

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers

Meeting Type: General Business/Committee Meeting
Meeting Date: October 12-14, 2004
Meeting Loc: Renaissance Hotel, St. Augustine

Board Members: Pamela Nobles, Louis Lebron, Jeffrey Cooner, Beverly Sutphin, Sidney Greer, Francis Poppell, Omar Armenteros, Lou Bush

Members Absent: Dennis Blankenship

Department Staff: Brian Higgins, (Prosecuting Attorney)
John Knap, (Executive Director)
Christa Patterson, (Gov. Analyst)

Other Attendees: Brian Stabley, (Board Counsel)

Major Issues/Actions

- The Board considered 4 applications for examination, 1 for endorsement, 1 exam reconsideration.
- The Continuing Education Committee considered and approved 6 CE courses submitted by 4 providers.
- The Probable Cause Panel considered 17 Administrative Complaints and 7 Closing orders.
- The Probation Review Committee conducted progress checks of 3 licensees through the review of submitted survey products. 1 licensee was released from probation.
- An appearance by representatives of RedVector educational web portal to discuss the legality of presenting courses that have been approved by other providers. RedVector is not currently an approved provider, but has recently submitted an application for provider status.
- Board reviewed and approved revised examination, endorsement, and re-examination applications. New versions will be updated online.
- This was the first meeting for Board Counsel Brian Stabley who was named by the Office of the Attorney General as the replacement for Paul Martin.
- Election of officers was held. Pamela Nobles reelected Chair, Beverly Sutphin elected Vice Chair.
- Discussion of future situation when approximately 600-800 CE courses become due for review and renewal on May 31, 2005. Telephone conference calls may be needed to process the anticipated backlog of applications.

- Review of the June 30, 2004 fourth quarter financial reports for the Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers operating and unlicensed activity account balances.
- Discussion of possible revisions to the Florida Jurisdictional Exam by the Bureau of Education and Testing and education committee consultants.
- Board requested a letter be drafted and sent to suspended licensees requiring the return of their seal to the Board Office per 472.025, F.S.
- Unlicensed Activity – A detailed enforcement/unlicensed activity report through 9/30/04 was presented to the Board from the Division of Professions and Regulation.
- Prosecuting Attorney Report – 130 cases currently open in various statuses. Three (3) unlicensed activity cases open.

Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- Discussion of S.B. 2026, the Management Privatization Act. The presentation by FSMS to proceed with a business case and feasibility study to determine if the board should consider privatization was postponed to the January 2005 meeting.
- Minimum Technical Standards workshop was held to finalize the rewrite of Rule 61G17-6, F.A.C. Final updates and editing were completed. The final draft was approved and will be submitted for Rule adoption.

Rules report presented by Board Counsel. Rule changes currently in process.

- 61G17-2 Grounds for Discipline, rule development published 7/18/03.
- 61G17-5 Continuing Education, rule development published 7/23/04.
- 61G17-5.0043 Obligations of Continuing Education Providers, Effective 8/18/04.
- 61G17-9 Penalties, rule development published 7/18/03.
- 61G17-10 Supervision Standards, rule development published 7/18/03.
- 61G17-2.006 Time for Compliance with Final Order; Probation. JAPC letter tolled 12/23/03.
- 61G17-9.007 Survey Reviews, notice published 9/26/03, JAPC letter pending.
- 61G17-1.010 Approved Schools and Colleges, JAPC letter tolled 4/10/03.

Next Meeting: January 4 -6, 2005 Ft. Myers

John T. Knap
Executive Director November 8, 2004