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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS AND MAPPERS

RULES COMMITTEE

**NAPLES GRANDE
475 SEAGATE DRIVE
NAPLES, FLORIDA 33441**

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Ia Hall, Committee Chair, at 11:36 a.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ila Hall, Board Chair and Committee Chair
Keith Fountain, Board Vice Chair
Eugene Collings-Bonfill, Board Member

BOARD AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Landon Cross, Board Member
Wendi McAleese, Board Member
Michael Zoltek, Board Member
Jim Sullivan, Board Member
Andrew Getz, Board Member
Danny Williams, Board Member
Christopher Green, Executive Director
Regenia Lee, Government Analyst
Jacob Sternlicht, Board Counsel
Ana Gargollo-McDonald, Prosecuting Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT

Jeff Parkinson
Alexandre Landry
Max Eshraghi
Joaquin Barbara Llanes
Jonathan Ortiz Pastrana
Scott A. Graham
Don Elder
Dustin Bartholomew
Katie Britt
William Payne
Wills Valle

Bill Hyatt
Dan Donaldson
William Glass
Natalie Glass
Robert Vaught
Richard Pryce
John Pryce
Hongbo Su
Johnny Beland
John Liptak
David Cramer
Chris McLaughlin
Earl Soeder

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF APRIL 30, 2025, RULES COMMITTEE MINUTES

After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Fountain made a motion to approve the April 30, 2025, Rules Committee Minutes.

SECOND: Mr. Collings-Bonfill seconded.

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

1. TERMINOLOGY AND DEFINITIONS – IA HALL

Ms. Hall stated that there are two sections in the Rule named 'Definitions' and there are definitions throughout the Rule that are not in the 'Definitions' part of the Rule. She said that having worked with NCEES' rules, she said they placed all definitions at the beginning of their rules. She suggests moving all definitions to the beginning of the Rule for starters. She stated that there are rules that should be there that are not and there are rules that need to be added. She said that she would like to meet with FDACS staff in Tallahassee to discuss this proposed rule.

2. REVIEW OF CONTINUING EDUCATION OVERSIGHT (5J-17.043, .044, .045, and 0.46) – KEITH FOUNTAIN

Mr. Fountain stated that he has been involved with the Rules Committee as the chair and as a committee member, for about 5-6 years and watched the impossibility of this process. He said that while reviewing the rules that the Committee need only to focus on the ones that are broken, and not get overly involved in the minor issues such as grammar, wordsmithing, etc.

He stated that the continuing education rule is a guideline for potential continuing education providers. He said that the concern is the level of FDACS and Board oversight. He said that FDACS has very limited resources, but the Rule instructs the Committee to monitor and oversee the continuing education providers and the courses that are being taught in the field. He said that while reviewing his assigned rules, he

only sees one main area that the Committee needs to focus on is the rule mandating the oversight and monitoring of the courses that are being taught by the continuing education providers, and that is the rule that states “shall”, should be changed to ‘may’, because the Committee is not adhering to this Rule. He stated that out of his assigned rules, that this is the only major area that needs to be addressed.

3. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR – DANNY WILLIAMS

Mr. Williams stated that while in the Rules Committee meeting on May 1, 2025, he was requested by the Chair to offer rulemaking suggestions for continuing education. He said that he agrees with Mr. Fountain’s statement that the word ‘shall’ needs to be changed to ‘may’ in reference to the monitoring and oversight of continuing education providers. He said that he is satisfied with the way the Board is conducting their business, except for this one area in the Rule. Ms. Hall stated that the Rule regarding the amount of continuing education credits for publications and teach courses is another rule that needs clarity.

4. REVIEW OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR LICENSED BUSINESSES (5J-17.010, .011 and .013) – EUGENE COLLINGS-BONFILL

Mr. Collings-Bonfill said he suggests adding a section that a company could be disciplined if it fails to exercise due diligence to prevent actions of employees or principals that violate Chapter 177 and/or Chapter 472, Florida Statutes. He also suggested adding a definition for a qualifying agent and their responsibilities. This would create liability by the company for any offenses by the surveyors who sign and seal for them. He said that language could be added for disciplinary actions for first and second offenses for companies and for qualifying agents that fail to exercise responsible supervisory control over the surveyor and the surveying and mapping services. He said that he would suggest added language regarding companies that close and open new ones under a different name.

5. FEES (5J-17.070) – Did not discuss

6. ELECTRONIC SEALING LANGUAGE (5J-17.010, 5J-17.011, 5J-17.013) – Did not discuss

7. CRIMINAL OFFENSE LANGUAGE (5J-17.011(m)) – Did not discuss

NEW BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ADJOURNMENT @ 12:11 p.m.