

NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LAND SURVEYORS

July 16, 2025

The Nebraska 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:

Jeremy D. Feusner, Chairperson (Chair)
Thomas A. Tremel, Vice Chairperson
Virlyn S. Bolte
Mary L. Pro
Dennis L. Whitfield

Casey Sherlock, Ex Officio Secretary of the Examining Board

Others present:
Jeremy M. Bender, PLS 691, Omaha, NE
Jerry Penry, Deputy State Surveyor
Gerri Monahan, Admin. Asst.

Public notice of this meeting was given by publication in the *Lincoln Journal Star* on July 3, 2025.

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

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

Pro moved and Bolte seconded to approve the May 22, 2025, NBELS Board meeting minutes as presented.

Voting Aye: Feusner, Pro, Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte.

Motion carried.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that the NBELS May and June expense vouchers be approved:

Bolte, Virlyn, May 22 Board Meeting mileage	96.60
DAS IM Services, April web hosting	28.00
DAS Materiel, April postage	59.70
Feusner, Jeremy, May 22 Board Meeting mileage.....	224.00
Lincoln Journal Star, May 22 Meeting notice	10.74
Office Depot, March supplies	247.16
Tremel, Thomas, May 22 Board Meeting mileage.....	113.40
Whitfield, Denny, May 22 Board Meeting mileage	<u>70.00</u>

May Total \$1,211.56

DAS IM Services, May web hosting	28.00
DAS Materiel, May postage	<u>14.03</u>

June Total \$42.03

Voting Aye: Pro, Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner.

Motion carried.

The Board and Secretary reviewed the Budget Status Reports, expenditures and revenues, from FY 23-24 and FY 24-25.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Board go into executive session at 9:12 a.m. with Sherlock, Penry, and Monahan present to discuss Complaints 25-1 and 25-2 and to prevent needless injury to a person's reputation, as such person has not requested a public meeting.

Voting Aye: Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner, Pro.

Motion carried.

The Chair stated that discussion in the executive session would be limited to Complaints 25-1 and 25-2.

Jeremy M. Bender, PLS 691, was present from 9:13 a.m. to 10:36 a.m. to discuss Complaint 25-2.

Tremel moved and Pro seconded that the Board return to regular session at 10:54 a.m.

Voting Aye: Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner, Pro, Tremel.

Motion carried.

The Chair stated that no subject matter other than Complaints 25-1 and 25-2 was discussed in the executive session.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that the Secretary send a letter to Charles G. Lovell, PLS 635, that the Board accepted Option 2 of the Settlement Agreement and voluntarily cancellation of PLS 635, effective July 1, 2025, and to close Complaint 25-1.

Voting Aye: Bolte, Feusner, Pro, Tremel, Whitfield.

Motion carried.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Board further investigate Complaint 25-2, and for the Secretary to send a certified letter inviting Ronald D Hill, PLS 373, to the September 11, 2025, Board meeting to discuss surveys noted in the "Evidence and Support Documents" of Complaint 25-2. The Board will review issues of the Minimum Standards for Surveys, and failure to appear may result in the commencement of a formal hearing process.

Voting Aye: Feusner, Pro, Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte.

Motion carried.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that the Board go into executive session at 11:16 a.m. with Sherlock, Penry, and Monahan present to discuss land surveying practices, minimum standards, and land surveyor performance reviews, and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person, and as such person has not requested a public meeting.

Voting Aye: Pro, Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner.

Motion carried.

The Chair stated that discussion in the executive session would be limited to land surveying practices, minimum standards, and land surveyor performance reviews.

Pro moved and Tremel seconded that the Board return to regular session at 11:54 a.m.

Voting Aye: Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner, Pro.

Motion carried.

The Board took a working lunch from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Secretary send Nicholas Siedschlag, PLS 775, a certified letter inviting him to appear at the September 11, 2025, Board meeting to discuss his minimum standards and survey practice. Failure to appear at the meeting may result in the commencement of a formal hearing process. The Board will consider filing a Complaint against PLS 775. The Board, at their May 22, 2025, meeting, requested Mr. Siedschlag to appear at their July 16 meeting, and he failed to appear.

Voting Aye: Bolte, Feusner, Pro, Tremel.

Voting Nay: Whitfield.

Motion carried.

Pro moved and Tremel seconded that the Secretary send a letter to Richard L. Skarin, Jr., PLS 856, notifying him of errors to be corrected and for him to appear at the September 11, 2025, Board meeting to discuss his land surveying practices as they pertain to basic survey procedures and methods and the Minimum Standards for Surveys in Nebraska.

Voting Aye: Bolte, Feusner, Pro, Tremel, Whitfield.

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the recent NBELS Certificate of Authorizations (COA). The COA authorized companies are listed on the NBELS website under Rosters.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Board ratify the NBELS Certificates of Authorizations since the May 22 Board meeting.

Voting Aye: Feusner, Pro, Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte.

Motion carried.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that the Board go into executive session at 12:44 p.m. with Sherlock, Penry, and Monahan present to discuss license reinstatement applications, and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person/s, and as such person/s had not requested a public meeting.

Voting Aye: Pro, Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner.

Motion carried.

The Chair stated that discussion in the executive session would be limited to license reinstatement applications.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that the Board return to regular session at 1:03 p.m.

Voting Aye: Tremel, Bolte, Feusner, Pro.

Absent: Whitfield.

Motion carried.

The Chair stated that no subject matter other than license reinstatement applications were discussed in the executive session.

Pro moved and Tremel seconded that inasmuch as Jerry D. Froese, PLS 551, reciprocity from Kansas, has completed the requirements for reinstatement with his Professional Development Hours (PDHs) he be approved for licensure upon the receipt of the \$220.00 reinstatement fee due by August 1, 2025. Reinstatement is effective upon receipt of payment.

Voting Aye:

Voting Nay: Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner, Pro, Tremel.

Motion failed.

Pro moved and Tremel seconded that inasmuch as James M. Powers, PLS 671, reciprocity from Oklahoma, has completed the requirements for reinstatement with his Professional Development Hours (PDHs) he be approved for licensure upon the receipt of the \$220.00 reinstatement fee due by August 1, 2025. Reinstatement is effective upon receipt of payment.

Voting Aye:

Voting Nay: Bolte, Feusner, Pro, Tremel, Whitfield.

Motion failed..

Pro moved and Tremel seconded that the Board go into executive session at 1:09 p.m. with Sherlock, Penry, and Monahan present to discuss Class 1 Land Surveyor Application, Class 1 Land Surveyor Registration, Class 2 Reciprocity Land Surveyor Application, Class 2 Reciprocity Land Surveyor Registration, and Class 3 Surveyor-in-Training Application and Certification, and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and as such person/s has not requested a public meeting.

Voting Aye: Feusner, Pro, Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte.

Motion carried.

The Chair stated that discussion in the executive session would be limited to Class 1 Land Surveyor Application, Class 1 Land Surveyor Registration, Class 2 Reciprocity Land Surveyor Application, Class 2 Reciprocity Land Surveyor Registration, and Class 3 Surveyor-in-Training Application and Certification.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that the Board return to regular session at 1:58 p.m.

Voting Aye: Pro, Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner.

Absent: Tremel.

Motion carried.

The Chair stated that no subject matter other than Class 1 Land Surveyor Application, Class 1 Land Surveyor Registration, Class 2 Reciprocity Land Surveyor Application, Class 2 Reciprocity Land Surveyor Registration, and Class 3 Surveyor-in-Training Application and Certification were discussed in the executive session.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Class 1 Application of Drew Scott Peterson for a Nebraska Professional Land Surveyor registration be approved, and he be permitted to take the Principles and Practice of Surveying (PS) and Nebraska State-Specific Land Surveyor examinations.

Voting Aye: Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner, Pro.

Motion carried.

Pro moved and Tremel seconded that inasmuch as Andrew James Pokorny passed the Principles and Practice of Surveying (PS) examination on February 25, 2025, passed the Nebraska State-Specific Land Surveyor examination on July 9, 2025, and has completed the requirements for Class 1 registration in Nebraska, and upon receipt of the \$100.00 license fee, he be granted registration dated July 16, 2025, under Certificate No. 872.

Voting Aye: Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner, Pro, Tremel.

Motion carried.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Class 2 application of Jonathan Aubrey Meyer for Nebraska Professional Land Surveyor registration, by reciprocity from Missouri, be approved and that he be required to appear before the Secretary of the Board for an interview and the Nebraska State-Specific land surveyor examination.

Voting Aye: Bolte, Feusner, Pro, Tremel, Whitfield.

Motion carried.

Pro moved and Tremel seconded that the Class 2 application of John Henry Lilak for Nebraska Professional Land Surveyor registration, by reciprocity from Kansas, be approved and that he be required to appear before the Secretary of the Board for an interview and the Nebraska State-Specific land surveyor examination.

Voting Aye: Feusner, Pro, Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte.

Motion carried.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Class 2 application of Ryan Andrew Melancon for Nebraska Professional Land Surveyor License, by reciprocity from Kansas, be approved and that he be required to appear before the Secretary of the Board for an interview and the Nebraska State-Specific land surveyor examination.

Voting Aye: Pro, Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner.

Motion carried.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that the Class 2 application of Jacob E. Hann for Nebraska Professional Land Surveyor registration, by reciprocity from Missouri, be approved and that he be required to appear before the Secretary of the Board for an interview and the Nebraska State-Specific land surveyor examination.

Voting Aye: Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner, Pro.

Motion carried.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Class 2 application of Christine Marie Hopp for Nebraska Professional Land Surveyor registration, by reciprocity from Wisconsin, be approved and that she be required to appear before the Secretary of the Board for an interview and the Nebraska State-Specific land surveyor examination.

Voting Aye: Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner, Pro, Tremel.

Motion carried.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that the Class 2 application of Jason Alvin Juilleret for Nebraska Professional Land Surveyor registration, by reciprocity from Michigan, be approved and that he be required to appear before the Secretary of the Board for an interview and the Nebraska State-Specific land surveyor examination.

Voting Aye: Bolte, Feusner, Pro, Tremel, Whitfield.

Motion carried.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Class 2 application of Brian Fischer for Nebraska Professional Land Surveyor registration, by reciprocity from Missouri, be approved and that he be required to appear before the Secretary of the Board for an interview and the Nebraska State-Specific land surveyor examination.

Voting Aye: Feusner, Pro, Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte.

Motion carried.

Pro moved and Tremel seconded that since Randy G. Zerr, passed the Nebraska reciprocity examination on May 30, 2025, and has completed the requirements for Class 2 land surveyor registration in Nebraska, by reciprocity from Kansas, and that upon a \$100.00 registration fee, he be granted registration dated July 16, 2025, under Certificate No. 873.

Voting Aye: Pro, Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner.

Motion carried.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that since Joseph William Hutchison, Jr., passed the Nebraska reciprocity examination on June 18, 2025, and has completed the requirements for Class 2 land surveyor registration in Nebraska, by reciprocity from Kansas, and that upon a \$100.00 registration fee, he be granted registration dated July 16, 2025, under Certificate No. 874.

Voting Aye: Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte, Tremel, Pro.

Motion carried.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that the Class 3 application of Collin James Schroeder for registration by Surveyor-in-Training (SIT) be approved and that since he has demonstrated a knowledge of surveying fundamentals by passing the NCEES Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) examination on April 8, 2025, and upon receipt of the SIT registration for \$20.00, he be granted SIT registration dated July 16, 2025, under Certificate No. 313.

Voting Aye: Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner, Pro, Tremel.

Motion carried.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Class 3 application of Teresa M. Bond for registration by Surveyor-in-Training (SIT) be approved and that since she has demonstrated a knowledge of surveying fundamentals by passing the NCEES Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) examination on May 13, 2025, and upon receipt of the SIT registration for \$20.00, she be granted SIT registration dated July 16, 2025, under Certificate No. 314.

Voting Aye: Bolte, Feusner, Pro, Whitfield.

Abstain: Tremel

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the NBELS office staff and rental space agreement for FYs 25-26 and 26-27.

Pro moved and Tremel seconded to approve the agreement for the NBELS Office Staff and Rental Space in the State Surveyor's Office in the Board of Educational Lands and Funds Office Building for FY 25-26 and FY 26-27.

Voting Aye: Feusner, Pro, Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte.

Motion carried.

The upcoming National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA, was reviewed. Items included motions and conference items. Sherlock is now unable to attend.

Secretary Sherlock reported that the 68th NBELS Annual Report is being drafted. The NBELS databases and website are being updated. NIC, now Tyler Tech, designed the renewal database. Sherlock is searching for ways to incorporate more data into the database.

More survey books and field notes have been scanned into the Surveyor Repository Records. Nebraska County Survey Records can be found under "LINKS" in the upper right-hand corner on the State Surveyor's Office website: <https://sso.nebraska.gov>

The Board discussed scheduling the Nebraska State Specific land surveyor exam the day before a Board meeting and then interviewing candidates the following morning during the Board meeting.

The next Board meeting will be held on September 11, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at 555 N. Cotner Blvd., in the Lower Level Conference Room, Lincoln, NE.

Tremel moved and Bolte seconded that the Board meeting be adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Casey C. Sherlock, Ex Officio Secretary
NE Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors

The mission of the State Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors is to enforce and administer the laws relating to the regulation of land surveying through licensing in Nebraska and to ensure the quality of land surveying in Nebraska for the protection of the public.