

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers

Meeting Type: General Business/Committee Meeting
Meeting Date: January 4-6, 2005
Meeting Loc: Pink Shell Resort, Ft. Myers Beach

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

Members Absent: None

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 1 application for examination, 1 for endorsement, 1 exam reconsideration and 1 Surveyor in training.
- The Application Review Committee heard re-consideration of 2 application denials for examination, 2 for endorsement and 1 business license.
- The Continuing Education Committee considered and approved 7 CE courses submitted by 5 providers.
- The Probable Cause Panel considered 16 Administrative Complaints and 9 Closing orders.
- The Board heard 13 discipline cases and 3 informal hearings.
- The Probation Review Committee conducted progress checks of 3 licensees through the review of submitted survey products. 3 licensees were released from probation.
- Board reviewed and approved proposed legislative package by FSMS;
Changes to F.S. 472
-Shareholders in corporations to not be liable for actions of licensees.
-Changes to education requirement that the 25 hrs. be a part of a degree program.
-Photogrammetry licensing issue.
- Discussion of methods available to the Board to have consultants review probationer surveys. Three methods were considered, no final decision has been made.
- Review of the September 30, 2004 first quarter financial reports for the Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers operating and unlicensed activity account balances.

- Board reviewed and approved the draft of the letter to be 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 10/31/04 was presented to the Board from the Division of Professions and Regulation.
- Prosecuting Attorney Report – 135 cases currently open in various statuses, 8 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 this meeting. After reviewing the feasibility study and discussion, the Board decided that there were areas that were not addressed in sufficient detail in the study and that the proposed schedule is too aggressive. Based on this, the Board voted to postpone action until the beginning of 2006.
- Rules workshop was held to review and discuss possible changes to 8 Rule sections.
- 61G17-1.010 Approved schools and colleges
- 61G17-2.006 Time for compliance with final order; probation
- 61G17-5.0031 Continuing education credit for biennial renewal
- 61G17-5.0043 Obligations of Continuing Education Providers
- 61G17-5.0051 Approval of courses
- 61G17-9.006 Probation
- 61G17-9.007 Survey review
- 61G17-9.0065 Surrender of seal and cancellation of digital signature

Next Meeting: April 13 -15, 2005 Tallahassee

John T. Knap
Executive Director January 31, 2005