

**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: 9 February 2016

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel
R. Cotta and Member Amy N. Sonder (left at 3:48 p.m.)**

MEMBER ABSENT: Secretary Mark D. Boyer

**OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Lois Marshall, Administrative Assistant
Attorney Jenna Algee, Legal (arrived at 1:29 p.m. left at: p.m.
Neal Hingorany**

**CALLED TO ORDER: Chair Michael J. McCormick called the meeting
to order at 1:18 p.m.**

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

Vice-Chair Cotta moved to continue the approval of the 12 January 2016 minutes until next month due to lack of a quorum. Ms. Sonder seconded. The motion passed; two in favor, one absent and one abstained. Voting in favor were, Chair Michael J. McCormick and Member Amy N. Sonder. Secretary Mark D. Boyer was absent. Vice-Chair Cotta abstained.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(1) Because of the nature of the following items, Member Sonder moved to convene into Executive Session at 2:07 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; three (3) in favor and one absent. Voting in favor were, Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel R. Cotta and Member Amy N. Sonder. Secretary Mark D. Boyer was absent.

(2) Member Sonder moved to adjourn from Executive Session and to reconvene to an open meeting at 3:40 p.m. Vice-Chair Cotta seconded. Motion passed; three (3) in favor and one absent. Voting in favor were, Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel R. Cotta and Member Amy N. Sonder. Secretary Mark D. Boyer was absent.

(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; three (3) in favor and one absent. Voting in favor were, Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel R. Cotta and Member Amy N. Sonder. Secretary Mark D. Boyer was absent.

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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 C,D, E, F, G, H, and I and to close B. Vice-Chair Cotta seconded. Motion passed; three (3) in favor and one absent. Voting in favor were, Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel R. Cotta and Member Amy N. Sonder. Secretary Mark D. Boyer was absent.

(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; three (3) in favor and one absent. Voting in favor were, Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel R. Cotta and Member Amy N. Sonder. Secretary Mark D. Boyer was absent.

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

Member Sonder moved to continue the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2016 due to lack of a quorum. Vice-Chair Cotta seconded. The motion passed; two in favor, one absent and one abstained. Voting in favor were, Chair Michael J. McCormick and Member Amy N. Sonder. Secretary Mark D. Boyer was absent. Vice-Chair Cotta abstained.

C. CORRESPONDENCE (Review/Discuss/Take Action)

Nathan Shushansky sent correspondence to the Board requesting direction on core curriculum needed to meet the Board's educational requirements. Chair McCormick moved to send Mr. Shushansky a letter referring him to RIGL § 5-8.1-9 (e) (iii) which provides a list of courses. Ms. Sonder seconded. Motion passed; three (3) in favor and one absent. Voting in favor were, Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel R. Cotta and Member Amy N. Sonder. Secretary Mark D. Boyer was absent.

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

(1) Professional Development Hours (PDH) Approval Requests

This item was continued due to lack of a quorum.

(2) National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors

(NCEES)

This item was continued due to lack of a quorum.

(3) Rules and Regulation

The Board discussed submitting typographical error changes to the Office of Regulator Reform with Attorney Algee. These changes included adding a Table of Contents with page numbering, date change on Certification and adding the promulgated date on the front page. Attorney Algee will contact Chair McCormick to review changes before submission.

Louis Federici, PS, sent correspondence to the Board requesting clarification on two items pertaining to exemption from the continuing education requirement and permission to use an embosser for professional documents instead of using an ink stamp. The Board will respond to Mr. Federici in writing indicating that the exempt status does not change as it is in the General Laws and that it is acceptable for him to use the embosser with a wet signature.

(4) 2015 Legislation – Status Update

This item was continued due to lack of a quorum.

(5) PLS Examination

• Exam Database

This item was continued due to lack of a quorum.

• RI Portion Exam

This item was continued due to lack of a quorum.

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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

(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)

This item was continued due to lack of a quorum.

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

Application(s) by Examination and Comity

Neal Hingorany

Mr. Hingorany was present for an interview regarding his educational requirements to sit for the NCEES PLS examination. The Board questioned Mr. Hingorany about his Survey II course work. Mr. Hingorany will submit backup information regarding equivalency courses taken UMass that would be similar to courses offered at

CCRI which would be equal to state requirements. Vice-Chair Cotta seconded. Motion passed; three (3) in favor and one absent. Voting in favor were, Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel R. Cotta and Member Amy N. Sonder. Secretary Mark D. Boyer was absent.

G. Next Meeting 8 March 2016 Adjournment

Chair McCormick moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m. Vice-Chair Cotta seconded. Motion passed; two (2) in favor and two absent. Voting in favor were, Chair Michael J. McCormick, Vice-Chair Daniel R. Cotta. Secretary Mark D. Boyer and Member Amy N. Sonder were absent.

Posted on 9 March 2016 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.