

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS AND MAPPERS**

**General Information**

Meeting Type: Application Review Committee, Probation Committee, Continuing Education Committee, Rules Workshop, Privatization Committee, and General Business Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2008, through Thursday, January 11, 2008

Meeting Location: Department of Business and Professional Professions Board Room  
1940 North Monroe St.  
Tallahassee, Florida

Attendees:

**Members Present**

Jeffrey Cooner, Chair  
Beverly Sutphin, Vice-Chair  
Dennis Blankenship  
Mary-Hanna Clodfelter  
Lou Bush  
Louis Lebron  
Pamela Nobles

**Members Absent**

(None)

**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 12 applications. Nine examination applications were reviewed, five were approved, three were denied and one was continued until the April 2008 meeting. One endorsement application was reviewed and approved. One Surveyor in Training application was reviewed and approved. One application for a Temporary Certificate of Authorization was reviewed and approved.
- An update on the issue of privatization was given by Chairman Jeff Cooner. Mr. Cooner stated that a revised business case was sent to the Governor's Office and to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation for review and comment. The committee is hopeful that any revisions necessary can be made and a final business case can be placed on the agenda for budget and finance during the upcoming session and that an operational board could be in place by the beginning of the 2008/2009 fiscal year.
- There was a presentation given by the Computer Aided Drafting and Design Center of Florida (CADD) which demonstrated how Digitally Terrain Models (DTM) are created

and used with Global Positioning Systems (GPS) in controlling construction machinery. This presentation was given to the board to explain the capabilities and how DTM are used. The board discussed whether DTM use would require a surveying and mapping license and if any rules needed to be changed to regulate this new technology. The board concluded that their current laws and rules on how this new technology and its data are used do not require a license because of the exceptions noted in 472.003 when performing construction layout and boundaries. The board felt that no further rule making would be necessary.

- The Examination Committee is working on revision to the Florida Jurisdictional exam which would remove the essay questions from the exam. The board feels that the areas covered by the essay portion of the Florida exam are already tested as part of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) national exam. This would also save time and money when grading the exam.

### **III. Legislation/Rule Promulgation**

None

### **IV. Action Required**

None

#### **Next Meeting**

April 9 & 10, 2008 Orlando

July 9 & 10, 2008 Palm Beach / Ft. Lauderdale

October 1 & 2, 2008 Jacksonville / St. Augustine

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Richard Morrison  
Executive Director