

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers

Meeting Type: General Business/Committee Meeting
Meeting Date: July 12-14, 2005
Meeting Loc: Tampa, Renaissance Hotel-International Plaza

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

Members Absent: Francis Poppell

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 5 applications for examination, 7 for endorsement, 2 certificates of authorization and 2 applications for retired status.
- The Continuing Education Committee considered 54 CE courses submitted by 9 providers. All course applications were approved.
- The Probable Cause Panel considered 7 administrative complaints and 30 closing orders.
- The Board heard 10 discipline cases and 6 informal hearings of application denials.
- The Probation Review Committee conducted progress checks of 6 licensees through the review of submitted survey products. 3 licensees were released from probation, 1 was instructed to submit 6 additional surveys and remains on probation, 2 cases were continued to the next meeting.
- Continued 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 March 31, 2005 third quarter financial reports for the Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers operating and unlicensed activity account balances.
- Unlicensed Activity – A detailed enforcement / unlicensed activity report through 5/31/05 was presented to the board from the Division of Professions and Regulation.
- Prosecuting Attorney Report – 203 cases currently open in various statuses, 0 unlicensed activity cases open.

Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- Board reviewed HB 1417, the legislative package passed this legislative session. Changes to F.S. 472
 - Shareholders in corporations not liable for actions of licensees.
 - Changes to education requirement that the 25 hrs. be a part of a degree program.
 - Photogrammetry licensing issue.
- A progress report was provided to the Board as requested, on the Bureau of Education and Testing project to produce additional questions for the photogrammetry candidates for licensure under HB 1417.
- Board Counsel presented to the Board SB 1012, which authorizes professional boards to promulgate rules to permit the reinstatement of null and void licenses under certain circumstances. The Board voted to decline to implement rules under this new legislation.
- 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 at the April meeting. A letter dated July 15, 2005 was sent to the Secretary informing her that the Board was moving forward with the privatization effort.
- Rules workshop was held to review and discuss possible changes to 7 Rule sections.
- Domestic School Approval – Substantial Equivalency
- 61G17-9.0065 Surrender of Seal
- 61G17-6 Minimal Technical Standards – Final Changes
- 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
- 61G17-9.007 Survey review

Next Meeting: October 11 -13, 2005 Palm Beach

John T. Knap
Executive Director July 22, 2005