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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS MEETING

### APPROVED MINUTES SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Professional Surveyors met on September 9, 2020. The meeting was held via Zoom, pursuant to Executive Order 154.

#### CALL TO ORDER

James D. Hollandsworth, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:** James D. Hollandsworth, Professional Surveyor, Chairperson  
Gilbert Barish, Professional Surveyor  
Brett Dodge, Professional Surveyor  
Timothy A. Platz, Professional Surveyor  
Steven Warren, Professional Engineer

**Members Absent:** Jeffrey Bartlett, Professional Surveyor  
Nickolas Darin, Public Member  
Andrew Kurncz, Public Member  
Jennifer R. Myers, Architect, Vice Chairperson

**Staff:** Weston MacIntosh, Senior Policy Analyst, Boards and Committees Section  
Kiran Parag, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section  
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Barish, seconded by Dodge, to approve the agenda, as presented.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Barish, Dodge, Platz, Warren, Hollandsworth  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Barish, seconded by Warren, to approve the minutes from January 8, 2020, as presented.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Barish, Dodge, Platz, Warren, Hollandsworth  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

### **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **2021 Public Notice**

Wysack presented the 2021 Public Notice to the Board. She asked that they mark their calendars for the next year and make sure to notify her if they cannot attend a meeting. She let them know that it has also been placed in the Department Resources folder in Egress.

#### **Elections**

MacIntosh ran the election for Chairperson.

MOTION by Barish, seconded by Platz, to re-elect Hollandsworth as the Chairperson.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Barish, Dodge, Platz, Warren, Hollandsworth  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

MacIntosh ran the election for Vice Chairperson.

MOTION by Barish, seconded by Platz, to re-elect Myers as Vice Chairperson.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Barish, Dodge, Platz, Warren, Hollandsworth  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

### **Michigan Professional Surveying Examination Discussion**

Barish shared statistics on the Michigan Professional Surveying Examination (MPSE), which reflected about a 40% average pass rate. Barish stated that it is concerning that there are fewer candidates passing this examination for licensure.

Platz stated that he and Hollandsworth had recently been part of the PSI/MPSE exam review committee, to review the questions. He stated that of the questions reviewed, about 10 were thrown out and 30 were fixed. Barish stated that this has been done in the past, but it does not appear to reflect an improvement in the pass rate. He asked the Department to investigate receiving a pass/fail report from PSI, so that the Board and the state can watch changes in the pass rate.

Hollandsworth stated that NCEES will soon offer states the choice of which modules to include on the federal exam. This might be something that Michigan would want to consider in the future. MacIntosh indicated that this would require a change in the rules under R 339.17203(c).

### **Chair Report**

Hollandsworth stated that NCEES held the 2020 Annual meeting virtually. He was not able to attend it live, but watched the recording, which is available online. A few things that noted were that NCEES had created a committee to follow legislation in states that are looking to get rid of licensure; NCEES created a Marketing and Outreach Coordinator position to promote education and licensure for surveyors; and that NCEES recently conducted an exam review to review state specific questions in an effort to improve and update the exam.

### **Department Update**

MacIntosh stated that the Bureau will hold the next new Board Member Training on February 18, 2021. All Board members are welcome to attend. Wysack stated that the training has been split into two parts, Health and Occupational.

Wysack reminded the Board Members to check their new state email address regularly as it is now the source of communication with the Department. She stated that the state email address will soon be used as the User ID for Egress, so it is important to get in the habit of checking the email on a regular basis.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Shawn Roy asked why the pass rate on the Michigan exam was so low. Was there a problem with the student, school, the state, or the content of the exam? Hollandsworth stated that the Department and the Board will be monitoring the situation.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held January 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center Room 3, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Dodge, seconded by Barish, to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Barish, Dodge, Platz, Warren, Hollandsworth  
Nays: None

## **MOTION PREVAILED**

Minutes approved by the Board on: January 13, 2021.

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