



Land Surveyors Board Public Meeting Minutes

Land Surveyors Board
Sep 7, 2023 at 9:00 AM EDT
@ OPLC, 7 Eagle Square, Concord Nh 03301

Attendance

Present:

Members: Ginny Chrisenton, Michael Dahlberg, Timothy Peloquin, Joseph Wichert

Guests: Christine Horne, James Roberg

I. Call to Order

J. Wichert called the meeting to order at 9:08 am.

II. Review and Approval of the Agenda

M. Dahlberg made a motion to approve the agenda as written. G. Chrisenton seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

III. Approval of the Minutes

T. Peloquin made a motion to approve the minutes with a minor change. G. Chrisenton seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

IV. Public Appearances

Eric Salovitch from the NHLSA discussed the "putting it all Together" course that Eric Mitchell did to help prepare those who may be taking the NHL exam at some point. 17 took the course, 15 are techs who are in various stages of applying. Eric felt it was very successful for everyone. Another will be done next year.

Eric also mentioned the online application process is not very user friendly. some applicants spoke to him about it, and he wanted to share that with the Board.

V. OPLC and /or Board Administration Updates

Staff introduced the new Board Administrator James Roberg.

VI. Old Business- none

VII. New Business

A. Exam Committee

T. Peloquin gave an update on the exam committee. They have all worked hard and he feels this is the best exam yet from this committee.

Earl Sandford would like to be done on the committee. If anyone knows a surveyor who may be interested, please let the Board know.

B. NCEES Annual Meeting

J. Wichert updated the Board with the land surveyor exam components. NCEES created a new task force to determine if a mapping component should be added to the PLS exam. The divisional components of the exam are being reviewed by the EPS committee.

J. Wichert is on the task force and would like to hear from anyone who does mapping to see if there is a need for a path for those who do mapping to be licensed.

C. Discussion on Elimination of the US Survey Foot.

At some point the Board will need to review their rules for any references to the US Survey Foot to remove those references. This is not a priority action and can wait until rules are going to expire to make the changes. Board discussed the length of time it takes for rules changes and how they are prioritized by seriousness.

D. Items to approve licenses for exam- discussion tabled.

E. Decoupling

Board discussed how decoupling works, the ability to take the exam prior to having the necessary experience. Board feels it is important to have that experience. It was clarified, that you will need the experience before you apply for the NHL exam.

If the Board wants to have NCEES present information to them about decoupling, they are willing to do that.

VIII. Licensure approval (if applicable)

G. Chrisenton made a motion to approve applicants A-E to take the exam. T. Peloquin seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

A. Ambroise Gmeiner

B. Elizabeth Ann Keegan

C. John Churchill

D. Michael Peverett

E. Jacob Therriault

F. List of those who are already NCEES eligible to test for the October exam.- noted

IX. Rules and Other Legislative Topics-no discussion

X. Non-Public Session

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.

A. Vote to Enter Non-Public Session

T. Peloquin made a motion to enter non-public session at 9:55 am. G. Chrisenton seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.

B. Vote to Seal the Minutes from the Non-Public Session

Upon return to public session at 10:56 am. M. Dahlberg made a motion to seal the minutes from the non-public session. G. Chrisenton seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

XI. Adjournment

Next meeting will be on November 9, 2023 at 9:00 am.

M. Dahlberg made a motion to Adjourn at 11:00 am. T. Peloquin seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.