

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS AND MAPPERS

General Information

Meeting Type: General Business, Application Review Committee,
Continuing Education Committee,
Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 7 & 8, 2009
Meeting Location: Holiday Inn & Suites
2725 Graves Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Attendees:

Members Present

Jeffrey Cooner, Chair
Dennis Blankenship
Mary-Hanna Clodfelter
Sidney Greer
Louis Lebron
Arthur Mastronicola
Frances Poppell

Members Absent

Beverly Sutphin, Vice-Chair
Lou Bush

Others Present

Richard Morrison, Executive Director, DBPR
Stacey Merchant, Government Analyst, DBPR
Eric Hurst, Assistant General Counsel, DBPR
Diane Guillemette, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

I. Major Issues/Actions

- The board reviewed 14 applications for licensure by endorsement, exam, surveyor in training (SIT), retired status and certificate of authorization. The board approved three endorsement applications and denied one. The board approved five applicants for examination and denied two. The board denied one SIT applicant, approved one retired status applicant and one certificate of authorization.
- The board reviewed and approved two new applications for continuing education providers and 14 new continuing education courses.
- The board reviewed and approved 10 renewal courses for continuing education.
- At its January 09 board meeting, the board discussed transferring the board from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to the Department of Agriculture as proposed by the Florida Surveying and Mapping Society (FSMS). Representatives from FSMS, Pablo Ferrari and Ron Villella, gave the board a brief history of their

recommendation. The members asked questions about the details of the possible move. The board wanted to know the cost of the move, the board's ability to sustain itself, the ability of maintaining the profession's professional status under the Department of Agriculture, the timing of the potential move considering the current economic conditions, and how the board would be better served at the Department of Agriculture rather than the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. None of the board members were in favor of the move and most agreed that their position may change when more details are provided.

II. Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- The board moved to develop three rules:
 1. 61G117-3.001, F.A.C. The board is seeking to better define the term "year," because as it is written if someone worked 1500 hours in less than 12 months it could be considered a year of experience. It is the board's intent that an applicant work during an entire 12-month period.
 2. 61G117-4.001, F.A.C. The board is seeking to limit and specifically designate what is allowed into the exam room for use as reference materials.
 3. 61G117-9.005, F.A.C. The board is seeking to update their rule on mediation, as rule references within the rule have changed.

III. Action Required

None

Richard Morrison
Executive Director