

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS AND MAPPERS

I. General Information

Meeting Type: Application Review Committee, Probation Committee, Continuing Education Committee, Rules Workshop, Privatization Committee, Probable Cause Panel and General Business Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2006, through Thursday, July 13, 2006

Meeting Location: Trade Wind Sandpiper Hotel
600 Gulf Blvd.
St. Pete Beach, Florida

Attendees:

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

(None)

Department Staff Present

Richard Morrison, Executive Director, DBPR
Christa Patterson, Government Analyst, DBPR
Eric Hurst, Assistant General Counsel, DBPR

Others Present

Brian Stabley, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

II. Major Issues/Actions

- The privatization "Business Case" update was presented. Discussion ensued as to the proper timing for resubmitting it to the Governors office. With the pending election and political change pending, the Board gave the Chair discretion on when would be the best time to resubmit. The Board also asked the Florida Surveyors and Mappers Society (FSMS) to check with its lobbyist for input regarding the proper time to resubmit the updated plan.

III. Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- Brian Stabley (Board Counsel) provided the board with proposed language of a new rule for development on domestic equivalency. Dr. David Gibson (Board consultant) was present and gave background on the rule and answered some questions from the board about the rule. This new Rule 61G17-3.0025, would set the criteria for applicants who graduated from non ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineers and Technology) accredited surveying and mapping degree programs.
- Brian Stabley (Board Counsel) provided the board with proposed language for another new Rule 61G17-3.0021(1)(c), to spell out specific educational requirements for licensure. This rule would identify the areas of study and the breakdown of the numbers of hours in each area required of the 25 semester hours of study in surveying and mapping or related subjects.
- Rule 61G17-5.001, F.A.C. continuing education requirements for reactivation of inactive license was revised to include six (6) hours Minimum Technical Standards (MTS) and raising the maximum number of continuing education credits which must be completed for reactivation from 24 to 48.

IV. Action Required

- None

Richard Morrison
Executive Director