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8 EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON DEERFIELD BEACH RESORT
9 950 SOUTH OCEAN DRIVE
10 DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA 33441

11 THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

12 (Immediately following the Continuing Education Committee)

13 The meeting was called to order by Landon Cross, Committee Chair, at 10:24 a.m.
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17 **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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19 Landon Cross, Committee Chair
20 Wendi McAleese, Board Member
21 Andrew Getz, Board Member
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23 **BOARD AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

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25 Ia Hall, Board Chair
26 Keith Fountain, Vice Chair
27 Eugene Collings-Bonfill, Board Member
28 Michael Zoltek, Board Member
29 Danny Williams, Board Member
30 Jim Sullivan, Board Member
31 Christopher Green, Executive Director
32 Regenia Lee, Government Analyst
33 Jacob Sternlicht, Board Counsel
34 Ana Gargollo-McDonald, Prosecuting Attorney
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36 **OTHERS PRESENT**

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38 Christopher McLaughlin
39 Earl Soeder
40 Braeden Skinner
41 Hongbo Su
42 Bruce Varnadoe
43 Scott A. Graham
44 Korey Skinner
45 Joe Molitor
46 Jose A. Correa
47 Jim Kelly
48 Don Elder

Juan Olave
Andre Rayman
Max Wharton
Mike Bartholomew
John Liptak
Luis C. Isaza
Lou Campanile
John Doogan
Keith Chee-A-Tow
Michael Avirom

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 4, 2025, EXAM COMMITTEE MINUTES

After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Getz made a motion to approve the February 4, 2025, Exam Committee minutes, as amended.

SECOND: Ms. McAleese seconded.

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

STATISTICS REPORT ON NCEES EXAMS, FLORIDA JURISDICTIONAL EXAMINATION, AND LICENSED BUSINESSES

Mr. Green reported the following results for NCEES Fundamentals of Surveying and Principles and Practices of Surveying Examinations as of February 5, 2025, to April 28, 2025:

- NCEES Fundamentals of Surveying Exam – 21 passed, 19 failed, and 2 results were not available, for a total of 42 exams.
- NCEES Principles and Practices of Surveying Exam - 10 passed, 12 failed, and 6 results were not available, for a total of 28 exams.

Ms. Lee reported the following results for the Florida Jurisdictional Examination and newly created Florida Surveying and Mapping businesses from February 5, 2025, to April 28, 2025:

- Florida Jurisdictional Examination – 19 were licensed and 3 need to take other examinations to become licensed, for a total of 22 exams.
- 16 new surveying and mapping businesses were licensed.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Cross stated that Mr. Green provided a handout (available upon request) regarding the pass/fail statistics for NCEES Fundamentals of Surveying and Principles and Practices of Surveying Examinations, for Florida Atlantic University and the University of Florida from July 2024 to December 2024. Mr. Cross also stated that Mr. Green would continue to monitor and provide this information to the Committee.

Mr. Green reviewed the handout/report with the Committee and explained what is included in the report. He stated that this report is provided by NCEES, and each report is for a period of 6 months. He reported that while at the NCEES Southern Zone meeting, there was much information provided regarding the NCEES Fundamentals of Surveying and the Principles and Practices of Surveying examination volumes. He said that it was reported that there was a strong surveying examination volume growth and a significant increase in the number of examinations last year that emphasizes a national trend in an increase in surveyors. He reported that the NCEES Fundamentals of Surveying is holding steady for 2024-2025 and the NCEES Principles and Practices of Surveying examinations is trending higher for 2024-2025. Mr. Green stated that there is a 71.4 percent pass rate if the student takes the examination before graduation. He stated that there is 70 percent pass rate if the exam is taken within 12 months of graduation. He reported that the pass rate significantly drops if the examination is taken after graduation. He said that there is a practice examination under development. He said the data shows that practice examination takers have a higher pass rate when they take the examination.

He reported that there is a NCEES honor cord program for those candidates that register and take and pass the Fundamentals of Surveying examination prior to 21 days before their graduation date. He said that the universities/colleges must contact NCEES if they are interested in participating. He said there were 10,000 honor cords issued by NCEES for the 2025 graduations. Cords earned could be worn at their commencement exercises. He stated that the only Florida universities that are taking advantage of the program are the University of Florida and the University of North Florida. Dr. Su stated that the Florida Atlantic University (FAU) students are required to register for the NCEES Fundamentals of Surveying Examination before graduation. He said that if the students take and pass the exam before graduation, they receive a reimbursement of up to \$300.00. Ms. McAleese asked Dr. Su if FAU has a practice exam in place. Dr. Su stated that he uses some questions from the NCEES practice exam in his curriculum. Mr. Green stated that the launch of the NCEES Fundamentals of Surveying exam would be in September 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Cross said that during the Rules Committee on April 30, 2025, Ms. Hall stated that the Committees would be receiving instructions on what rules need to be reviewed. Ms. Hall stated that the Exam Committee could start working on rules that deal with exam related items in Rule 5J-17 and prepare to make recommendations. Mr. Cross suggested having virtual meetings and must be open to the public. Mr. Sullivan also mentioned that there is a NCEES exam course provided by the Florida Surveying and Mapping Society.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Elder confirmed the information given by Mr. Sullivan and that the NCEES exam course covers the preparation for the NCEES Fundamentals of Surveying and the NCEES Principles and Practices examinations. Mr. Williams said that there is a pre-requisite for this course.

ADJOURNMENT @ 10:48 a.m.