes to the Board's proposed Rules and Regulations. Vice-Chair McCormick accepted the changes as presented. Member Boyer 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) 2015 Legislation – Status Update**

**None at this time.**

## **(5) PLS Examination**

- Exam Database**

**There was no update to report.**

- RI Portion Exam**

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

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## **(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)**

**There were no new or amended COA applications to review.**

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

**Neal Hingorany**

**Chair Lipsitz will contact Mr. Hingorany regarding his application.**

**Vice-Chair McCormick made a motion to continue for further discussion. Member Boyer 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.**

**Kevin Arsenault**

**Chair Lipstiz made a motion to approve Mr. Arsenault to sit for the Rhode Island State examination with the provision that a degree was**

**not need on October 2, 2002. 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 8 September 2015 Adjournment**

**Vice Chairman McCormick moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m. 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.**

**Posted on 17 September 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.**