

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & ECONOMIC GROWTH  
BUREAU OF COMMERCIAL SERVICES – LICENSING DIVISION  
2501 Woodlake Circle, Okemos, Michigan 48864-5955**

**Professional Surveyors**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**April 10, 2007**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Board of Professional Surveyors met in regular session on April 10, 2007, at the Department of Labor & Economic Growth, Bureau of Commercial Services, 2501 Woodlake Circle, Room 3, Okemos, Michigan. The business meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Carl Shangraw at 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present:	M. Regine Beauboeuf	Member
	Catherine DeDecker	Member
	Karol Grove	Member
	William Karr	Vice Chairperson
	Ronnie Lester	Member
	Daniel Redstone	Member
	Carl Shangraw	Chairperson
	Robert Stanford	Member
Absent:	Carolyn Charters	Member
Staff:	Gloria Keene	Licensing Administrator
	Michael Pillow	Assistant Licensing Administrator
	Jackie Jernigan	Secretary to the Licensing Administrator
	Barrington Carr	Manager, Enforcement Division
	Jim Nelson	Manager, Compliance Mediation Division
	Amy Shell	Policy Specialist
Visitors:	Lori Beyer	Past Board Member
	Gerald Clanton	Petitioner
	Rollie Self	Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors
	Robert Weaver	Petitioner

## **ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM AGENDA**

None

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD JANUARY 10, 2007**

It was moved by Mr. Karr and supported by Mr. Lester that the meeting minutes from January 10, 2007 be approved as written. The motion carried unanimously.

## **PETITIONS**

### **Examination**

**Gerald Clanton** has earned an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Land Surveying from Macomb Community College (1992); additional courses from Oakland Community College, Wayne State University and Ferris State University, transferred to Michigan Technological University (1997) for a total of 159 quarter hours. The Department denied Mr. Clanton's application to sit for the Principles and Practice of Land Surveying, Michigan Part IIB examination because he does not possess an acceptable bachelor's degree in surveying.

Mr. Clanton asserts that he has been employed in Land Surveying for over 35 years, has taken and passed the FS & PS examination and was licensed by the State of Ohio in 1985 and the State of Wisconsin in 1992, as a Land Surveyor. He maintains that his experience, education and professional status as a Registered Land Surveyor, aside from not possessing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Land Surveying, demonstrates equivalency for the education requirements and qualifies him for admittance into the Michigan Part IIB examination process.

Mr. Clanton appeared before the Board.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Redstone and supported by Ms. Grove to overturn the Department's denial, and grant Mr. Clanton approval to sit for the Michigan Part IIB examination, after the applicant has taken and passed classes in Calculus II, Physics and Chemistry based upon the evidence presented by the applicant. The applicant has two years from the date of the Board meeting to take and pass the courses. William Karr and Catherine DeDecker abstained from voting. The motion was defeated with Regine Beauboeuf and Dan Redstone voting yes and Ron Lester, Robert Stanford, Karol Grove and Carl Shangraw voting no.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Shangraw and supported by Mr. Lester to uphold the Department's denial of Mr. Clanton's application to sit for the Michigan Part II examination on the basis that Mr. Clanton did not present sufficient evidence that the education deficiencies have been satisfied. William Karr

and Catherine DeDecker abstained from voting. The motion was defeated with Carl Shangraw and Ron Lester voting yes and Karol Grove, Regine Beauboeuf, Dan Redstone, and Robert Stanford voting no.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Beauboeuf and supported by Ms. Grove to table the applicant's request to take the Michigan Part IIB examination until the next scheduled Board Meeting of June 6, 2007 so that Board Members Carl Shangraw and Ron Lester can further review the petitioner's experience and education in conjunction with the course check list, Mr. Clanton will be providing from Michigan Technological University. William Karr and Catherine DeDecker abstained from voting. The motion carried unanimously.

The Department concurred.

### **Examination**

**Robert Weaver** holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Purdue University (1988); additional courses in Surveying from Purdue University and Tri-State University. The Department denied the applicant's application to sit for the Principles and Practice of Land Surveying, Michigan Part IIB examination, because he does not possess an acceptable bachelor's degree in surveying.

Mr. Weaver maintains that his experience in Land Surveying for over 17 years, having taken and passed the FS & PS examination and licensure by the State of Indiana in 1994 and the State of Illinois in 2002, as a Land Surveyor demonstrates equivalency for the education requirements and qualifies him for admittance into the Michigan Part IIB examination process.

Mr. Weaver appeared before the Board.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Karr and supported by Ms. DeDecker to table the applicant's request to take the Michigan Part IIB examination until the next scheduled Board Meeting of June 6, 2007 to allow the petitioner time to provide additional material to the Department. The motion carried unanimously.

The Department concurred.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Multiple License Numbers on Survey Monument Caps Letter**

Mr. Shangraw will provide Board members at their next scheduled Board Meeting of June 6, 2007 a draft of the Survey Monument Caps letter that expresses the Board's position that only one surveyor license number is to be imprinted on a monument cap.

## **Rule Changes**

Mr. Karr advised that there are many issues that need to be clarified within the Surveyor's rules. Upon discussion, he asked the Board to review the following for consideration of rule changes.

1. Professional surveying experience
2. Changing the minimum requirements that a survey must meet for accuracy standards
3. Continuing professional competence
4. The number of times a candidate can take the examination
5. How to make the bachelor of science in land surveying degree requirement clearer
6. Is there a conflict between the Rules and the Occupational Code?
7. What constitutes responsible charge?
8. Revising the LCRC
9. Firm practice

Further, Mr. Karr asked Board Members to send him additional comments and questions before the next scheduled Board Meeting.

## **Status of Standing Complaints**

Board Members were provided with a report of complaint activities against Professional Surveyors from the Enforcement Division. There were four complaints filed from 12-31-06 thru 4-6-07.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Resolutions for Lori Beyer and Diane Adams**

Ms. Keene presented framed resolutions honoring former long-standing Board members, Lori Beyer and Diane Adams, for their many years of dedicated service to the Board.

### **National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) 2007 Board President/Member Board Administrators (MBA) Assembly**

Mr. Shangraw advised that he attended the NCEES Board President's Assembly in Atlanta, Georgia on February 15-17, 2007 along with the Professional Engineer's Board Chair, Regine Beauboeuf and Administrator Keene. He provided a verbal report and advised that the meeting was very informative. Mr. Shangraw also indicated he was able to glean what other states were doing in areas regarding evaluating foreign credentials and continuing competence. Ms. Keene also reported that topics of discussion at the meeting included:

- An update on exam copying/collusion and NCEES' efforts to enhance exam security.
- NCEES is working to develop a national registration for approved exam candidates. Through this system, the Council will track candidates that fail the exam more than three times.
- NCEES is reviewing computer based testing thru a separate task force.
- A discussion was held about the Registered Continuing Education Providers Program. The program was started in August of 2006 and it will allow Engineers and Surveyors to fulfill and track continuing professional competency requirements.
- The Central Zone meeting will be held May 17 – 19<sup>th</sup> in Rapid City, South Dakota.
- The Annual Meeting will be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on August 22 – 25, 2007.

## **STAFF REPORT**

### **Testing – Update on PSI Contract**

Tom Bryne and Foye Longworth provided an update and addressed questions from the Board concerning the administration of the Surveyors Michigan Part IIB examination by the examination contractor, PSI. They also reported that PSI will distribute a job analysis survey in May to every licensed surveyor.

### **Joint Board Meeting**

Ms. Keene reminded Board Members that the Board Member Training has been cancelled because of budget constraints, however the Joint Board Meeting will be held. The proposed date for the meeting is August 9, 2007. Carl Shangraw will be the Chairperson for the meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Former Board Member Lori Beyer expressed to the Board her appreciation to be able to serve on the Board. Additionally, she conveyed her thanks to the Department staff for their hard work and dedication.

## **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

None.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Professional Surveyors will be held June 6, 2007.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought be brought before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

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Carl Shangraw, Chairperson

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Jackie Jernigan, Recording Secretary

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