

## NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LAND SURVEYORS

November 20, 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:

Eric Breuer, Norfolk  
Brent Jorgensen, Jorgensen Surveying, Tecumseh  
Michael C. Ray, DDSI, Tulsa, OK  
Jerry Penry, Deputy State Surveyor  
Gerri Monahan, Admin. Asst.

Public notice of this meeting was given by publication in the *Lincoln Journal Star* on November 7, 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.

Bolte moved and Tremel seconded to approve the October 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 October expense vouchers be approved:

Bolte, Virlyn, October 16 Board Meeting mileage .....	96.60
DAS IMServices, July-Aug SSO network svrs adjustment .....	116.00+
DAS Materiel, September postage (Annual Reports \$913.20).....	1,067.49
DAS Materiel, Printing, Annual Report .....	1,001.72
Feusner, Jeremy, October 16 Board Meeting mileage & meals .....	173.26
General Fund Reimbursement, Office Staff Svrs., 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr, FY 25-26 ....	2,128.59
Lincoln Journal Star, October Meeting notice .....	10.18
Rent, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr., FY 25-26 .....	582.25
Tremel, Thomas, October 16 Board Meeting mileage .....	113.40
Whitfield, Denny, October 16 Board Meeting mileage .....	<u>70.00</u>
October Total .....	\$5,127.49

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

Motion carried.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Board go into executive session at 9:05 a.m. with Sherlock, Penry, and Monahan present to conduct a reciprocity exam applicant interview 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 an interview with a reciprocity exam applicant.

Pro moved and Tremel seconded that the Board return to regular session at 9:25 a.m.

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

Motion carried.

The Chair stated that no subject matter other than a reciprocity exam applicant interview was discussed in the executive session.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Board go into executive session at 9:28 a.m. with Sherlock, Penry, and Monahan present to discuss Complaint 25-2 and to prevent needless injury to a person's reputation, as such person 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 Complaint 25-2.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that the Board return to regular session at 10:34 a.m.

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

Motion carried.

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

Pro moved and Tremel seconded that the Secretary draft a letter and coordinate with the Assistant Attorney General for a settlement agreement, as discussed in closed session, be sent to Ronald Hill, PLS 373.

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

Motion carried.

The Board took a break from 10:38 to 10:44 a.m.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Board go into executive session at 10:45 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: 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 Professional Land Surveyor was in attendance from 10:46 to 11:06 a.m.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Board return to regular session at 11:06 a.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.

Brent Jorgensen made a presentation to the Board, from 11:08 a.m. to 12:05 p.m., on the status and issues with the National Geodetic Survey (NGC) Conversions. Jorgensen highlighted that the NGS is in the midst of only the second change in calculation to state plane coordinates and geopotential datum in its history, driven by the second major change in calculation of latitude/longitude in history. All elevation determination is from NGS.

NGS also experienced a major reduction in force earlier in 2025. Nebraska is in with 9 other states in a regional advisor system. Most states have some level of geodetic coordinator. Will surveyors continue to work the same way they have, using an established monument, or will they have to establish a new monument?

Pro moved and Tremel seconded that the Board go into executive session at 12:08 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 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 land surveying practices, minimum standards, and land surveyor performance reviews.

The Board took a working lunch from 12:55 to 1:16 p.m.

Penry was dismissed at 1:30 p.m.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Board return to regular session at 2:27 p.m.

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

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 a letter to Eric M. Breuer, PLS 586, thanking him for attending the meeting, and to complete the revision for the Nance County survey for the Board's review no later than January 12, 2026.

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

Motion carried.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that the Secretary send a letter and settlement agreement, with two options as discussed in closed session, to Nicholas Siedschlag, PLS 775.

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

Motion carried.

Pro moved and Tremel seconded that the Secretary send a letter and settlement agreement, as discussed in closed session, to Jason R. Latzke, PLS 707.

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

Motion carried.

Tremel moved and Bolte seconded that the Secretary send a letter to Brent Jorgensen, PLS 621, inviting him to the January meeting to discuss the Minimum Standards for Land Surveys in Nebraska.

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

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the recent NBELS Certificate of Authorizations (COA) and renewals.

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

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

Motion carried.

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

Pro moved and Bolte seconded to approve the revised 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, with an increase in office staff percentage to 20 percent effective October 1, 2025.

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

Motion carried.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Board go into executive session at 2:57 p.m. with Sherlock and Monahan present to discuss Class 1 Land Survey application, Class 2 Reciprocity Land Surveyor registration, and land surveyor 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: Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner, Pro.

Motion carried.

The Chair stated that discussion in the executive session would be limited to Class 1 Land Survey application, Class 2 Reciprocity Land Surveyor registration, and land surveyor reinstatement.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Board return to regular session at 3:23 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

The Chair stated that no subject matter other than Class 1 Land Survey application, Class 2 Reciprocity Land Surveyor registration, and land surveyor reinstatement was discussed in the executive session.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Class 1 application of August Wagner for a Nebraska Professional Land Surveyor License be approved, and he is permitted to take the Principles and Practice of Surveying (PS) and Nebraska State-Specific Land Surveyor examinations.

Voting Aye:

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

Motion failed.

Pro moved and Tremel seconded that the Class 1 application of Collin James Schroeder for a Nebraska Professional Land Surveyor License be approved, and he is permitted to take the Principles and Practice of Surveying (PS) and Nebraska State-Specific Land Surveyor examinations.

Voting Aye: Pro, Tremel.

Voting Nay: Feusner, Whitfield, Bolte.

Motion failed.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Class 1 application of Dustin Craig Shropshire for a Nebraska Professional Land Surveyor License be approved, and he is permitted to take the Principles and Practice of Surveying (PS) and Nebraska State-Specific Land Surveyor examinations.

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

Motion carried.

Pro moved and Tremel seconded that since Michael Christopher Ray passed the Nebraska reciprocity examination on November 19, 2025, and has completed the requirements for Class 2 land surveyor registration in Nebraska, by reciprocity from Oklahoma, and that upon a \$100.00 registration fee, he be granted registration dated November 20, 2025, under Certificate No. 877.

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

Motion carried.

Bolte moved and Tremel seconded that inasmuch as Aaron J. Handl, PLS 803, 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 December 31, 2025. Reinstatement is effective on receipt of payment.

Voting Aye:

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

Motion failed.

Tremel moved and Pro seconded that the Class 1 Application of Collin James Schroeder for a Nebraska Professional Land Surveyor registration be tabled for one year to obtain more land surveying experience to be considered for approval for examination as a professional land surveyor. New experience logs and references are to be submitted by November 1, 2026.

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

Motion carried.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that the Secretary send a letter to Jerry D. Froese, PLS 551, stating that he can reapply for licensure as a reciprocity applicant.

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

Motion carried.

The Board discussed three recent news releases from the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES).

The current Principles and Practice of Surveying (PS) exam will be discontinued after May 31, 2027. A new version will launch in July 2027, with a 6-hour exam and a fee of \$475. This new PS exam will not include PLSS content. A separate Public Land Survey System (PLSS) exam will be introduced in October 2027 and offered twice a year (April and October). The exam will have a 4.5-hour duration and a fee of \$325.

This change will require a Rules and Regulations change to Chapter 4 – Examinations on page 39 of the 68<sup>th</sup> NBELS Annual Report.

NCEES is offering a new Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) interactive practice exam. The exam is available for purchase through the NCEES website.

An Ethics 101 Course will be offered for professional land surveyors and engineers. The course will provide ethics training designed to meet professional development requirements. For more information and to access the Ethics 101 Course, one can create or log into their MyNCEES account at [ncees.org](https://ncees.org).

The NCEES news releases can be accessed at <https://ncees.org/about/news/>

The Board set 2026 Meeting Dates: <https://nbels.nebraska.gov/dates.html>  
January 15, March 26, May 21, July 23, September 17, and November 19.

Mr. Sherlock communicated to the Board that he is learning that surveys are being done by licensed surveyors and not being filed in the State Records Repository.

Whitfield asked the Board if they should offer an Emeritus Status to retired licensed land surveyors with a possible fee. No action was taken at this time.

The next Board meeting will be held on January 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at 555 N. Cotner Blvd., in the Lower Level Conference Room, Lincoln, NE.

Pro moved and Tremel seconded that the Board meeting be adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

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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.