

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS**  
**Minutes of the Legislative Committee Meeting**  
**Held virtually (zoom), Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 9:00am**

Committee Chairman Greg DeSart, PE, called the meeting to order at 9:00am.  
Committee members participating via video conferencing were Matt Gingerich, PLS;  
Robert Fyda, PE; and Jay Dixon, PE. Also joining were Michael Kidd, PLS, Board Member;  
Patty Mamola, Executive Director; Susan Fisher, Govt. Affairs Liaison;  
and Murray Blaney, Operations/Compliance.

**1. Meeting conducted by Committee Chair Greg DeSart, call to order and roll call to determine presence of quorum—committee members: Jay Dixon, Matt Gingerich, Robert Fyda.**

A quorum was determined.

**2. Public comment period.**

There was no public comment via e-mail, virtually, or in-person.

**3. Approval of February 1, 2023, Legislative Committee meeting minutes.**

LGC 23-2 A motion was made by Mr Gingerich to approve the February 1, 2023 minutes, Mr Fyda seconded, and the motion passed.

**4. Consider proposed updated regulations from the PLS Regulation Subcommittee, see list of regulations, Attachment A (green fill).**

Mr DeSart asked Mr Gingerich to give an overview of the updated regulations to the committee.

Mr Gingerich said the PLS Sub-committee had been tasked with reviewing the 22 PLS regulations and making recommendations. He said the committee, which is made up a mix of professionals in public and private practice, and with a geographic spread over the state, has been meeting over the past eighteen months and has considered and approved the updates for this committee's consideration.

Mr Gingerich said the bulk of the updates were relatively straight forward, but a few, namely NAC 625.666, NAC 625.670, NAC 625.720, and NAC 625.740, were more challenging. He said the committee endeavored to provide clear guidance on minimum requirements and regulations relating to survey controls, and guidance that accounts for changing technology.

Mr DeSart asked for any comments or a motion on the regulation updates.

LGC 23-3 A motion was made by Mr Fyda, seconded by Mr Gingerich, to make a recommendation to the board to approve the proposed updated PLS regulations as presented. The motion passed.

**5. Consider proposed updated regulations identified by board members and staff to comply with Governor Lombardo's Executive Orders 2023-003 and 2023-004, see list of regulations, Attachment A (blue fill).**

Ms Mamola said the regulations had been seen by the board a number of times during the report review and the public consideration process and had been approved. She added that an additional edit came as follow-up to public comments at the final public hearing. Ms Mamola highlighted the proposed edit to NAC 625.240 section 3 as presented in the meeting materials.

Mr DeSart asked for committee comments or a motion on the proposed regulation updates.

LGC 23-4 A motion was made by Mr Gingerich, seconded by Mr Fyda, to make a recommendation to the board to approve the proposed updated regulations, and edit to NAC 625.240 as presented. The motion passed.

**6. Consider proposed updated regulations identified by board members and staff, see list of regulations, Attachment A (yellow fill).**

Ms Mamola said the edit to NAC 625.240 had been reviewed under agenda item 5. NAC 625.545 has a proposed edit to section 1.c. where word *date* is to be replaced with *schedule*.

Mr DeSart said he was in support of the change and asked committee members for comments or a motion.

LGC 23-5 A motion was made by Mr Fyda, seconded by Mr Dixon, to make a recommendation to the board to approve the proposed updates as presented. The motion passed.

**7. Consider education matrix for licensing of professional land surveyors per Nevada Revised Statutes chapter 625, NRS 625.270.**

Mr DeSart asked for comments from the committee on the draft education credit matrix that was included in the meeting materials.

Following a discussion on the minimum education requirements for non-BS Surveying degrees, relative to the categories listed in the matrix, the committee requested edits to the draft document before being presented to the full board for consideration.

LGC 23-6 A motion was made by Mr Gingerich, seconded by Mr Fyda, to make a recommendation to the board to approve the education matrix for licensing of professional land surveyors with the edits as noted. The motion passed.

**8. Discussion on status of committee and staff assignments.**

Mr DeSart said the action items listed with this item had been put on hold because of the governor's executive orders. He added with the moratorium now lifted the committee can resume exploring

options on the topics outlined in the Action Item list.

Mr Fyda asked for some background on the discipline specific vs PE state.

Mr DeSart and Ms Mamola gave background on how the topic came to bear. They highlighted the increase in “blended” degrees now offered which involved crossover between a number of the traditional disciplines of engineering. This movement is beginning to become an issue for graduates in the “blended” fields who are seeking a path to licensure.

Mr Dixon commented he has seen a similar situation for those involved in the mining industry who worked in cross-discipline fields who felt they didn’t have a direct pathway to get licensed as a professional.

Mr Fyda said it was a topic of interest and that he would be willing to be the committee lead on the item.

Ms Mamola said through her work with the Engineering Change Lab she has access to reports prepared relative to the topic by a research group from the University of Maryland. She said reports would be forwarded to Mr Fyda. (ACTION Item)

Mr DeSart asked that a legislative committee meeting be scheduled mid-November to track the progress of the regulation amendments and initial thoughts on the discipline specific vs PE state topic. (ACTION Item)

## **9. Open discussion of items related to the Legislative Committee.**

Mr DeSart asked if committee members had any items to discuss relating to the committee. There were none.

Ms Mamola gave an overview of the next steps in the regulation review process relating to the previous agenda items and outlined a tentative calendar. Ms Mamola said, pending board approval, the regulations associated with the governor’s executive orders would be forwarded to the LCB for drafting following the board meeting. She added this was possible because the Small Business Impact statements had already been drafted after the public outreach done to comply with the governor’s executive orders.

Mr DeSart asked if proposed changes that still required public input would be packaged together.

Ms Mamola replied that the PLS regulation updates and NAC 625.545 would be packaged together. She added that the proposed change to NAC 625.545 would be listed first to highlight that change, and the regulations relating to the practice of land surveying would follow, in order. (ACTION Item)

Mr Gingerich requested that a draft of proposed changes to PLS regulations be shared with relevant industry associations as a package in addition to the request for feedback associated with the SBI surveys. (ACTION Item)

**10. Public comment period.**

There was no public comment via e-mail, virtually, or in-person.

**11. Adjourn.**

Mr DeSart thanked the committee members for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 9:50am.

Respectfully,

Patty Mamola  
Executive Director