

1 MINUTES
2 BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS
3 AND MAPPERS
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5 EXAM COMMITTEE
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7 HILTON / UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA CONFERENCE CENTER
8 1714 SW 34TH STREET
9 GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA
10 Tuesday, February 3, 2026
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12 (Immediately following the Continuing Education Committee)
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14 The meeting was called to order by Andrew Getz, Committee Chair, at 2:08 p.m.
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16 **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
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18 Andrew Getz, Committee Chair, and Board Member
19 Landon Cross, Board Member
20 Danny Williams, Board Member
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22 **BOARD AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**
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24 Michael Zoltek, Board Chair
25 Wendi McAleese, Board Vice Chair
26 Ia Hall, Board Member
27 Jim Sullivan, Board Member
28 Keith Cramer, Board Member
29 Jennifer Cannon, Board Member
30 Christopher Green, Executive Director
31 Regenia Lee, Government Analyst
32 Jacob Sternlicht, Board Counsel
33 Ana Gargollo-McDonald, Prosecuting Attorney
34 Amy Coody, Public Records Specialist
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36 **OTHERS PRESENT**
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38 Martin J. Shatto
39 David Schryver
40 Don Elder
41 Lou Campanile
42 Dan Donaldson
43 Jacob Frisch
44 Sean Shroud
45 Liam Knowles
46 Sierra Torres
47 Chris McLaughlin
48 Austin Rupers
49 Eric Sarrio
50 Esteban Rivera
51 Evan Horne
52 Kyle Lee
53 Wesley Asmus

Jordan Atkinson
Frank Sawyer
Joshua Maxwell
Shennia Accema
Mason McLoughlin
Ian Bain
Jarvaro Hampton
Robert Wright III
Doug Stoner
Kemp Morris
Britni Cobb
Michael Macstiny
Karol Hernandez
Scott Graham
Jack Breed
William Payne
Thomas Monaweck
Art Mastronicola
Richard Allen
Dhanushkan Gedara Hangili
Steven McMahon
Aaron Terrell
Ross Harvin
Jimmy Chao
Jose Correa

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 7, 2025, EXAM COMMITTEE MINUTES

After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Cross made a motion to approve the October 7, 2025, Exam Committee Minutes.
SECOND: Mr. Williams 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 October 4, 2025, to January 30, 2026:

- NCEES Fundamentals of Surveying Exam – There were a total of 44 exams given - 21 passed, 22 failed, and the results for one was unavailable. Two of the individuals that passed the exam were present at the meeting, Doug Stoner and Steve McMahon.
- NCEES Principles and Practices of Surveying Exam – There were a total of 51 exams given – 17 passed, 31 failed, and results were unavailable for 3.

Ms. Lee reported the following results for the Florida Jurisdictional Examination and newly created Florida Surveying and Mapping businesses from October 9, 2025, to February 2, 2026:

- Florida Jurisdictional Examination – 18 exams were given, 16 passed, and 2 failed. Out of the 18, 13 were licensed, and 3 have other exams to take before becoming licensed.
- Florida Surveying and Mapping Businesses - 15 were licensed.

Mr. Green reported that the transition from Prometric to Everblue, went smoothly and that after just a few issues early on, it is working very well. He stated that Everblue is giving exams online and at public testing centers at colleges and universities. Ms. Lee reported that there is proctoring video of examinees for review. She stated that Everblue contacts the Board office if there is an issue.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Williams stated that there was a presentation given by Mr. Chao (*presentation provided by request*) during the morning General Business session. Mr. Williams encouraged everyone to get involved with the activities mentioned by Mr. Chao. He also stated that NCEES is seeking licensed surveyors in geomatics faculty to participate in a knowledge content review for the NCEES FS exam. He said that the results on the on-line survey would be used to update the content of the NCEES FS exam. He said that this process occurs every eight years.

Mr. Zoltek questioned whether the Board needs to vote on the PLSS (Public Land Surveying System) examination and other examinations. He stated that this needs to be addressed prior to the start of the availability of the examinations in October 2027. Mr. Sternlicht stated that the required exams are designated by Rule. He said that if the Board votes to designate a new exam, the rulemaking process would be required. Mr. Zoltek said that there could be multiple NCEES PS exams, and they are not currently specified in the Rule. Mr. Sternlicht stated that that would likely have to be clarified by amending the Rule. Mr. Cross asked Mr. Zoltek to explain the PLSS exam. Mr. Zoltek stated that the PLSS exam is going to be an exam primarily focused on the public land survey system. He said that Florida is a public land survey system state, and the 13 original colonies are metes and bounds states, which those states would probably not adopt the new PLSS exam. Mr. Zoltek requested that Mr. Sternlicht review the NCEES language that states a PS Exam and some of the directions that we received from NCEES was the reason they were going to call the new NCEES PS exam a PS geospatial exam so that Rules would not have to be opened. Mr. Sternlicht stated that he didn't know how other states would handle this, but in Florida we would likely have to amend our rules. Mr. Zoltek requested that Mr. Sternlicht investigate this issue and give feedback at the next meeting. Ms. Hall stated that NCEES has model language that they would like states to use for the PLSS exam. She said that she discussed this language with FDACS employee, Ceda Rudd, during her visit to Tallahassee. Mr. Williams stated that it was his understanding that the current NCEES PS exam is being rewritten to remove all PLSS exam questions. Mr. Zoltek said that was correct and the Rule currently states that you must take the NCEES PS and FS examinations. He said that would change if the new exams were adopted. Mr. Williams stated that he understands that the licensees would be approved to take three examinations, and if they have not yet taken the new exam at the

time of application, that the PLSS exam would be required for licensure. Mr. Zoltek stated that these changes are imminent, and he requested PSAM staff and Counsel, to advise the Board on how to write the Rule, if it's going to be opened, knowing these changes are going to happen in the future. He suggested that the Board be allowed to review a licensee candidate's background and reviewing their previous testing, to determine what exams they must take for licensure.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A gentleman from the audience asked about the current licensees regarding the PLSS exam and whether they would have to take it. Mr. Zoltek responded by saying that the answer is likely no but that it would be discussed. Mr. Green stated that those licensee candidates that apply and are approved by the Board, and take their exams before 06/30/2027, would not have to take the NCEES PLSS exam because PLSS questions would not yet be pulled from the NCEES PS Exam.

Ms. Hall stated that we have three months before the April PSAM Board meeting to have language ready for discussion.

Mr. Don Elder stated that the NCEES PS exam would be shortened by two hours and that the NCEES PLSS exam would have the same material that was originally in the NCEES PS exam.

Mr. Mastronicola stated that if there is legislation to be considered, that the Board is behind the 8 ball already because the Florida Legislative Session begins in March 2027. He stated that any new language needs to be decided on and submitted to the legislature by the board on or before January 2027.

Mr. Joshua Maxwell commented regarding the specialized tests. He asked the Board if this would lead to special types of licenses. Mr. Zoltek stated that he doesn't anticipate changing the way it is now with only one surveying and mapping designation. He stated that a future Board may address this, but for right now, he did not anticipate a change.

A gentleman from the audience asked if there would be any educational changes such as not having a four-year degree. Mr. Zoltek stated there would not be unless a future Board makes that decision.

Mr. Sean Stroud asked if there would be notifications on the changes as they progress. Mr. Zoltek stated that at the time of his application, there would be requirements in place regarding what exams need to be taken. Mr. Zoltek stated that the application would also have to be updated.

A gentleman from the audience asked if it is possible to have some kind of language that if you have already been approved for the NCEES FS and PS exams, that based on timing or overlap, the Rule could be worded so that it would not require another approval. Mr. Zoltek stated that that would have to be discussed while reviewing the new language. Mr. Green suggested that if board approval has already been given to take the exams, to take them before June 30, 2027. He said that after that date the NCEES PS exam will be different and that is beyond the Board's control and solely handled by NCEES

ADJOURNED– 2:42 p.m.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

FULL BOARD VOTE - EXAMINATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT – ANDREW GETZ

Mr. Getz reported that the Examination Review Committee met and approved the minutes for October 7, 2025. He reported that Mr. Green gave the statistical report for the NCEES FS & PS exams, and Ms. Lee gave the Florida Jurisdictional Examination and Florida surveying businesses statistical reports. There was discussion on the upcoming NCEES PLSS exam and its implications.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

- MOTION: Ms. Hall made a motion to approve the report as given.
- SECOND: Mr. Cramer seconded.
- ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNED – 2:43 p.m.