The Professional Land Surveying Division of the Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors and Professional Landscape Architects was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 24, 2017 in the Windsor II Meeting Room, Embassy Suites by Hilton St. Louis/St. Charles, Two Convention Center Plaza, St. Charles, Missouri. A quorum being present, Chairman Mike Freeman declared the meeting open for business.

**Members Present**

Michael C. Freeman, Chair of the Division  
Dan Govero, Member of the Division  
John Michael Flowers, Member of the Division

**Others Present**

Sherry Cooper, Public Member  
Karen Payne, Board Staff

To better track the order in which items were taken up on the agenda, each item in the minutes will be listed in the order it was discussed in the meeting.

**Open House with Area Licensees to Discuss Items of Common Interest Relative to Licensure, Enforcement, and Regulation of Land Surveying in the State of Missouri as set Forth in Chapter 327, RSMo**

At approximately 8:00 a.m. the Members of the Professional Land Surveying Division were joined by Professional Land Surveyor licensees; James Degenhardt (PLS-2649), Eddie Murray (PLS-1973), David Wiley (PLS-2612), Mark Wiley (PLS-2437), Wayne Wiley (PLS-1530) and non-licensee Jay Watson (interested in becoming a PLS) to discuss items of common interest relating to licensure, enforcement, and regulation of
land surveying in the State of Missouri as set forth in Chapter 327, RSMo. At approximately 8:15 a.m. James Peterson (PLS-2732, PE,PhD) also joined the meeting for the open discussion.

Please note that Public Member, Sherry Cooper, departed the meeting at 8:10 a.m.

Please note that Legal Counsel, Curt Thompson, entered the meeting at 8:30 a.m. to speak to the attendees regarding Board Rule 20 CSR 2030-2.050 “Title Block” and explained that when the Board receives a complaint against a licensee the Board could also look at their “Title Block” for compliance if the Board were to take discipline against the licensee’s license.

Please note that Legal Counsel, Curt Thompson, departed the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Please know that at 8:45 a.m. Executive Director, Judy Kempker, entered the meeting and departed at 9:10 a.m.

Please note that at 8:45 a.m. Board Chair, Bob Hartnett, entered the meeting and departed at 9:10 a.m.

Upon conclusion of the discussion all were thanked for attending the meeting and attendees, James Degenhardt, Eddie Murray, David Wiley, Mark Wiley, Wayne Wiley and Jay Watson departed the meeting at approximately 9:25 a.m.

At approximately 9:00 a.m., Jim Peterson, PLS, PE,PhD, at his request, met with the Professional Land Surveying Division members for the purpose of discussing mapping, photogrammetry, and surveying in general as well to seek answers to his questions regarding how much of the mapping is being sent overseas; how the use of Drones has caused many “non-professionals” claim to be able to perform mapping and surveying; and to encourage the Board to pursue the 4 year degree requirement for land surveyors.

Mr. Peterson shared his thoughts and concerns on how companies are providing mapping and photogrammetry services, in some cases using drones, to capture data and shipping it overseas for the purpose of providing a final product at a much cheaper cost since the work is not supervised or prepared by a Professional Land Surveyor. Mr. Peterson expressed to the Division Members that he would like to see “mapping standards” incorporated into the law that would prevent such practices from happening. The Professional Land Surveying Division members explained to Mr. Peterson that the changes he’s suggesting would require legislative change to add the standards. Mr. Peterson was also advised that the Division is in support of a 4-yr degree requirement for surveyors but that too requires a Statute change. Upon conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Peterson was thanked for sharing his concerns with the Division Members and departed the meeting at 10:00 a.m.
Approval of Minutes

On motion by Dan Govero, the minutes of the January 23, 2017 Professional Land Surveying Division open meeting were approved as submitted. Mike Freeman seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Dan Govero and Mike Freeman. Mike Flowers abstained from voting since he was absent from the January 23, 2017 meeting.

Discuss Status of, or Potential Changes to, the Board Rules and/or Chapter 327 RSMo, Regarding the Professional Land Surveying Profession

Nothing was discussed regarding potential changes to the Board Rules and/or Chapter 327 RSMo.

Review and Discuss Open Items on the Full Board's April 24 and 25, 2017 Agenda

Discussion of Potential Changes to Board Rule 20 CSR 2030-14.040

Mike Flowers reported that to date he had not received Dr. Elgin’s recommendation regarding potential changes to Board Rule 20 CSR 2030-14.040 but that he would follow-up with Dr. Elgin regarding this matter and would have an update to share with the Professional Land Surveying Division Members at the July 31, 2017 Division meeting. In addition, Mike Freeman stated that he would poll other licensing Boards at the upcoming NCEES zone meeting regarding their surveying course content and would also share that information with the Division Members at the July 31st meeting. No further action was taken regarding this matter.

Discussion of Potential Changes to Board Rule 20 CSR 2030-8.020 Which Would Propose to Delete the Requirement for 8 “Contact” Hours

Next, the Professional Land Surveying Division members discussed whether or not to promulgate a rule change to Board Rule 20 CSR 2030-8.20 to eliminate the requirement for 8 “contact hours”. Upon discussion, Dan Govero made a motion to report to the full Board that the Professional Land Surveying Division members were not in favor of deleting the required 8 “contact hours” as is currently required in Board Rule 20 CSR 2030-8.020 since course content given on-line is typically not as thorough as classroom instruction. Mike Flowers seconded the motion and it unanimously carried. Voting in favor of the motion were Dan Govero and Mike Flowers.
Motion to Close

At 10:30 a.m., Chairman Freeman called for a motion to close the meeting to the general public for the purpose of discussing confidential or privileged communications between this agency and its attorney as well as to discuss pending litigation and complaint matters. Dan Govero made a motion that the meeting be closed to the general public pursuant to Chapter 610.021 subsection (14) and 324.001.8 and 324.001.9, RSMo for the purpose of discussing investigative reports, complaints, audits and/or other information pertaining to licensees or applicants; Chapter 610.021 subsection (1) RSMo for the purpose of discussing general legal action, causes of action or litigation and any confidential or privileged communication between this agency and its attorney, and for the purpose of reviewing and approving closed meeting minutes of one or more previous meetings under Chapter 610.021 RSMo which authorizes this agency to go into closed session during those meetings. The motion was seconded by Mike Flowers and unanimously carried. Voting in favor of the motion were Dan Govero and Mike Flowers.

Reconvene in Open Session

At approximately 2:50 p.m. the Professional Land Surveying Division Members reconvened in open session for the purpose of adjourning.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Dan Govero and seconded by Mike Flowers to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Executive Director

Approved on: ________________