

NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LAND SURVEYORS

January 15, 2026

The Nebraska Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors (Board) convened at 9:03 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 (Secretary)

Others present:
Brent Jorgensen, Jorgensen Surveying, Tecumseh
Jerry Penry, Deputy State Surveyor
Gerri Monahan, Admin. Asst.

Public notice of this meeting was given by publication in the *Lincoln Journal Star* on January 6, 2026.

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 by roll call.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded to approve the November 20, 2025, NBELS Board meeting minutes as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Tremel moved and Pro seconded that the NBELS November and December expense vouchers be approved:

Bolte, Virlyn, November Board Meeting mileage	96.60
DAS IMServices, October exchange services	58.00
DAS Materiel, October postage	23.11
Feusner, Jeremy, November Board Meeting mileage	224.00
Lincoln Journal Star, November Meeting notice	10.18
Office Depot, October supplies	20.34
Sherlock, Casey, 3-month NBELS Online Software Subscription	14.97
Tremel, Thomas, November Board Meeting mileage	113.40
Whitfield, Denny, November Board Meeting mileage	<u>70.00</u>
November Total	\$630.60
Comfort Suites, Lincoln, J Feusner, September Board Mtg Lodging	92.00
DAS IMServices, November exchange services	58.00
DAS Materiel, November postage	2.28
J.P. Cooke Co. PLS seal stamp and freight	23.00
December Total	\$175.28

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

Motion carried.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Board go into executive session at 9:07 a.m. with Sherlock, Penry, and Monahan present to discuss Complaint 24-3 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 Complaint 24-3.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that the Board return to regular session at 10:19 a.m.

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

Motion carried.

The Chair stated that no subject matter other than Complaint 24-3 was discussed in the executive session.

The agenda was adjusted to accommodate a guest.

Professional Land Surveyor 621 was in attendance from 10:28 a.m. to 12:09 p.m. in open session to discuss his land surveying practices, methodology, procedures, and the Minimum Standards for Surveys in Nebraska as they pertained to his surveys received in the State Records Repository.

Items discussed with the PLS to bring surveys to meet minimum standards included noting and showing monument corners and those set, setting all corners of the property, showing more ties, indicating measured distances to witness corners, a notation of the creek in the description, identifying calls to fence, noting size and description of found pins and rebar, more documentation in survey notes by referencing past surveys reviewed, and not just what is being retraced.

One purpose of all surveys is to note the background history by other land surveyors and additional work by the current PLS for future surveyors' reference.

The current Minimum Standards for Land Surveys in Nebraska, updated September 2022, can be found in the Board's annual report, Chapter 12, and also at <https://nbels.nebraska.gov/minstan.html> Each professional licensed land surveyor is responsible for ensuring that all of their surveys meet the current Minimum Standards for Surveys in Nebraska.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that the Board go into executive session at 12:34 p.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 12:52 p.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.

The Board took a working lunch.

Bolte moved, and Pro seconded that the Secretary send a revised letter to accept PLS 373's Settlement Agreement with an extended payment option, with full payment to be made on or before May 15, 2026. Checks are to be sent to the Board office. PLS will have 7 days to sign and return the revised settlement agreement.

Voting Aye: Pro, Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner.

Voting Nay: Tremel.

Motion carried.

Bolte moved, and Pro seconded that the Secretary send PLS 306 a letter to attend the March 26 Board meeting to discuss surveys filed during the 12-month probation period and review his methods of land surveying practices.

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

Motion carried.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Board go into executive session at 1:46 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: 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.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Board return to regular session at 2:58 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.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Secretary send a letter to PLS 621 thanking him for meeting with the Board. The Board will review his continued survey performance at their next meeting to determine if survey plats and procedures are in compliance with the Minimum Standards for Surveys in Nebraska.

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

Motion carried.

Bolte moved, and Tremel seconded that the Secretary send PLS 586 a letter requesting his attendance at the Board's March 26 meeting to discuss noncompliance with the Board's request to make survey revisions as discussed at the November 20, 2025, meeting.

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

Motion carried.

Pro moved, and Bolte seconded that the Chair sign the Settlement Agreement with PLS 775 and the Secretary return the Settlement Agreement, noting the investigation remains open until payments are made in full and received in the Board's office.

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

Motion carried.

Pro moved, and Tremel seconded that the Board accept the revised Settlement Agreement with PLS 707 as discussed in closed session. The Chair will sign, and the Secretary return the Settlement Agreement with PLS 707, noting the investigation remains open until payments are made in full and received in the Board's office.

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

Motion carried.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Secretary send PLS 810 a letter requesting his attendance at the March 26 Board meeting to discuss his land surveying practices, methodology, procedures, the Minimum Standards for Land Surveys in Nebraska, the Land Surveyors Regulation Act, and the Rules and Regulations as they pertain to the surveys signed and not filed in the Nebraska State Records Repository.

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

Motion carried.

Penry was excused at 3:15 p.m.

The Board discussed the new and renewed Certificates of Authorization and the lack of renewals.

Pro moved and Bolte seconded that the Board ratify the new and renewed Certificates of Authorizations received since the November 20 Board meeting.

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

Motion carried.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Board go into executive session at 3:30 p.m. with Sherlock and Monahan present to discuss a Class 2 Reciprocity Land Surveyor application, and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person, and as such a such person/s 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 a Class 2 Reciprocity Land Survey application.

Bolte moved and Pro seconded that the Board return to regular session at 3:45 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

The Chair stated that no subject matter other than a Class 2 Reciprocity Land Surveyor application was discussed in the executive session.

Bolte moved and Tremel seconded that the Class 2 application of Karl L. Pearson for a Nebraska Professional Land Surveyor License by reciprocity from Arizona be approved, and that he be required to appear before the Secretary for the Nebraska State Specific Land Surveyor examination and appear before the Board for an interview.

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

Motion carried.

The Board discussed possible delegates for the upcoming 2026 National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Central/Northeast Zone Joint Interim Meeting to be held in Columbus, Ohio, in May.

Pro moved, and Bolte seconded that the Board authorize Bolte, Pro, Tremel, and Member Board Administrator Sherlock as delegates for the NCEES Central/Northeast Zone Joint Interim Meeting to be held in Columbus, Ohio, May 14-16.

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

Motion carried.

Due to the addition of the NCEES Public Land Survey System (PLSS) exam, the Board's Rules and Regulations (R&R) will need to be updated. The wording of the registered land surveyor will be changed to licensed, along with additional cleanup. Board members and the Board Secretary will review the R&R for changes.

Emeritus States, for retired Nebraska land surveyors, was discussed, and no action was taken.

The Board and Secretary will continue to monitor surveys not in compliance with the requirements for the Minimum Standards for Surveys in Nebraska.

Whitfield highlighted an upcoming enforcement webinar on March 9 given by the Nebraska Engineers and Architects Board.

PLS licensed biennial renewals process, audits, and review of Chapter 7 in the Board's Rules and Regulations will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next Board meeting will be held on March 26, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at 555 N. Cotner Blvd., in the Lower Level Conference Room, Lincoln, NE.

Tremel moved and Pro seconded that the Board meeting be adjourned at 4:13 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.