

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers

**Meeting Type:** General Business/Committee Meeting  
**Meeting Date:** April 12-14, 2005  
**Meeting Loc:** Tallahassee, DBPR Board Room

**Board Members:** Pamela Nobles, Louis Lebron, Jeffrey Cooner, Beverly Sutphin, Sidney Greer, Omar Armenteros, Lou Bush, Dennis Blankenship

**Members Absent:** Francis Poppell

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

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

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

- The Board considered 1 application for examination, 3 for endorsement, 1 surveyor in training, 2 certificates of authorization and 4 applications for retired status.
- The Application Review Committee heard a re-consideration of the application denial of Jose A. Osorio for licensure by examination, per appellate court ruling the denial was overturned and Mr. Osorio was approved to sit for the examination.
- The Continuing Education Committee considered 28 CE courses submitted by 6 providers. 8 course applications were denied.
- The Probable Cause Panel considered 13 Administrative Complaints and 22 Closing orders.
- The Board heard 4 discipline cases and 3 informal hearings.
- The Probation Review Committee conducted progress checks of 3 licensees through the review of submitted survey products. 1 licensee was released from probation, 1 was instructed to submit 6 additional surveys and remains on probation, 1 case continued to next meeting.
- Board reviewed current proposed legislative package by FSMS;  
Changes to F.S. 472  
-Shareholders in corporations to not be liable for actions of licensees.  
-Changes to education requirement that the 25 hrs. be a part of a degree program.  
-Photogrammetry licensing issue.
- Discussion of methods available to the Board to have consultants review probationer surveys. Three methods were considered. Because there is no consensus, the Probation Committee will continue to review probationer surveys.

- Review of the December 31, 2004 second quarter financial reports for the Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers operating and unlicensed activity account balances.
- Upon request of the board, a presentation by Gus Ashoo, Chief of the Bureau of Education and Testing regarding the recent renewal and the CE compliance issues which resulted. The Board Chair commented on a lack of communication between the Department and the land surveying community. The Executive Director and Bureau Chief detailed the CE monitoring program and assured the board that during this first biennium of the program, no licensees will be disciplined for deficient CE credits.
- Unlicensed Activity – A detailed enforcement / unlicensed activity report through 3/31/05 was presented to the board from the Division of Professions and Regulation.
- Prosecuting Attorney Report – 157 cases currently open in various statuses, 11 unlicensed activity cases open.

### **Legislation/Rule Promulgation**

- Discussion of S.B. 2026, the Management Privatization Act.  
A presentation by FSMS to proceed with a business case and feasibility study to determine if the board should consider privatization. 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.
- Rules workshop was held to review and discuss possible changes to 7 Rule sections.
- 61G17-3.004 Application for Retired Status
- 61G17-2.006 Time for compliance with final order; probation
- 61G17-5.0041 Board Approval of Continuing Education Providers
- 61G17-5.0043(2) Obligations of Continuing Education Providers
- 61G17-5.0043(14) Obligations of Continuing Education Providers
- 61G17-5.0051(1)(d) Approval of courses
- 61G17-9.006 Probation
- 61G17-9.007 Survey review

Next Meeting: July 13 -14, 2005 Tampa

John T. Knap  
Executive Director      May 6, 2005