

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: July 10, 11 & 12, 2007
Meeting Location: Casa Monica Hotel
95 Cordova Street
St. Augustine, Florida 32259

Attendees:

Members Present

Dennis Blankenship, Chair
Jeffrey Cooner, Vice Chair (excused)
Lou Bush
Pam Nobles
Louis Lebron
Beverly Sutphin
Mary-Hanna Clodfelter

Members Absent

None

Others Present

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

II. Major Issues/Actions

- The board discussed privatization, and Privatization Committee Chairman, Jeff Cooner, reported that he and a consultant from the Florida Surveying and Mapping Society will be meeting with representatives from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) and the Governor's Budget Office to clarify issues that need to be resolved for the privatization business case to move forward. The board would like to be informed on who will be involved in helping to resolve those issues.
- The Florida surveyors and mappers essay exam was discussed, and the board requested to meet in Tallahassee in October to review the Florida essay portion of the exam with the DBPR's Bureau of Education and Testing for possible changes. Some of the board members opined that the current essay exam is obsolete and that the same materials are covered in the National Council for Examination of Engineers and Surveyors (NCEES) exam.

III. Legislation/Rule Promulgation

None

IV. Action Required:

- Next Meeting October, 9 – 11, 2007, in Tallahassee
- Appoint new member to the Probable Cause Panel
- Arrange with BET to review the Florida essay exam

Richard Morrison
Executive Director