



Land Surveyors Public Meeting

Land Surveyors Board

Feb 16, 2023 at 9:00 AM EST to Feb 16, 2023 at 11:00 AM EST

OPLC, 7 Eagle Square, Concord NH 03301

Board Members Present: William Doucet, Michael Dahlberg, Timothy Peloquin, Ginny Christenton and Joe Wichert appeared via Zoom.

Minutes

I. Call To Order- W. Doucet called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

II. Review and Approval of Agenda- M. Dahlberg made a motion to approve the agenda as written, G. Christenton seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

III. Approval of Public Minutes- J. Wichert made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2023 meeting with corrections. G. Christenton seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

IV. Public Appearances- Mitch Cummings the Board liaison from NHLSA spoke with the Board about various items from minutes on the website to the dislike of the new wall certificates. The Board has no say in the certificates. They are printed offsite not at OPLC.

V. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates- noted new change LS license expirations for new land surveyors will be month license is issued not birth month.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business-

A. Update on the EPS committee- after the discussions of separate module exams for Core, Boundary, Mapping, Public lands and Incidental Draining. Looks like it ill be a 2 division exam; Core/ Boundary and PLSS exam. Incidental draining was dropped. Public lands questions will be mixed in with other questions. Mapping, only about a dozen states have exam.

Board discussed how possibly having a Mapping Science exam and certificates given. Septic Designers do plan and would benefit from this. However, this may be adding more regulation. Would it be possible to add another exemption for this type of work? Mapping not boundary.

B. Reminder to register for Zone meeting

C. Brief discussion on HB 2 combining Ls Board with the Engineers Board. this is concerning because of a number of things one being NH would lose a vote at NCEES zone and Annual meetings. W. Doucet made a motion for a Board member to speak in opposition to HB 2. J. Wichert seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

D. legislation to make non-public minutes public after 10 years, if Boards don't review them and vote to keep sealed. This would require a lot of time to review. Board feels information could easily be misused. Board will watch this, Bill.

E. Send HB 655 to all the Board members to review and express concerns.

F. Board briefly discussed that NCEES Model Law may seek to require a 4-year LS Degree.

VIII. Licensure Approval (if applicable)-

A. Charles Lawrence- J. Wichert made a motion to approve Mr. Lawrence to test. G. Christenton seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

IX. Rules Review and Other Legislative Topics

X. Non-Public Session- M. Dahlberg made a motion to go into non-public session at 9:46 a.m. G. Christenton seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

*RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, **other than a member of this board**, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.*

** Roll Call Vote*

Upon return to public session at 10:52 a.m. G. Christenton made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session. M. Dahlberg seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

XI. Adjournment- M. Dahlberg made a motion to adjourn at 11:25 a.m. J. Wichert seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

The Next meeting will be on May 4, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.