

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS AND MAPPERS

General Information

Meeting Type: Application Review Committee, Probation Committee, Continuing Education Committee, Rules Workshop, Privatization Committee, and General Business Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 9, 2007, through Thursday, October 11, 2007

Meeting Location: Department of Business and Professional Regulation
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Attendees:

Members Present

Jeffrey Cooner, Vice Chair
Lou Bush
Pamela Nobles
Louis Lebron
Beverly Sutphin
Mary-Hanna Clodfelter

Members Absent

Dennis Blankenship, Chair (excused)

Others Present

Richard Morrison, Executive Director, DBPR
Stacey Merchant, Government Analyst, DBPR
Eric Hurst, Assistant General Counsel, DBPR
Diane Guillmette, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

Major Issues/Actions

- Board elections were held, and Jeff Cooner was elected Chair and Beverly Sutphin was elected Vice-Chair. They will begin their new roles in January 2008.
- The board submitted revisions to the Experience Verification Form. These changes will help eliminate or reduce the number of issues the committee has with verifying the level of experience candidates have when applying for licensure. The board asked that the board staff process and update the changes to the form.
- The Privatization Committee updated the board on the status of the move toward privatization. They informed the board that they have met with the department, the Florida Surveying and Mapping Society (FSMS), and the Governors' Office of Planning and Budget (OPB). During the meeting the department and OPB suggested that the privatization plan include more specific details about how the corporation would be managed and specific information on issues the board has with the department and if those problems continue to exist. The committee gathered detailed information from the board and will work on a revised plan and resubmit it to OPB after the board has approved it. The committee indicated that it did not believe that privatization would occur until the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- The board discussed Rule 61G17-7.0025, F.A.C., regarding electronic signing and sealing of surveys and asked the board counsel to update language using similar language found in the rules for engineering and landscape architecture.
- The board counsel was asked to open for development, Rule 61G17-6, F.A.C., regarding Minimum Technical Standards (MTS). The board wants to review the term “Regulatory Objectives” to determine if it is necessary.

Action Required

- Board staff will make revisions to the experience verification form as directed by the board.

Meeting Schedule for 2008

January 8, 9 & 10, 2008 - Tallahassee

April 8, 9 & 10, 2008 - Orlando

July 8, 9 & 10, 2008 - Palm Beach/ Ft Lauderdale

September 30, October 1 & 2, 2008 - Jacksonville/St Augustine

Richard Morrison
Executive Director