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## Minutes of the March 24, 2016 Open Meeting

Board members arrive early and begin processing applications. The following attendance was recorded:

#### **Board Members Present**

Joel Goodmonson, PE, Chairman
Paul Tyrell, PE, Vice Chairman (left at 9:00am)
Maurice Pilette, PE
Edward Englander, Esq. Public Member
Dennis Drumm, PLS
Peter Hale, PLS, Secretary
Scott Cameron, PLS
Paul Tsang, PE
Ronald Willey, PE
Daniel Caron, PE

#### **Board Members Absent**

### Members of the Public Present

Tony Puntin

# Division Staff Members present at various times during the meeting:

Sheila York, Board Counsel Clinton Dick, Executive Director Aidan McGrath, Board Administrator Annemarie Gallop-Belle, Prosecutor

- 1. Paul Tyrell arrived early to review applications, and left the meeting at 9:17am.
- 2. Chairman Joel Goodmonson opened the meeting at 9:30am and notified attendees of the evacuation procedures. The Chair introduced new Board member Paul Tsang, PE, mechanical engineer.
- 3. The Board reviewed the minutes of the February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Board meeting. Edward Englander moved, seconded by Scott Cameron, to accept the meeting minutes. Motion passed.
- 4. Sheila York informed the Board that the updated regulations per Executive Order 562 were now entering the beginning of the formal promulgation process, and that the next steps going forward would be to notify the towns and to schedule a public hearing. She stated that she would have more information available about these steps by the Board's May meeting.
- 5. Clinton Dick provided the Board with an update regarding the eLicensing system. He gave a brief overview of how the system affects the application process internally, and described in more detail how the new system would affect the June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 license renewals. The Board discussed how the eLicensing system may be affected by the 30-day license renewal grace period per G.L. c. 112, s. 81N. Clinton Dick replied that he would provide more information at the next meeting.
- 6. At 9:45am, Edward Englander moved, seconded by S. Cameron, to suspend the public meeting and enter into Closed Investigative Session under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to discuss a case in prosecutions. Motion passed.

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- 7. Report of actions taken during closed investigative conference:
  - ➤ EN-14-005:

Discussed with prosecutor.

- 8. Application Questions: The Chair asked if there were any application questions that needed to be discussed at this time.
  - ➤ Dan Caron raised a question about the acceptability of Applicant 1003074's work experience as a teacher of engineering at the college level per 250 CMR 3.04(4)(b). After a brief discussion, it was decided that the teaching experience submitted by Applicant 1003074 was acceptable engineering work experience.
- 9. Dennis Drumm requested that a CPC meeting be scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 8:30am.
- 10. The Chair asked if there were any additional topics that could not have been reasonably anticipated prior to the meeting. Tony Puntin, a member of the public in attendance, requested clarification about the Board's renewal procedures which had been mentioned earlier in the meeting. Specifically, he wanted to know how the Board would react if a licensee stamped a document on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 when their license expired July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and was not renewed until August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. The Board responded that they would consider the best interest of the public; however, the licensee would be subject to late renewal fees and possible disciplinary action for practicing with a lapsed license. Clinton Dick and Sheila York recommended that the Board be given time to thoroughly review the applicable statutes and regulations before issuing an official policy statement relative to Tony Puntin's inquiry.
- 11. Peter Hale addressed the Board regarding the study guide that Dennis Drumm created following the February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Board meeting for the Massachusetts state-specific Professional Land Surveyor exam. He stated that the guide was recently distributed at a MALSCE convention and was well received by those present at the convention. Due to this positive reception, Joel Goodmonson requested that the study guide be posted to the Board's website as a resource for future examinees.
- 12. At 10:24am, the Chair noted that there were no further topics for the public Board meeting. Edward Englander moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ron Willey. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

Aidan McGrath

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Documents Used at the public session of the Board Meeting:

Minutes of the February 25th, 2016 Board meeting

Study Guide for the Massachusetts State-Specific PLS Examination