

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers**

**Meeting Type:** General Business/Committee Meeting  
**Meeting Date:** October 11-13, 2005  
**Meeting Loc:** Singer Island, Crown Plaza Hotel

**Board Members:** Pamela Nobles (Chair), Louis Lebron, Jeffrey Cooner, Beverly Sutphin (Vice Chair), Sidney Greer, Omar Armenteros, Lou Bush, Dennis Blankenship, Francis Poppell

**Members Absent:** None

**Department Staff:** Charles Tunnicliff, (Prosecuting Attorney)  
John Knap, (Executive Director)  
Christa Patterson, (Gov. Analyst)

**Other Attendees:** Brian Stabley, (Board Counsel)

#### **Major Issues/Actions**

- The Application Review Committee considered 4 applications for examination, 3 for endorsement, 4 certificates of authorization and 2 applications for surveyor in training.
- The Continuing Education Committee considered 7 CE courses submitted by 3 providers. 5 course applications were approved, 2 denied.
- The Probable Cause Panel considered 23 administrative complaints, 24 closing orders and 2 reconsiderations.
- The Board heard 12 discipline cases and 3 informal hearings of application denials.
- The Probation Review Committee conducted progress checks of 4 licensees through the review of submitted survey products. 2 licensees were released from probation, 2 were instructed to submit 6 additional surveys and remain on probation.
- A visit by Simone Marsteller, the Secretary of DBPR. The Secretary attended the general business session and shared with the members her vision for the future of the agency.
- Election of officers was held. Dennis Blankenship of Pensacola was elected chairman and Jeffrey Cooner of Ft. Myers was elected vice-chairman, effective January 2006 meeting.
- Review of the June 30, 2005 third quarter financial reports for the Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers operating and unlicensed activity accounts.
- Unlicensed Activity – A detailed enforcement / unlicensed activity report through 8/31/05 was presented to the board from the Division of Professions and Regulation.
- Prosecuting Attorney Report – 181 total discipline cases currently open in various statuses, 72 open cases are public.

## **Legislation**

- A progress report was provided to the Board as requested, on the Bureau of Education and Testing project to produce additional questions for the April exam candidates for photogrammetry licensure under HB 1417.
- The Board voted to instruct Counsel to develop rules to implement SB 1012, changes to F.S. 455.271, which authorizes professional boards to reinstate null and void licenses under certain circumstances.
- Discussion of S.B. 2026, the Management Privatization Act.  
After reviewing the latest version of the feasibility study and further discussion, the Board voted to proceed with the privatization schedule outlined in the study. A letter dated October 10, 2005 was sent to the Secretary informing her that the Board was moving forward with the privatization effort and would submit a request for start-up funds after the October meeting.

## **Rule Promulgation**

- 61G17-9.0065 Surrender of Seal – notice published 4/1/05
- 61G17-6.002 Definitions – notice published 12/23/05
- 61G17-5.0031 Continuing Education Credit for Biennial Renewal – effective 6/23/05
- 61G17-5.0043 Obligations of Continuing Education Providers - development published 10/7/05
- 61G17-6.003 General Survey, Map, and Report Requirements – notice published 12/23/05
- 61G17-6.004 Specific Survey, Map, and Report Requirements – notice published 12/23/05
- 61G17-5.0051 Approval of courses – development published 10/7/05
- 61G17-9.006 Probation – notice published 4/1/05

Next Meeting: January 10 -12, 2006 Tallahassee

John T. Knap  
Executive Director      November 4, 2005