

The Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, established by Chapter 752, Acts of 1939, consists of seven members appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation for five-year terms. Four members must be professional engineers, one a professional land surveyor, and two represent the general public. The engineers and land surveyor may be selected from lists of nominees recommended by the Maryland Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and the Maryland Society of Surveyors. Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors and Property Line Surveyors wishing to practice in the State of Maryland must apply to the Board for a certificate, supplying with their application evidence of their qualifications both in experience and training. The Board publishes annually a Roster which contains the names of those authorized to practice as Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors and Property Line Surveyors and issues an annual report to the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation. The Board is a member of the National Council of State Boards of Engineering Examiners, which aids in the reciprocal licensing of engineers and seeks to promote uniform standards of licensing in all States.

Through the cooperation of the local chapters of the engineering fraternities, the Board seeks to secure voluntary compliance with the law and the maintenance of the ethical standards of the profession. However, the Board has specific powers of enforcement. These include the investigation of charges as well as the hearing of complaints of violations of the registration law, the power to subpoena witnesses and the submission of documents or other pertinent data, and the power to apply for relief by injunction to enforce the provisions of the law or to restrain any violation of it (Code 1957, 1969 Repl. Vol., 1975 Supp., Art. 75½).

Staff: None.

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

Chairman: Thomas F. Cardegna, 1977

Gunther R. Borris, 1977; Robert P. Mittelman, 1977; Yolanda D. Brooks, 1978.

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This Board was first established by Chapter 719, Acts of 1900. Consisting of five members, the Board is appointed by the Governor, with the advice of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation. Three members must be certified public accountants, currently enrolled to practice as such. One member must be a full-time college professor in the field of accounting at an accredited institution and hold a Maryland certificate. One member must be a practicing attorney at law. Each member serves a three-year term.

The Board examines applicants for certificates as certified public accountants, passes on applications by certified public accountants of other states for reciprocal certificates, and enrolls certified public accountants and registered public accountants and registered partnerships to practice public accountancy in Maryland.

Examinations are held in May and November of each year. Certificates are issued by the Board to those persons who pass the examinations, or whose applications for reciprocal certificates are approved. The Board may for specified causes revoke or suspend any such certificate, registration or enrollment, after written notice to the holder and reasonable opportunity for a hearing. The 1970 General Assembly updated the laws which provided for the minimum educational requirements to not less than a baccalaureate degree with a major in accounting to become effective in July 1974. The new law also gave the Board jurisdiction over professional ethics (Code 1957, 1969 Repl. Vol., Art. 75A, secs. 1-23A).

Staff: None.