

BOARD OF LAND SURVEYORS
December 12, 2019 AT 9:00 A.M.
PUBLIC MINUTES

There was a meeting of the Board of Licensure for Land Surveyors on December 12, 2019. Chairperson Doucet called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Also present were Board members Ginny Chrisenton, Tracey Sweeney, Joe Wichert and Michael Dahlberg. Present from OPLC was Chris Horne and Joe Shoemaker. Attending from the NHLSA was Steve Ferguson.

1. Acceptance of Agenda – M. Dahlberg made a motion to approve the agenda as written. G. Chrisenton seconded, all in favor and motion passes.

2. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the November 7, 2019 Meeting- T. Sweeney made motion to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2019 meeting. G. Chrisenton seconded, all in favor and motion passes.

3 Interview/meeting –

W. Doucet leaves the meeting for the following discussion

- a. Eric Salovitch- to discuss his exam- Introduced himself to the Board, spoke about the Young Surveyors group and NSPE. He then discussed the sections of the exam and gave his feedback. He was hoping to be able to review his exam. Board explained that is not the policy.
When Eric Mitchell did the exam prep course he didn't speak to the new format. This may have helped prepare the candidates.
J. Wichert wanted Eric to know that the Board is trying to remove obstacles to getting licensed. Spoke to how NCEES is moving toward 5 separate module exams in the future.
T. Sweeney spoke to how difficult it is to create an exam. Lots of time and hard work go into the process by the members of the committee. Many do not pass the first time they take the exam.
M. Dahlberg discussed how all exams are not easy, to continue to read and learn about the profession.
Eric requested a waiver for those who failed the exam in October to take the exam again in April. Board will discuss this and take a vote.
Board also made sure Eric was aware that they do not know whose exam they were correcting and the correction process of more than one Board member reviewing the exams.
Steve Ferguson mentioned when he took the exam you could review your exam.
Board believes this changed when the Board had an exam Committee start creating the exams.

W. Doucet returns to the meeting.

4. Communications – General –

a. W. Doucet and J. Wichert spoke about the session they presented at the NHLSA annual meeting. They spoke about a Statute change to RSA310-A:63 III removing the section about being licensed in your home state before applying to NH. The group at the session seemed very positive about this change. A few did not like the idea and wanted to know history of the Statute.

J. Wichert made a motion to submit a letter with the history of the Statute to NHLSA asking for a formal position on removing section III of RSA 310-A:63. T. Sweeney seconded, all in favor and motion passes.

They also talked about complaints and the process used when the Board receives a complaint. They gave a brief overview of how many complaints there have been since 2014 and what action had taken place. A few people would like to have more information about why their complaint was dismissed.

At the next Board meeting the Board would like to talk to Attorney Lavallee about adding more detail to the letter of dismissal that is sent to the complainant.

They overall felt the session went well.

5. Communications – Board Action –

a. NCEES Zone Meeting- attendees- Information noted. Board discussed the information that can be gained from the meeting.

b. Board Member Terms-

1. Tracey Sweeney term is up in July- Still need a replacement.

2. Bill Doucet term up August- Staff will send the information to W. Doucet.

6. Applications – none

7. Unfinished Business –

a. Board discussed Eric's request for a waiver for those who failed the October exam to be able to take the April exam. How do you grow professionally if the Board allows this? The Board is not asking for a 100, asking for a 70.

J. Wichert made a motion to deny giving a waiver to those who failed the October exam to allow them to take the April exam. M. Dahlberg seconded, W. Doucet abstained and motion passes.

8. New Business –

- a. Upon the motion of M. Dahlberg and the second of G. Chrisenton the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 10:45 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 11:40 a.m. W. Doucet made a motion to seal the minutes. G. Chrisenton seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes.
- c. Date of Next Meeting- February 6, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

9. Adjournment- J. Wichert made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 p.m., W. Doucet seconded, all in favor and motion passes.