

**BOARD OF LAND SURVEYORS**  
**November 7, 2019 AT 9:00 A.M.**  
**PUBLIC MINUTES**

There was a meeting of the Board of Licensure for Land Surveyors on November 7 2019. Chairperson Doucet called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Also present were Board members Ginny Christenton, Tracey Sweeney and Joe Wichert and Michael Dahlberg. Present from OPLC was Chris Horne.

**1. Acceptance of Agenda** – T. Sweeney made a motion to approve the agenda as written. J. Wichert seconded, all in favor and motion passes.

**2. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the August 8, 2019 Meeting-** T. Sweeney made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2019 meeting. G. Christenton seconded, all in favor and motion passes.

**3. Interview/meeting** –

- a. Board introduced themselves to new Board member Michael Dahlberg.
- b. Steve Ferguson from NHLSA spoke with the Board about the questions regarding being licensed in your home state prior to applying to NH. NHLSA was curious as to why the Board was asking this. W. Doucet let him know that it has been an issue for a few people who do not work in their home state and have no need to be licensed there. This has been a problem for 3-4 people that the Board has heard form.

He was also asking why the question regarding responsible charge. The Board explained to him that it is difficult to judge an application when everyone has a different idea of what responsible charge is. If there was a clear definition it would make it easier to calculate the experience of the applicant.

Steve also asked about the Boards way of handling complaints. W. Doucet and J. Wichert will be discussing the overall process at the upcoming NHLSA meeting.

Steve also asked about when people take the PLS exam through NCEES. A person can sign up to take that but they are still required to take the NH portion of the exam. He mentioned that there is some confusion as to when they can take the PLS exam.

J. Wichert mentioned that NCEES is trying to have an exam that would eliminate the need for state specific exams. An exam with multiple sections to represent each area of the country. The areas are Core, Boundary, Mapping, Incidental Drainage and the PLS. Board would not like this to happen. Want to keep the control to be able to determine if the candidate is ready by reviewing the applicants work product.

**4. Communications – General** –

- a. Email from Jane Salvaggio, SIT- noted. This email is exactly what the Board has been discussing with a possible change in the statute.

**5. Communications – Board Action** –

- a. NCEES Resolution of Cooperation- Board feels the overall thought process is a good one. Board members are going to give staff their feedback before November 18<sup>th</sup>. Staff will give the overall thoughts to the NCEES MBA committee on the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- b. SIT's to take NCEES PS exam prior to approval to sit for NH exam- T. Sweeney said they should take it when they are ready but the Board still needs to review the application to determine if they are ready to take the NH exam.
- c. Land Surveyor examinee surveys- Board reviewed. The exam committee will be reviewing the surveys at the next meeting.
- d. Board Member Terms-
  1. Tracey Sweeney term is up in July- Board mentioned Andy Nadeau. Staff will reach out to him.
  2. Bill Doucet term up August- W. Doucet will be sending the required information in to staff.

**6. Applications** – none

**7. Unfinished Business** – none

**8. New Business** –

- a. Upon the motion of J. Wichert and the second of G. Chrisenton the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 10:05 a.m. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II(j), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 118 N.H.574(1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by unanimous vote of all members present.
- b. Upon return to public session at 2:45 p.m. M. Dahlberg made a motion to seal the non-public minutes. J. Wichert seconded, roll call vote, and motion passes.
- c. Date and time of next meeting – the next meeting will be on December 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The

**10. Adjournment**- G. Chrisenton left the meeting at 10:45 a.m. the rest of the Board adjourned at 2:27 p.m.