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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS MEETING

### UNAPPROVED MINUTES JANUARY 13, 2021

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Professional Surveyors met on January 13, 2021. The meeting was held via Zoom, pursuant to MCL 15.263 and MCL 15.263a.

#### CALL TO ORDER

James D. Hollandsworth, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:** **James D. Hollandsworth, Professional Surveyor, Chairperson**  
Attended remotely from the city of Riverview, Wayne County, Michigan.

**Jennifer R. Myers, Architect, Vice Chairperson**  
Attended remotely from the city of Troy, Oakland County, Michigan.

**Gilbert Barish, Professional Surveyor**  
Attended remotely from the city of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan.

**Jeffrey Bartlett, Professional Surveyor**  
Attended remotely from the city of Standish, Arenac County, Michigan.

**Nickolas Darin, Public Member**  
Attended remotely from the city of Allen Park, Wayne County, Michigan.

**Brett Dodge, Professional Surveyor** (arrived 9:05 a.m.)  
Attended remotely from the city of Dewitt, Clinton County, Michigan.

**Timothy A. Platz, Professional Surveyor**

Attended remotely from the city of Sand Lake, Kent County, Michigan.

**Steven Warren, Professional Engineer**

Attended remotely from the city of Midland, Midland County, Michigan.

**Members Absent:** Andrew Kurncz, Public Member

**Staff:** Weston MacIntosh, Senior Policy Analyst, Boards and Committees Section  
Kiran Parag, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section  
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Barish, seconded by Myers, to approve the agenda, with the addition of new item 7.A. Certificate of Authority Discussion

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Barish, Bartlett, Darin, Dodge, Platz, Warren, Myers,  
Hollandsworth  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Platz, seconded by Barish, to approve the minutes from September 9, 2020, as presented.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Barish, Bartlett, Darin, Dodge, Platz, Warren, Myers,  
Hollandsworth  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Certificate of Authority Discussion**

Barish stated that the initiative for the Certificate of Authority came about in 2010 and he would like the report to be presented to the board for review and evaluation. He stated that other states have incorporated this authority into their rules. MacIntosh stated that this would be an issue considered by the rules committee, and that he would be asking the Board to open the rules later in the meeting.

### **Resolution Presentation**

Hollandsworth presented resolutions to Barish, Bartlett, and Darin, honoring the time they served on the Michigan Board of Professional Surveyors.

### **Committee Assignments**

Hollandsworth made the following assignment to the Rules Committee: Hollandsworth, Myers, Platz.

### **Michigan Professional Surveying Examination Discussion**

MacIntosh stated that the examination statistics provided to the Board represent only a small number of potential applicants, as the profession is small. He stated that the statute does not require that a Michigan jurisprudence examination be taken to obtain licensure. He stated that the rules committee could consider this and weigh the benefits of requiring one.

Hollandsworth stated that he and Platz were recently part of a PSI workgroup to review the exam questions. He felt that the stats would be more representative of that work, if looked at a year from now.

### **Rules Discussion**

MOTION by Barish, seconded by Myers, to open the rules.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Barish, Bartlett, Darin, Dodge, Platz, Warren, Myers,  
Hollandsworth  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

### **Chair Report**

Hollandsworth stated that the NCEES Central Zone meeting will be held virtually on April 29, 2021.

## **Department Update**

Wysack reminded the Board Members to check their state email address regularly, as it is now the source of communication with the Department. She stated that the state email address will soon be used as the User ID for Egress, so it is important to get in the habit of checking the email on a regular basis. She asked that Board members add her work cell phone number to their phones, to make communication easier.

Parag stated that he was retiring and that today would be his last meeting. He thanked the Board for all their work over the years.

MacIntosh stated that the Bureau will hold the next new Board Member Training on February 18, 2021. All Board members are welcome to attend.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Barb Snyder asked if MSPS offered a review course. Michelle Batora, with the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors, stated that there was a video available for purchase through their website.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held May 12, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center Room 3, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Myers, seconded by Barish, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Barish, Bartlett, Darin, Dodge, Platz, Warren, Myers,  
Hollandsworth  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on: \_\_\_\_\_.

Prepared By:  
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January 13, 2021