

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYORS LICENSING BOARD

Open Minutes

Illinois Land Surveyors Licensing Board

Date: September 24, 2020
Convened: 9:32 am
Adjourned: 10:39 am
Location: WebEx

Members Present: James W. Abbitt Jr., Chair
Michael Filipski, Vice-Chair
Gale E. Hake, Member
John G. Huff, Public Member
C. Brian Lounsbury, Member
Kim Lyons, Member
Carol Sweet-Johnson, Member

Member(s) Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kyle Lazell, Design Licensing Manager
Chau Nguyen, IDFPR General Counsel
Eduardo Fernandez, IDFPR Prosecuting Attorney
Roy Cepero, IDFPR Investigator

Guests Present: Ryan Roth, IPLSA

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 9:32 am.
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**A. Announcements,
Correspondence,
Guest comments**

Mr. Abbitt welcomed everyone and asked if there were any announcements or comments.

Mr. Lazell shared that the Department submitted an Emergency Rules packet to JCAR to allow SE & PLS licensees to take all CE/PDH hours required online and should be published in early October. The Emergency Rule is in place for 120 days; however, there is a standard Rules packet that was subsequently submitted to JCAR with the same language that will supersede the Emergency Rule timeframe.

He also shared that he has coordinated with Mr. Fernandez and Mr. Cepero to enact an online review process for the Complaint Review Committee/subcommittee to review complaints virtually using WEBEX.

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Mr. Lazell shared with the Board a practice question he received via email regarding laser scanning and the applicability to the IL PLS Act. Mr. Filipski and Mr. Abbitt commented on this topic and the additional use of laser scanning for topo work and recommended that a sub-committee be formed to research this topic and whether it should be addressed by the Act/Rules.

Mr. Filipski and Mr. Abbitt stated they would volunteer to serve on the sub-committee.

Mr. Roth shared that the IPLSA 2021 Annual Conference will be held virtually on February 2-5, 2021.

II. Review of Open Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the July 31, 2020 meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Filipski/Lounsbury) and passed to accept the minutes of the meeting as written.
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

III. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business discussed.

IV. Report from Subcommittees

A. Jurisdictional Exam Sub-Committee

Mr. Filipski shared with the Board part two of the committee's two-part report.

He provided an outline of the current exam content & areas as well as a proposed Model Exam content & areas noting that the proposal is to modify the number of exam areas to be reduced from 10 areas to 7 areas that are currently relevant to the PLS profession and includes current practice requirements and noted that he believes this model will produce better qualified land surveyors.

Mr. Lazell stated he believes the proposed Model Exam format appears to be well researched and devised and applauds the sub-committee's efforts.

Mr. Abbitt thanked the committee for their report and requested a motion be made to accept the sub-committee's proposed Model Exam outline and content updates contained there within.

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Motion was made, seconded (Filipski/Hake) and passed to accept the proposed Model Exam Content outline. Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

Mr. Lazell said he will submit the proposed Model Exam Content outline & reference materials list to Dr. Ron Rodgers to compile and start the process to submit the survey email to active licensees within Illinois and neighboring states.

B. Rules Sub-committee

Review of Section 1270.57 – Standards of Professional Conduct

Mr. Abbitt said that the sub-committee is still working on their report and requested that this be tabled until the next meeting.

V. New Business

**A. Report on NCEES
Annual meeting session
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Mr. Hake provided a report and said he attended the fourth session and commented that the summary report provided by Mr. Lazell was concise and provided the pertinent information. He noted that all proposed motions were approved and that Paul Tyrell was elected as the Treasurer for NCEES.

**Motion to go into Closed
Session:**

Motion was made, seconded (Lyons/Filipski) and passed to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2c (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 10:22 am.

VI. Closed Session:

Roll Call.
The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

A. Review of Closed Minutes
The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the July 31, 2020 meeting.

B. Application Review
No applications were reviewed.

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Motion to go into Open Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Hake/Lounsbury) and passed to go into Open Session at 10:33 am. Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

Motion to accept Recommendations:

Motion was made, seconded (Filipski/Huff) and passed to accept the recommendations made in closed session. Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

VII. Signatures

A. Action Sheets

VIII. Adjournment

Motion was made, seconded (Filipski/Huff) and passed to adjourn. Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.
Meeting adjourned at 10:39 am.