State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION

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Division of

Design Professionals STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR

PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

DATE: 8 December 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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Lois Marshall, Administrative Assistant

CALLED TO ORDER: Chair Michael J. McCormick called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m.

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

Secretary Boyer made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 10 November 2015. Vice-Chair Cotta seconded. Motion

passed; four (4) in favor. Voting in favor were, Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel R. Cotta and Secretary Mark D. Boyer and Member Amy N. Sonder.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(1) Because of the nature of the following items, Member Sonder moved to convene into Executive Session at 1:19 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. Voting in favor were, Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel R. Cotta, Secretary Mark D. Boyer and Member Amy N. Sonder.

(2) Member Sonder moved to adjourn from Executive Session and to reconvene to an open meeting at 2:11 p.m. pursuant to RI General Laws §42 46-4. Vice-Chair Cotta seconded. Motion passed; four (4) in favor.   Voting in favor were, Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel R. Cotta, Secretary Mark D. Boyer and Member Amy N. Sonder.

 (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. Motion passed; four (4) in favor. Voting in favor were, Chair Michael J. McCormick,

Vice-Chair Daniel R. Cotta, Secretary Mark D. Boyer and Member Amy N. Sonder.

(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, F G, H and I and to close E.   Vice-Chair Cotta seconded.   Motion passed; four (4) in favor.   Voting in favor were, Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel R. Cotta, Secretary Mark D. Boyer and Member Amy N. Sonder.

(5) Member Sonder moved pursuant to R I 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. Voting in favor were, Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel R. Cotta, Secretary Mark D. Boyer and Member Amy N. Sonder.

(6) In Executive Session pending matters, there are seven (7) pending matters.

Member Sonder moved to approve and seal the Executive Session

Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2015 as published. Vice-Chair Cotta seconded. Motion passed; four (4) in favor. Voting in favor were, Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel R. Cotta, Secretary Mark D. Boyer and Member Amy N. Sonder.

C. CORRESPONDENCE (Review/Discuss/Take Action)

Correspondence received from Thomas Asbeck requesting to confirm with the Board whether or not Aerial Lidar falls under the definition of land surveying. Chair McCormick moved to send a letter to Mr. Asbeck and refer him to the Board's Joint informational bulletin regarding Topographical survey.

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

(1) Professional Development Hours (PDH) Approval Requests

The Board reviewed the requested information received from Carol Novak of CivilTraining, LLC regarding (2) two PDH courses being offered. The Board approved (4) CEUs per each (50) minute course.

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

Correspondence received from Jerry Carter, Executive Director of NCEES regarding an unauthorized third party placed malware on Pearson VUE's Credential Manager (PCM) system. Director Carter was pleased to report that NCES does not utilize Pearson VUE's PCM system as they developed their own candidate management system.

(3) Rules and Regulation

The Board's new Rules and Regulation are in effective and are posted on the Board's website.

(4) 2015 Legislation – Status Update

The Board is continuing to work on legislation to be re-submitted.

(5) PLS Examination

• Exam Database

Vice-Chair Cotta had no update to report.

• RI Portion Exam

These exams are under review.

(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

(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 Certificate of Authorization applications

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

There were no new applications for either the LSIT or PLS by examination or comity.

G. Next Meeting 12 January 2016 Adjournment

Chair McCormick moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m. Secretary Boyer seconded. Motion passed; four in favor. Voting in favor were Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel R. Cotta, Secretary Mark D. Boyer and Member Amy N. Sonder.