

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LAND SURVEYORS

February 11, 2016

The Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors (Board) convened at 9:00 a.m. at 555 N. Cotner Blvd., Lower Level, Lincoln, NE with the following members present:

Dennis L. Whitfield, Chair
Richard L. Hansen, Vice-Chair
Mary Pro
Steven C. Cobb, Secretary

Absent:
Jerry G. Hain
James W. Hawks

Others present:
Gerri Monahan

Public notice of this meeting was given by publication in the *Lincoln Journal Star* on January 27, 2016.

All items voted on were done so in the form of a roll call vote.

The Chair stated that this meeting is being held in compliance with the updated Nebraska Open Meetings Act and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is available on the table.

Moved by Hansen and seconded by Pro that the minutes of the December 3, 2015 meeting be approved.

Voting Aye: Hansen, Pro, Whitfield. Absent: Hain, Hawks.

Motion carried.

The process for the Board's Rules and Regulations hearing was discussed. The hearing is scheduled for April 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at 555 N. Cotner Blvd., Lower Level, Lincoln, NE.

A review of the current registration and renewal policies of the Board was discussed. The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) conversion of the Principles and Practices of Surveying (PS) exam from pen and paper to computer based testing (CBT) will necessitate changes. A more consistent policy for tracking the required fees and professional development hours (PDHs) will be discussed at a future meeting.

The Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects is considering the reprint of an article published in the December 2015 NCEES Licensure Exchange titled "*Land surveying vs. engineering measurements: When do measurements become a survey?*" as authored by John Greenhalge of the Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors. The Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects requested the position of the Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors concerning the reprint of the article. The Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors discussed the reprint article and suggested a disclaimer note about "consulting your state statutes" be added for the reprint. All were in favor.

An update on LB788 to change and eliminate provisions relating to the Nebraska Professional Landscape Architects Act was given by Chair Whitfield.

Moved by Pro and seconded by Hansen that the Board go into executive session at 9:23 A.M. with Steven C. Cobb and Gerri Monahan present for the purpose of discussing Class 1 and Class 2 applicants and the confidential reference letters.

Voting Aye: Pro, Whitfield, Hansen. Absent: Hain, Hawks.

Motion carried.

The Chairperson stated that the discussion in executive session was limited to Class 1 and Class 2 applicants and the confidential reference letters.

Moved by Hansen and seconded by Pro that the Board return to regular session at 9:55 A.M.

Voting Aye: Pro, Whitfield, Hansen. Absent: Hain, Hawks.

Motion carried.

Moved by Pro and seconded by Hansen that the application of Darren B. Miller be approved and that he be permitted to take the next land surveyor examination.

Voting Aye: Whitfield, Hansen, Pro. Absent: Hain, Hawks.

Motion carried.

Moved by Pro and seconded by Hansen that the application of Brian Lou Haverkamp be approved and that he be permitted to take the next land surveyor examination.

Voting Aye: Hansen, Pro, Whitfield. Absent: Hain, Hawks.

Motion carried.

Moved by Pro and seconded by Hansen that the application of Gregg M. Schilz be approved and that he be permitted to take the next land surveyor examination.

Voting Aye: Hansen, Pro, Whitfield. Absent: Hain, Hawks.

Motion carried.

Moved by Pro and seconded by Hansen that the application of Cotton D. Jones for registration by reciprocity from Wyoming be approved and that he be required to appear before the Secretary of the Board for an interview and land surveyor examination.

Voting Aye: Pro, Whitfield, Hansen. Absent: Hain, Hawks.

Motion carried.

Moved by Pro and seconded by Hansen that the application of Jacob Irlmeier for registration by reciprocity from Iowa be deferred until the next meeting as more reference letters are required.

Voting Aye: Pro, Whitfield, Hansen. Absent: Hain, Hawks.

Motion carried.

Moved by Pro and seconded by Hansen that inasmuch as Jeffery G. Belt passed the reciprocity examination on February 4, 2016 and has completed the requirements for registration in Nebraska by reciprocity from Missouri and that upon receipt of the registration fee in the amount of \$100.00 he be granted registration dated February 11, 2016 under Certificated No. 779.

Voting Aye: Whitfield, Hansen, Pro. Absent: Hain, Hawks.

Motion carried.

Moved by Pro and seconded by Hansen that the inactive application of Jerry Froese and his PDH hours for active registration be approved and upon receipt of \$100 biennial fee he be classified as active.

Voting Aye: Hansen, Pro, Whitfield. Absent: Hain, Hawks.

Motion carried.

Monahan reported on the NCEES's Member Board Administrators (MBA) meeting in Atlanta, GA. Highlights were year round testing, NCEES website updates to be dedicated to examinees and licensees, committee and task force activities, and zone meetings.

The upcoming Central Zone Interim Meeting in Kansas City, MO, May 5-7 was discussed. NCEES funds two delegates.

Moved by Pro and seconded by Hansen that Board members Hansen and Hawks be designated as the two funded delegates for the NCEES Central Zone meeting in Kansas City, Mo. Other board members are also approved to attend the meeting.

Voting Aye: Hansen, Pro, Whitfield. Absent: Hain, Hawks.

Motion carried.

Moved by Pro and seconded by Hansen that the December and January vouchers be approved.

DAS Building Div., November parking.....	15.00
DAS IM Service, November static web hosting.....	20.00
DAS Materiel Div., November postage.....	33.48
Hansen, Richard, December Board Mtg. travel expenses.....	78.20
Hawks, James, December Board Mtg. travel expenses.....	259.90
Whitfield, Dennis, December Board Mtg. travel expenses.....	57.50
December Total.....	<u>\$464.08</u>
BELF Rent January 1 to March 31, 2016.....	678.75
Comfort Suites, Hawks December Board Mtg. Lodging.....	75.00
DAS Building Div., December parking.....	15.00
DAS IM Service, December static web hosting.....	20.00
DAS Materiel Div., October Board Meeting Notice.....	9.04
DAS Materiel Div., December postage.....	10.79
General Fund Reimbursement, 2 nd quarter 2015-16 expenses.....	1357.32
NCEES 2016 Board Member Fees.....	2600.00
January Total.....	<u>\$4,765.90</u>

Voting Aye: Pro, Whitfield, Hansen. Absent: Hain, Hawks.

Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2016.

Moved by Pro and seconded by Hansen that the meeting be adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Steven C. Cobb, Secretary