

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers

Meeting Type: General Business/Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: April 6-8, 2004

Meeting Location: DBPR Boardroom, Tallahassee

Board Members: Pamela Nobles, Dennis Blankenship, Louis Lebron, Jeffrey Cooner, Beverly Sutphin, Lou Bush, Sidney Greer, Francis Poppell.

Members Absent: Omar Armenteros

Department Staff: Charlie Pellegrini, (Prosecuting Attorney)
Brian Higgins, (Prosecuting Attorney)
John Knap, (Executive Director)
Christa Patterson, (Gov. Analyst)
Jerry Wilson, (Deputy Director)

Other Attendees: Paul Martin, (Board Counsel)

Major Issues/Actions

- The Board considered 4 applications for examination, 3 for endorsement. 1 certificate of authorization and 2 surveyors in training.
- The Continuing Education Committee considered 6 CE courses submitted by 4 providers. 4 courses approved, 2 denied.
- The Probable Cause Panel considered 14 cases for possible prosecution.
- The Probation Review Committee conducted progress checks of 6 licensees through the review of submitted survey products.
- Discussion regarding additional check boxes required on license application form to clarify if applicant is applying for licensure by exam or endorsement.
- Discussion of security measures in place at the John's building to safeguard the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) test materials. A memo was submitted to the Board from the Bureau Chief of Education and Testing, outlining existing security measures that exceed all NCEES requirements.
- Discussion of future situation when approximately 600-800 CE courses become due for review and renewal on May 31, 2005, due to the blanket approval of courses in 2003. A suggestion was made for the Executive Director to draft a letter to all CE providers regarding the upcoming situation and advise early renewals of courses to avoid any delays in approvals and to stagger future approval dates.

- Review of the December 31, second quarter financial reports for the Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers operating and unlicensed activity account balances reflecting the recent cash sweep amounts.
- Unlicensed Activity – A detailed enforcement/unlicensed activity report was presented to the Board from the Division of Professions and Regulation (20 complaints added for Feb.) including an update on investigations of suspended and revoked licensees who may be practicing.
- Prosecuting Attorney Report – 76 cases currently open in various statuses.

Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- Discussion of S.B. 2026, revision of the Management Privatization Act. A presentation on the progress of the legislation by FSMS.
- Discussion of Rule 61G17-2.0015 “Disciplinary Guidelines” to consider increasing the minimum and maximum fines and penalties set by rule. Board Counsel to draft rule change language for board approval next meeting.
- Minimum Technical Standards workshop was held to continue the rewrite of Rule 61G17-6. First run-through completed during this session. Final updates and editing to be completed next meeting.

Rules report presented by Board Counsel. Eight rule changes currently in process.

- 61G17-2 Grounds for Discipline, rule development published 7/18/03.
- 61G17-9 Penalties, rule development published 7/13/03.
- 61G17-10 Supervision Standards, rule development published 7/13/03.
- 61G17-2.006 Time for Compliance with Final Order; Probation. JAPC letter pending.
- 61G17-2.0015 Disciplinary Guidelines, effective 3/17/04.
- 61G17-9.007 Survey Review, JAPC letter, tolled 12/23/04.
- 61G17-1.010 Approved Schools and Colleges, JAPC letter tolled 4/10/03.
- 61G17-1.020 Exemption from Renewal Requirements for Spouses of Members of the Armed Forces of the United States. Notice published 4/16/04.

Next Meeting: July 14 -15, 2004 Orlando

John T. Knap
Executive Director April 23, 2004