

NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LAND SURVEYORS

September 11, 2025

The Nebraska Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors (Board) convened at 9:02 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:

Darryl Coster, SMA, Las Cruces, NM
James Coutts, ECI, Roy, UT
Jason Headley, E & A Consulting, Omaha, NE
Erik Johnston, Kansas City, MO
Ben Kinnison, Asst. Attorney General, Omaha, NE, arrived at 9:39 a.m.
Trevor Martinosky, Omaha, NE
Ryan Melancon, Lafayette, LA
Kirby Olson, Stacy, MN
Nicholas Siedschlag, GLS, Omaha, NE
Richard Skarin, Jr. 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 August 31, 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.

The Chair called for a moment of silence in remembrance of the 24th anniversary of September 11.

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

Bolte moved and Pro seconded to approve the July 16, 2025, NBELS Board meeting minutes as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Pro moved, and Tremel seconded that the NBELS July and August expense vouchers be approved:

Bolte, Virlyn, July 16 Board Meeting mileage	96.60
DAS IM Services, June web hosting	28.00
DAS Materiel, June postage	52.25
Feusner, Jeremy, July 16 Board Meeting mileage.....	224.00
General Fund Reimbursement, 4 th Qtr., FY24-25 services	1,928.19
General Fund Reimbursement, 1 st Qtr., FY 25-26 rent	582.25

J P Cooke Co., PLS seals & freight	54.00
Lincoln Journal Star, July 16 Meeting notice	10.18
Office Depot, May supplies	22.54
Sherlock, Casey, Saline Co. Clerk mtg mileage & OneDrive 1 mo. Sub.	67.99
Tremel, Thomas, July 16 Board Meeting mileage.....	113.40
Whitfield, Denny, July 16 Board Meeting mileage	<u>70.00</u>

July Total \$3,249.40

Accounting & Auditing Services, Purchasing Assessment, FY 25-26...	128.00
DAS Materiel, July postage with June credit of \$29.15	13.09
J P Cooke Co., PLS seal & freight	23.00
Office Depos, June supplies	206.66
Sherlock, Casey, Microsoft OneDrive sub. 1 mo. for Board use	<u>4.99</u>

August Total \$375.74

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

Motion carried.

Pro moved and Tremel seconded that the Board go into executive session at 9:08 a.m. with Sherlock, Penry, and Monahan present to conduct land surveyor and reciprocity exam applicant interviews and to prevent needless injury to a person's reputation, as such person/s has not requested a public meeting.

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

Motion carried.

The Chair stated that the discussion in the executive session would be limited to interviews with land surveyors and reciprocity exam applicants.

Individual interviews for four candidates were conducted from 9:09 to 10:35 a.m.

Pro moved and Tremel seconded that the Board return to regular session at 10:40 a.m.

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

Motion carried.

The Chair stated that no subject matter other than land surveyor and reciprocity exam applicant interviews was discussed in the executive session.

Pro moved and Tremel seconded that the Board go into executive session at 10:42 a.m. with Sherlock, Penry, Kinnison, and Monahan present to discuss Complaints 25-2 and 25-3 and to prevent needless injury to a person's reputation, as such person/s has not requested a public meeting.

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

Motion carried.

The Chair stated that discussion in the executive session would be limited to Complaints 25-2 and 25-3.

Pro moved and Tremel seconded that the Board return to regular session at 11:38 a.m.

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

Motion carried.

The Chair stated that no subject matter other than Complaints 25-2 and 25-3 was discussed in the executive session.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Secretary send a letter to Ronald D. Hill, PLS 373, stating that the Board requires him to attend the next Board Meeting to discuss the surveys noted in the Evidence and Supporting Documents of Complaint 25-2. Failure to attend the meeting will result in the commencement of a formal hearing process.

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

Motion carried.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that the Secretary send a letter to Ms. Fenstermacher, who filed Complaint 25-3 against Jayme M. Malone, PLS 440, that the complaint was received and that the Board found no probable cause of a violation of the Land Surveyors Regulation Act or Title 234 of the Nebraska Administrative Code (NAC), NBELS Rules and Regulations, and the Board having found no probable cause of a violation dismisses Complaint 25-3. A copy of the letter is to be sent to PLS 440.

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

Motion carried.

Bolte distributed guidelines for a "Review of Complaint Process" for discussion at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Kinnison was dismissed at 11:44 a.m.

Bolte moved and Tremel seconded that the Board go into executive session at 11:45 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: Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner, Pro, Tremel.

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.

A land surveyor was in attendance from 11:45 a.m. to 12:03 p.m.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that the Board return to regular session at 12:05 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

The Chair stated that no subject matter other than land surveying practices, minimum standards, and land surveyor performance reviews was discussed in the executive session.

The Board meeting agenda was adjusted to accommodate guests.

Pro moved and Tremel seconded that the Board go into executive session at 12:10 p.m. with Sherlock, Penry, and Monahan present to discuss a Class 1 Land Surveyor Application and Reinstatement Application, 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 the Class 1 Land Surveyor Application and Reinstatement Application.

Applicants were in attendance from 12:10 to 12:34 p.m., and 12:34 to 12:43 p.m.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that the Board return to regular session at 12:47 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

The Chair stated that no subject matter other than a Class 1 Land Surveyor Application and a Reinstatement Application was discussed in the executive session.

The Board took a working lunch from 12:50 to 1:15 p.m.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Board go into executive session at 1:16 p.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/s 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 land surveying practices, minimum standards, and land surveyor performance reviews.

A land surveyor was present from 1:16 to 2:15 p.m.

Pro moved and Tremel seconded that the Board return to regular session at 3:05 p.m.

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

Motion carried

The Chair stated that no subject matter other than land surveying practices, minimum standards, and land surveyor performance reviews was discussed in the executive session.

Bolte moved, and Pro seconded that the Secretary send Nicholas Siedschlag, PLS 775, a letter directing him to provide all field work information that resulted from his work, and to draft a plat depicting all work completed by him as the Saline County Surveyor for the Milligan Wind Farm Project in Saline County, NE. with the plat to be received by the Board no later than November 1, 2025.

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

Motion carried.

Tremel moved and Pro seconded that the Secretary send a letter to Richard L. Skarin, Jr., PLS 856, that he file a corrected survey as soon as possible for the Board's review, and unless otherwise contacted by the Board, the Board will consider the matter closed.

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

Motion carried.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that the Secretary send a letter to Jason R. Latzke, PLS 707, that he insert a statement of purpose of the revised survey, that it is to correct a previously filed survey, and reference the SRR filing number and date filed.

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

Motion carried.

Bolte moved and Tremel seconded that the Secretary send a letter to Brent D. Cyboron, PLS 727, requesting his attendance at their next meeting to discuss his land surveying practices, methodology, procedures, and the Minimum Standards for Surveys in Nebraska as they pertain to "Hatch Subdivision".

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

Motion carried.

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

Pro moved, and Bolte seconded that the Board ratify the NBELS Certificates of Authorizations received since the July 16, 2025, Board meeting.

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

Motion carried.

Tremel moved and Pro seconded that the Board go into executive session at 3:28 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, Class 3 Surveyor-in-Training Application and Certification, and Reinstatement, and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and as such person/s has not requested a public meeting.

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

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, Class 3 Surveyor-in-Training Application and Certification, and Reinstatement,

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that the Board return to regular session at 4:09 p.m.

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

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, Class 3 Surveyor-in-Training Application and Certification, and Reinstatement was discussed in the executive session.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that the Class 1 Application of Robert Dillon Reese 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:

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

Motion failed.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Class 1 Application of Michael D. Holle 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.

Voting Nay: Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner, Pro.

Motion failed.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that the Class 1 Application of Teresa M. Bond 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: Pro.

Voting Nay: Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner.

Abstain: Tremel

Motion failed.

Whitfield moved and Pro seconded that the Class 1 Application of Teresa M. Bond for a Nebraska Professional Land Surveyor registration be tabled for one year to obtain more boundary experience to be considered for approval for examination as a professional land surveyor.

Voting Aye: Bolte, Feusner, Pro, Whitfield.

Abstain: Tremel.

Motion carried.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Class 1 Application of Trevor Scott Martinosky 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:

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

Motion failed.

The Board suggests that those applicants failing approval for professional land surveyor registration obtain more boundary experience to be considered for approval for examination as a professional land surveyor.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that since Kirby Duane Andrew Olson passed the Principles and Practice of Surveying (PS) examination on July 3, 2025, and took the Nebraska State- Specific Land Surveyor examination on September 10, 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 September 11, 2025, under Certificate No. 875.

Voting Aye:

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

Motion failed.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that since Erik R. Johnston passed the Principles and Practice of Surveying (PS) examination on July 17, 2025, and took the Nebraska State- Specific Land Surveyor examination on September 10, 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 September 11, 2025, under Certificate No. 875.

Voting Aye:

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

Motion failed.

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

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

Motion carried.

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

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

Motion carried.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that, since Jason Alvin Juilleret, passed the Nebraska reciprocity examination on August 27, 2025, and has completed the requirements for Class 2 land surveyor registration in Nebraska, by reciprocity from Michigan, and that upon a \$100.00 registration fee, he be granted registration dated September 11, 2025, under Certificate No. 875.

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

Motion carried.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that since Darryl D. Coster, took the Nebraska reciprocity examination on September 10, 2025, and has completed the requirements for Class 2 land surveyor registration in Nebraska, by reciprocity from New Mexico, and that upon a \$100.00 registration fee, he be granted registration dated September 11, 2025, under Certificate No. 876.

Voting Aye:

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

Motion failed.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that since Ryan Andrew Melancon, passed the Nebraska reciprocity examination on September 10, 2025, and has completed the requirements for Class 2 land surveyor registration in Nebraska, by reciprocity from Louisiana, and that upon a \$100.00 registration fee, he be granted registration dated September 11, 2025, under Certificate No. 876.

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

Motion carried.

The Board's decision to approve or not approve applicants is based upon the results of the take-home questionnaire, examination, interview, and application as a whole. The Board reviews for an adequate demonstration of the level of knowledge of the Public Land Survey System (PLSS) and Nebraska surveying statutes necessary to approve applicants.

The Board is scheduling the Nebraska State Specific land surveyor exam for the day before a Board meeting and interviewing candidates the following day at the Board meeting.

Before formally filing surveys in the Nebraska State Survey Records Repository, newly licensed professional land surveyors are asked to email their first five Nebraska surveys, in PDF form, to the Nebraska State Surveyor. This is a courtesy service to help licensed land surveyors get started in the right direction with the potential unique situations that may arise when surveying in the State of Nebraska.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Class 3 application of August Wagner 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 July 8, 2025, and upon receipt of the SIT registration for \$20.00, he be granted SIT registration dated September 11, 2025, under Certificate No. 315.

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

Motion carried.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that the Class 3 application of Daniel J. Vander Molen 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 July 26, 2025, and upon receipt of the SIT registration for \$20.00, he be granted SIT registration dated September 11, 2025, under Certificate No. 316.

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

Motion carried.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that inasmuch as Chase Brinker, PLS 845, reciprocity from Colorado, has completed the requirements for reinstatement with his Professional Development Hours

(PDH), he be approved for licensure upon receipt of the reinstatement fee in the amount of \$220.00 due by September 25, 2025. Reinstatement is effective on receipt of payment.

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

Motion carried.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that since James J. Coutts, PLS 736, reciprocity from Utah, has completed the requirements for reinstatement with his Professional Development Hours (PDH), he should be approved for licensure upon receipt of the \$220.00 reinstatement fee due by September 25, 2025. Reinstatement is effective on receipt of payment.

Voting Aye: Pro, Tremel, Feusner.

Voting Nay: Whitfield, Bolte.

Motion carried.

The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA, was reviewed by Feusner and Tremel.

If the NCEES PLSS exam is adopted, then the Board will need to update its Rules and Regulations, Title 234 – NAC.

Secretary Sherlock reported that the 68th NBELS Annual Report has been mailed and is available on the NBELS website.

The next Board meeting will be held on October 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at 555 N. Cotner Blvd., in the Lower Level Conference Room, Lincoln, NE.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Board meeting be adjourned at 5:04 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.