

**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: 13 October 2015

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel
R. Cotta, Secretary Mark D. Boyer and Member Amy N. Sonder**

MEMBER ABSENT: Member Curtis M. Johnson

**OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Lois Marshall, Administrative Assistant
Attorney Jenna Algee, Legal Counsel (arrived at 1:37 p.m. left at 2:50
p.m.)**

**CALLED TO ORDER: Chair Michael J. McCormick called the meeting
to order at 1:35 p.m.**

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

Secretary Boyer made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 8 September 2015 as amended. Member Sonder seconded.

Motion passed; four (4) in favor, one absent. Voting in favor were, Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel R. Cotta and Secretary Mark D. Boyer and Member Amy N. Sonder. Member Curtis M. Johnson was absent from this vote.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(1) Because of the nature of the following items, Member Sonder moved to convene into Executive Session at 1:37 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 Cotta seconded. Motion passed; four (4) in favor, one absent. Voting in favor were, Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel R. Cotta, Secretary Mark D. Boyer and Member Amy N. Sonder. Member Curtis M. Johnson was absent from this vote.

(2) Member Sonder moved to adjourn from Executive Session and to reconvene to an open meeting at 2:28 p.m. pursuant to RI General Laws §42 46-4. Vice-Chair Cotta seconded. Motion passed; four (4) in favor, one absent. Voting in favor were, Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel R. Cotta, Secretary Mark D. Boyer and Member Amy N. Sonder. Member Curtis M. Johnson was absent from

this vote.

(3) Member Sonder 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. Vice-Chair Cotta seconded. Voting in favor were, Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel R. Cotta, Secretary Mark D. Boyer and Member Amy N. Sonder. Member Curtis M. Johnson was absent from this vote.

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(4) Member Sonder 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. Vice-Chair Cotta seconded. Motion passed; four (4) in favor, one absent. Voting in favor were, Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel R. Cotta, Secretary Mark D. Boyer and Member Amy N. Sonder. Member Curtis M. Johnson was absent from this vote.

(5) Member Sonder 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). Vice-Chair Cotta seconded. Motion passed; four (4) in

favor, one absent. Voting in favor were, Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel R. Cotta, Secretary Mark D. Boyer and Member Amy N. Sonder. Member Curtis M. Johnson was absent from this vote.

(6) In Executive Session pending matters, there are five (5) pending matters.

Member Sonder moved to approve and seal the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2015 as published. Vice-Chair Cotta seconded. Motion passed; three (3) in favor, one absent and one abstained. Voting in favor were, Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel R. Cotta, Secretary Mark D. Boyer and Member Amy N. Sonder. Member Curtis M. Johnson was absent from this vote.

C. CORRESPONDENCE (Review/Discuss/Take Action)

Correspondence was received from AECredentialing regarding a new CredentialIST feature which would be available exclusively through them so that an individual land surveyor can get instant access to a PDF summary report of their current licenses, professional organization memberships and continuing education hours.

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)

Vice-Chair Cotta, a member of the Future of Surveying Task Force, met to create and award Surveying Program of Distinction Awards for colleges with Surveying/Geomatics programs. The Task Force is collecting a list of all eligible colleges.

(3) Rules and Regulation

A Public Hearing took place with Attorney Algee present. There was no one from the general public who attended. The Board did receive one written comment from a registrant questioning whether or not there would be a transition period for implementation of the new Standards. The Board also requested several numbering changes. Attorney Algee will forward these changes to the Office of Regulatory Reform for final review.

(4) 2015 Legislation – Status Update

The Board is continuing to work on legislation.

(5) PLS Examination

• Exam Database

There was no update to report.

• RI Portion Exam

• Two (2) candidates that have been approved to sit for the RI Portion examination.

(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

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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)

(A) Kevin Blake

Chair McCormick made a motion that the Board approve this application provided that person in responsible charge is currently licensed, that the person in responsible charge is not listed on more than two (2) COAs, that there is no disciplinary action and that a current “Certificate of Good Standing” from the Rhode Island Secretary of State’s office is received. Vice-Chair Cotta seconded. Motion passed; four in favor and one absent. Voting in favor were Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel R. Cotta, Secretary Mark D. Boyer and Member Amy N. Sonder. Member Curtis Johnson was absent from this vote.

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

Application(s) by Examination and Comity

Ivan Hernandez

Chair McCormick moved to approve and accept Mr. Hernandez to take the RI Portion Examination by Comity. Vice-Chair Cotta seconded. Motion passed; four (4) in favor, one (1) absent. Voting in favor were Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel R. Cotta, Secretary Mark D. Boyer and Member Amy N. Sonder. Member Curtis Johnson was absent from this vote.

G. Next Meeting 10 November 2015 Adjournment

Secretary Boyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m. Vice-Chair Cotta seconded. Motion passed; four in favor and one absent. Voting in favor were Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel R. Cotta, Secretary Mark D. Boyer and Member Amy N. Sonder. Member Curtis Johnson was absent from this vote.

Posted on 18 November 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.