

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS AND MAPPERS

I. General Information

Meeting Type: Application Review Committee, Continuing Education Committee, and General Business Meeting
Meeting Date: April 10, 11&12, 2007
Meeting Location: Sheraton Orlando Downtown Hotel
60 South Ivanhoe Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32804

Attendees:

Members Present

Dennis Blankenship, Chair
Jeffrey Cooner, Vice Chair (excused)
Lou Bush
Sidney Greer
Pam Nobles
Louis Lebron
Beverly Sutphin
Mary-Hanna Clodfelter
Frances C. Poppell

Members Absent

None

Others Present

Richard Morrison, Executive Director, DBPR
Stacey Merchant, Government Analyst, DBPR
Eric Hurst, Assistant General Counsel, DBPR
June McKinney, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Legal Affairs (DLA)

II. Major Issues/Actions

- The board discussed privatization, and the chairman of the privatization committee, Jeff Cooner, advised that the business case was now in the Governor's office and that after talking with them, he felt that it was further along than it has ever been. Steve Gordon, who is a representative from the Florida Surveyor and Mapping Society (FSMS) spoke and gave an "up-date" starting with the history of why the board wanted to privatize. The board did discuss approaching the department about working together in creating the corporation and finding the appropriate board members. The board has decided that the next steps in the process will be to wait until the state's budget is passed and meet with the governor's office and the department to address any concerns they have.
- The Florida surveyors and mappers exam was discussed as it relates to its fairness to photogrammetric surveyors. Some board members indicated that there are enough differences between the subject of surveying boundaries and photogrammetry (aerial or satellite GPS surveying) which make the state portion of the exam unfair to photogrammetry applicants, because they assert most of the questions on the state

portion of the exam deal with boundary issues. A national photogrammetric exam is currently being developed which will soon be given by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES). It was suggested that the new national exam take the place of the state's portion of the exam for photogrammetry. Others indicated that because Florida does not have a specialized license for photogrammetry that all surveyors should be able to pass the state's exam. The board requested that a representative who is familiar with the national photogrammetry exam be allowed to address the board.

III. Legislation/Rule Promulgation

None

IV. Action Required

- Staff will find a representative who is familiar with the national photogrammetry exam to discuss it at the July board meeting.

Next Meeting: July, 10, 11& 12, 2007, St. Augustine

Richard Morrison
Executive Director