

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers

Meeting Type: General Business/Committee Meeting
Meeting Date: July 13-15, 2004
Meeting Loc: Hawthorn Suites, Orlando

Board Members: Pamela Nobles, Dennis Blankenship, Louis Lebron, Jeffrey Cooner, Beverly Sutphin, Sidney Greer, Francis Poppell, Omar Armenteros

Members Absent: Lou Bush

Department Staff: Brian Higgins, (Prosecuting Attorney)
John Knap, (Executive Director)
Christa Patterson, (Gov. Analyst)

Other Attendees: Paul Martin, (Board Counsel)

Major Issues/Actions

- The Board considered 5 applications for examination, 5 for endorsement. 1 certificate of authorization.
- The Continuing Education Committee considered 25 CE courses submitted by 5 providers. 23 courses approved, 2 withdrawn.
- The Probable Cause Panel considered 16 cases for possible prosecution.
- The Probation Review Committee conducted progress checks of 6 licensees through the review of submitted survey products. 4 licensees were released from probation.
- The application of Santa Rosa County Surveyor Mr. Whitney, who applied to reinstate his null and void license per HB 1457 was denied. The Board felt that the applicant did not meet provision (d) of the requirements contained in the act, in that he had not proven he did not practice surveying and mapping while his license was in a null and void status.
- Review of revised licensure application. New version is available online.
- This is the last meeting for Board Counsel Paul Martin who has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Florida Engineers Management Corporation. A replacement has not been named.
- Discussion of future situation when approximately 600-800 CE courses become due for review and renewal on May 31, 2005. The Board reviewed the letter that was mailed to all CE providers regarding the upcoming situation and advising early renewals of courses to avoid any delays in approvals and to stagger future approval dates.

- Discussion of budget letter sent to chair regarding 2004-2005 General Appropriations Act. The chair has submitted a written request to increase the budget allotment for the Board of Surveyors and Mappers by 25% for the current year.
- Discussion of proposal by NCEES to take over as sole administrator of exams. The straw vote at the Southern Zone meeting indicated that this initiative was likely to pass at the meeting in Cleveland 8/14/04. If so, the Department would only administer the Florida Jurisdictional and Essay Exams.
- Review of the March 31, 2004 third quarter financial reports for the Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers operating and unlicensed activity account balances.
- The Bureau of Education and Testing provided a report on the latest exam statistics.
- Board requested staff to determine if license renewal notices will be mailed to licensees who are continuing education deficient. Will anyone be prevented from renewing based on status?
- Unlicensed Activity – A detailed enforcement / unlicensed activity report through 6/30/04 was presented to the Board from the Division of Professions and Regulation.
- Prosecuting Attorney Report – 7 cases currently open in various statuses.
- Members were reminded that updated financial disclosures were due 7/1/04.
- Proposed meeting dates and locations for 2005 were approved.

Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- Discussion of S.B. 2026, the Management Privatization Act.
A presentation on the legislation by FSMS. Board voted to permit FSMS to proceed with a business case and feasibility study to determine if the board should consider privatization.
- Discussion of Rule 61G17-2.0015 “Disciplinary Guidelines” to consider increasing the minimum and maximum fines and penalties set by rule. Board voted to approve the final draft submitted by Board Counsel.
- Minimum Technical Standards workshop was held to continue the rewrite of Rule 61G17-6. Final updates and editing were completed. The final draft will be ready for approval at the October, 2004 meeting.

Rules report presented by Board Counsel. Rule changes currently in process.

- 61G17-2 Grounds for Discipline, rule development published 7/18/03.
- 61G17-9 Penalties, rule development published 7/18/03.
- 61G17-10 Supervision Standards, rule development published 7/18/03.
- 61G17-2.006 Time for Compliance with Final Order; Probation. JAPC letter pending.

Rule proposal withdrawn.

- 61G17-2.0015 Disciplinary Guidelines, effective 3/17/04.
- 61G17-9.007 Survey Reviews, JAPC letter pending.
- 61G17-1.010 Approved Schools and Colleges, JAPC letter tolled 4/10/03.
- 61G17-1.020 Exemption from Renewal Requirements for Spouses of Members of the Armed Forces of the United States. Became effective 6/17/04.

Next Meeting: October 12 -14, 2004 Ft. Myers

John T. Knap
Executive Director July 30, 2004