

Land Surveyor Section of the
BOARD FOR ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND
SURVEYORS, CERTIFIED INTERIOR DESIGNERS AND LANDSCAPE
ARCHITECTS MEETING MINUTES

The Land Surveyor Section of the of the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects (APELSCIDLA Board) met on November 13, 2024, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR), 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present for all or part of the meeting:

Land Surveyors

Vickie Anglin
John Claytor
Kevin Shreiner

Staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Kate Nosbisch, Executive Director
Ecila Williams, Licensing Operations Administrator
Jhustyna McBride-Dunn, Regulatory Operations Administrator

No one was present from the Office of the Attorney General. Brian P. Wolford, Director, Jeb Wilkinson, Chief Deputy Director, and Steve Kirschner, LRPD Deputy Director were not present at the meeting with regrets.

Members of the audience:

John Gervasi
Sean Martinez
Paige Pruett
Charlie Rice, JMT
Michael Zmuda, Virginia Association of Surveyors

Ms. Anglin called the meeting to order at 12:57 p.m.

Call to Order

Ms. Nosbisch and Ms. Anglin advised the Section of the emergency evacuation procedures.

**Emergency
Evacuation
Procedures**

Mr. Claytor moved to approve the agenda with an amendment. Mr. Shreiner seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by: Anglin, Claytor and Shreiner.

**Approval of
Agenda**

Mr. Gervasi addressed the Section with needing clarification on the usage of

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drones and if licensure is needed and 54.1-402 Code of Virginia is not clear nor straightforward as to if the usage of drones for mapping is an exemption from licensure as a land surveyor.

Period

Mr. Martinez addressed the Section requesting additional information on how to seek licensure to be a Surveyor Photogrammetrist.

Ms. Pruettt addressed Section with requests regarding improvement of surveying practices. Ms. Pruettt has requested from the Board to propose mandatory reporting by surveyors of permit and/or zoning violations or issue guidance on the circumstances of when it is permissible, propose that surveyors are mandated to use different color stakes depending on the circumstances, issue document control requirements where there are multiple versions of a plot, and requiring surveyors to show distance between any structures on the property.

Ms. Anglin started the meeting addressing the regulation of drones and addressing Mr. Gervasi's inquiry regarding 54.1-402 Code of Virginia. After a long discussion with the Section and Mr. Gervasi, it was determined by the Section that the Board cannot regulate the usage of drones, but the product that is generated by those tools can be regulated, as any tools used over real property is the practice of land surveying. Ms. Anglin also further explained that exemption in 54.1-402 (c) was created to allow photogrammetry to be prepared by persons who were unlicensed specifically to use in municipal Geographic Information System (GIS) and to allow those municipal GIS departments to operate without professional land surveyors on staff.

Regulation of Drones

Ms. Anglin informed the section of NCEES offering a Fresh Perspective AI Course.

Other Business

Conflict of Interest forms and Travel Vouchers were completed by all Committee members present.

Conflict of Interest Forms / Travel Vouchers

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Adjourn

Vickie McEntire Anglin, Chair

Brian P. Wolford, Secretary

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