

1 MINUTES

2
3 BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS AND MAPPERS

4
5 General Business Meeting

6
7 February 24, 2005

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9 Telephone Conference Call
10 850. 410.8045

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12 The meeting was called to order by Pam Nobles, Chair, at 10:00 a.m.

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14 Members Present

15 Pam Nobles, Chair

16 Dennis Blankenship

17 Beverly Sutphin, Vice Chair

18 Lou Bush

19 Louis Lebron

20 Fran Poppell

21 Sidney Greer

22 Jeff Cooner

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24 Members Absent

25 Omar Armenteros

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27 Others Present

28 Brian Stabley, Board Counsel

29 Brian Higgins, Prosecuting Attorney

30 John Knap, Executive Director

31 Christa Patterson, Government Analyst

32 Henry Echezabal

33 Harley Gilmore

34 Marilyn Evers

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36 **REVIEW OF CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDERS AND COURSE APPLICATIONS**

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38 **Lorman Business Center, Inc.**

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40 The board reviewed the course applications submitted by Lorman Business Center, Inc. The
41 board noted that the provider was not using the most current course application.

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43 The board asked staff to notify the provider to use the current form and after discussion the
44 following motions were made.

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46 MOTION: Ms. Sutphin made a motion to deny Effective Erosion and Sediment Control and
47 Soil Stability in the Construction Process, Zoning and Land Use, and Problem
48 Solving for Condominiums and Homeowners' Associates, and approve Laws of
49 Easements; Legal Issues and Practical Considerations for 6 hours of general.
50 Ms. Sutphin stated the courses did not enhance the practice of surveying and
51 mapping.

52 SECOND: Mr. Cooner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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American Congress on Surveying and Mapping

The board reviewed the courses offered by American Congress on Surveying and Mapping. The board noted that the course application submitted did not have a time line. Mr. Knap stated that the provider should have received an incomplete notice and the course applications should not have been submitted to the board for review.

It was the consensus of the board that if the provider requested 8 hours credit then the board would consider approving the course for 7 hours and if the provider requested 4 hours then the board would consider approving the course for 3.5 hours.

After discussion and review by the board the following motions were made.

MOTION: Mr. Greer made a motion to approve the following courses offered by American Congress on Surveying and Mapping: The Colonial Land System and the Building of America for 3.75 hours general, Datums & Projections: Demystifying the Geodetic Reference Frame for 7 hours general, Record Research – Paper versus Ground Truth for 3.75 hours general, Control Surveying for 7 hours general, Role of Wood Evidence in the PLSS (As Seen Through the Eyes of a Western States Surveyor) for 3.75 hours general, Unwritten Transfer of Possessory and Nonpossessory Interests in Land for 3.75 hours general, The Role of the Surveyor as a Job Site Control Manager of 3.75 hours general, Updating a Cadastral GIS for 3.75 hours general, Cadastral GIS for 3.75 hours general, The Three Worlds of Surveying or Meeting Our Modern Challenges for 7 hours general, Weighted Coordinate Transformations and Their Applications in SPCS and Boundary Surveying for 3.75 hours general, Professional Liability for Erroneous Surveys for 3.75 hours general, Documenting the File – How and Why of File Recordation and Documentation for 3.75 hours general, Metes and Bounds Retracement for 3.75 hours general, So, You’ve Discovered a Conflict. Now What? for 7 hours general, Concepts in Risk Management and ALTA/ASCM Land Title Surveys as a Risk Management Tool for 7 hours general, and Practical GIS for Everyday Surveying for 7 hours general.

SECOND: Ms. Nobles seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Cooner made a motion to deny the course “Math for Surveys.” The course did not enhance the practice of surveying and mapping.

SECOND: Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Blankenship made a motion to deny the course “Using the Internet as a Business Tool.” The course did not enhance the practice of a surveying and mapping.

SECOND: Mr. Bush seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Bush made a motion to approve the course “Buying and Selling the Engineers or Land Surveying Firm” for 3.75 hours general.

SECOND: Ms. Nobles seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MOTION: Ms. Nobles made a motion to approve the course “Why Lobby? No person, Their Property or Their Profession is Safe as long as the Legislature is in Session” for 3.75 hours of general.

SECOND: Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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106 MOTION: Mr. Blankenship made a motion to approve the course "Train the Trainer-
107 Creating a Survey Technician Training Session" for 3.75 hours general.
108 SECOND: Mr. Cooner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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110 **Halfmoon LLC**

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112 The board reviewed the courses offered by Halfmoon LLC and after review the following motion
113 was made.

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115 MOTION: Mr. Lebron made a motion to approve "Solving Real Estate Title Problems in
116 Florida" for 6 hours general.
117 SECOND: Mr. Bush seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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119 **Florida Department of Transportation**

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121 The board reviewed the courses offered by the Florida Department of Transportation and after
122 review the following motion was made.

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124 MOTION: Ms. Nobles made a motion to approve the following courses offered by Florida
125 Department of Transportation: Advanced Survey Analysis Using the Electronic
126 Field Book Processor for 7.5 hours general, Mathematical Background
127 Information in Least Squares Analysis for 7.5 hours general, Applications of the
128 Global Positioning System in Route Surveys for 13.75 hours general, Survey
129 Analysis Using the EFB Processor for 9 hours general, FDOT D-7 Surveying &
130 Mapping Consultant Requirement for Geodetic Global Positioning System
131 Surveys for 6.5 hours general, Use of the Cadastral Field Book and Integration
132 with the Electronic Field Book Processor for 14.25 hours general, Newer
133 Photogrammetric Technologies and Products for Route Surveys, Uses and
134 Limitation for 4 hours general, Global Positioning System Processing for Route
135 Surveys for 17.75 hours general, Least Squares Analysis Techniques in Route
136 Surveying for 7.5 hours general, Using the GPS in Determination of Elevations
137 for 7 hours general, Sectionalized Lands in Florida for 7 hours general, Surveying
138 Technology Comparisons for Resurfacing Projects for .75 hours general, Aerial
139 Photo Look Up System (APLUS) for .75 hours general, Using FDOT Surveying
140 and Mapping Office Imagery for .75 hours general, and Understanding
141 Photogrammetric Products for the Layperson for 6 hours general.
142 SECOND: Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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144 **Professional Education Systems Institute, LLC**

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146 The board reviewed the course being offered by the Professional Education Systems Institute,
147 LCC, and after review the following motion was made.

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149 MOTION: Mr. Greer made a motion to approve the course "Florida Professional Laws" for 6
150 hours general.
151 SECOND: Ms. Nobles seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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153 **National Business Institute (NBI, Inc.)**

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155 The board reviewed the course being offered by National Business Institute, (NBI, Inc.) and
156 after review the following motion was made.

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158 MOTION: Ms. Nobles made a motion to deny the course “Mastering Land Use and
159 Planning Processes in Florida.” The course did not enhance the practice of
160 surveying and mapping.
161 SECOND: Mr. Bush seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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163 **REVIEW OF CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDERS**
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165 The board reviewed the provider application submitted by BrianMorse.com, LLC, and after
166 review the following motion was made.

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168 MOTION: Mr. Blankenship made a motion to approve BrianMorse.com, LLC for provider
169 status.

170 SECOND: Mr. Greer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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172 Ms. Sutphin suggested that providers identify the States provider number. Ms. Sutphin advised
173 the board that if the provider holds more than one provider status it was difficult to distinguish
174 between each States provider number.

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176 Mr. Stabley suggested the board consider revisions to 61G17-5.0043 (2), F.A.C., to address Ms.
177 Sutphin's concerns. The board agreed.

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179 The board reviewed the course being offered by BrianMorse.com, LLC and after review the
180 following motion was made.

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182 MOTION: Mr. Blankenship made a motion to approve the course “Automatic Linework
183 Using Autodesk Survey” for 16 hours general.

184 SECOND: Mr. Greer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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186 **Florida Surveying and Mapping Society (FSMS)**
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188 The board reviewed the courses being offered by the Florida Surveying and Mapping Society
189 and after review the following motion was made.

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191 MOTION: Mr. Blankenship made a motion to approve the following courses offered by the
192 Florida Surveying and Mapping Society: Business Planning for the Storm for .5
193 hours general, Hurricanes: Forecasting, Response and Recovery; The Roles of
194 Surveys and GIS Professionals for 1.5 hours general, Stress Management for
195 Surveying Professionals: How to be Productive Under Pressure for 6 hours
196 general, Time Management for Surveying Professionals: How to Be Productive
197 and Exercise Time Mastery in a Hectic World for 6 hours general, and Map
198 Modernization and Height Modernization for 3.5 hours general.

199 SECOND: Mr. Cooner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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201 **CONSIDERATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS**
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203 The board reviewed a written request from Dr. Dave Gibson. Dr. Gibson requested approval of
204 continuing education hours for teaching college level courses.

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206 The board reviewed Dr. Gibson’s request and after discussion the following motion was made.
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208 MOTION: Ms. Nobles made a motion to approve Dr. Gibson's request for 18 hours of
209 general continuing education credit.

210 SECOND: Ms. Sutphin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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212 Mr. Blankenship advised the board that he was concerned with the short notice of the request
213 from Dr. Gibson. Ms. Nobles stated that the surveyors and mappers renewal deadline was
214 February 28th and that she was concerned that the Bureau of Education and Testing records
215 were not accurate. Ms. Nobles stated the department may have a problem with surveyors not
216 renewing because their continuing education records in the departments system were not
217 correct.

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219 Ms. Nobles stated that she knows that the Florida Surveying and Mapping Society was having a
220 problem with correspondence courses coming in the week of renewal and the continuing
221 education provider's would have to grade the tests and then report by midnight the 28th.

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223 After discussion it was the consensus of the board that there should be some type of grace
224 period for the providers to report the hours.

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226 Mr. Stabley stated that the board rule was changed to 30 days at the January 2005 meeting to
227 be in compliance to Chapter 455, F.S.

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229 Mr. Knap advised the board that even if there was a problem with the department's continuing
230 education record, the licensee should renew their license on time.

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232 Ms. Nobles stated that the department required the board use the monitoring program so she
233 would like for a representative from the Bureau of Education and Testing be present at the April
234 2005 meeting to discuss possible solutions.

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236 Ms. Evers advised the board that the deadline for the providers to report credit to the
237 department was midnight the 28th. Ms. Evers stated Mr. Ewaldt advised her of the deadline.
238 Mr. Knap stated that the rule was 30 days or the licensees renewal date, whichever occurs
239 sooner. Mr. Knap advised the board that he would invite a representative from the Bureau of
240 Education and Testing to attend the April 2005 meeting.

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242 **REVIEW/CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE**

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244 The board reviewed each application and after discussion Mr. Bush made the following
245 recommendations.

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247 Approve Robert Carmelia's application for licensure by endorsement.

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249 Deny Daniel Hill's application for licensure by endorsement. Mr. Bush advised the board that
250 Mr. Hill was licensed in another state after July 1, 1999 and the licensure requirements in the
251 other state were not substantially equivalent to Florida licensure requirements. .

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253 Deny Dewey David Huff's application for licensure by endorsement. Mr. Bush stated Mr. Huff
254 had not verified the required experience.

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256 Approve Harold Eugene Noon's application for licensure by endorsement.

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258 Approve Wilmer Sirine's application for licensure by endorsement.

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260 Deny Danny Wilson's application for licensure by endorsement. Mr. Bush stated Mr. Wilson had
261 not verified the required experience. Mr. Cooner stated that a licensed professional such as an
262 Engineer would need to complete a verification form for the board to consider.

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264 Deny Abeleira Antonio's application for licensure by examination. Mr. Bush stated Mr. Antonio
265 had not verified the required experience.

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267 Approve Deris Bardales' application for licensure by examination.

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269 Approve Zurelys Cura Perez De Alejo's application for licensure by examination.

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271 Approve Victor Marrero's application for licensure by examination.

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273 Deny Roger Hall's application for licensure by examination. Mr. Bush stated Mr. Hall had not
274 verified the required experience and good moral character.

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276 **Examination Reconsideration**

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278 Mr. Bush advised the board that Mr. Hal Bennett had submitted additional information. Mr.
279 Bush stated Mr. Bennett's work experience forms were completed but it appears Mr. Bennett
280 was working and going to school, and this would have been a very long commute.

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282 After discussion by the board it was the consensus of the board to uphold the notice of intent to
283 deny.

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285 **Surveyor In Training**

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287 Deny Matthew Crowley's application for SIT. Mr. Bush stated Mr. Crowley was not a graduate
288 and was not in his final year of an approved surveying and mapping program.

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290 Deny Jeffrey Stouten's application for SIT. Mr. Bush stated Mr. Stouten was not a graduate
291 and was not in his final year of an approved surveying and mapping program.

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293 Mr. Cooner suggested that the board should have a pre-approval/denial process for education
294 review. Mr. Cooner stated that there are individuals out there that complete what they think is
295 meeting the education requirements and experience and once they apply to the board the
296 applicant finds out that they may not meet the education requirements.

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298 Ms. Patterson advised the board that some of the other licensure board's do have a pre-
299 approval/denial process in place but the authority for the board to implement this type of
300 process was in Statute.

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302 Mr. Stabley stated that the board did not have the authority to give advisory opinions to
303 applicants or future applicants unless the board has statutory authority.

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305 Ms. Nobles stated that survey and mapping degree's are very limited and the board does not
306 have a rule to make it clear what the board accepts. Ms. Nobles states that the applicants are
307 making a good faith effort to comply with the statute.

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309 Mr. Stabley advised the board that the domestic degree rule will help in this type of situation.
310 Mr. Stabley stated he would provide draft language at the April 2005 meeting.

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312 Mr. Bush reminded the board that FSMS was proposing legislative language that would assist
313 an individual who completed a degree other than in surveying and mapping, but did not
314 complete the required coursework in their 4 year degree course of study. Mr. Bush stated
315 changing the current language would allow individuals to take additional coursework outside of
316 their 4 year degree. Mr. Bush stated the change would assist a large number of applicants.

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318 The board agreed and stated they were in favor of the proposed language.

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320 MOTION: Ms. Nobles made a motion to approve Mr. Bush's recommendations.

321 SECOND: Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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323 **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

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325 Mr. Cooner suggested that staff divide the applications between the members to save time. Mr.
326 Cooner stated that the recommendations of denial would be discussed in detail.

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328 After discussion, the board asked Ms. Patterson to assign applications to each committee
329 member and that the committee member would then report during the meeting and the full
330 board will vote.

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332 Ms. Patterson stated that she would implement the new procedure for the initial licensure
333 application review and the continuing education application's.

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335 Ms. Nobles reminded staff to invite a representative from the Bureau of Education and Testing
336 to attend the next meeting, and schedule a rules workshop for the April 2005 meeting.

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338 Ms. Sutphin asked Ms. Nobles what the status was on the privatization issue. Ms. Nobles
339 stated that the list of questions was forwarded to members and Mr. Gordon. Mr. Cooner asked
340 if someone could notify Mr. Gordon to provide the response to the list of questions prior to the
341 meeting. Ms. Nobles stated she would contact Mr. Gordon.

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343 There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.