

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters**  
**Board Meeting**  
**10:00 A.M., January 11, 2007**  
**Synergy Business Park**  
**Kingtree Building**  
**110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 111**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**

**Meeting Called to Order**

Mr. Ryan announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Board of Registration for Foresters office, Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Hugh Ryan, Chairman, of Wedgefield, called the regular meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Foresters to order at 10:07 a.m. Other board members in attendance included: Virgil Wall, Vice Chairman of Greenwood; Patricia Straka, Secretary, of Westminster; B. Allen Dunn, Ph. D., of Central; Fred Gantt, of Columbia; and Amy L. McFadden, of Georgetown.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator; Sharon Dantzler, Deputy General Counsel, LLR-Office of General Counsel; Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; and Linda Owens, Administrative Assistant.

Members of the public attending the meeting included Charles Sibley and Guy Thurmond.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Invocation**

Dr. Dunn delivered the invocation.

**Approval of Excused Absences**

Mrs. Dickert stated Mr. Boozer contacted her and stated he would be out of town this week. He asked that the Board grant him an excused absence.

**MOTION**

The Board granted Raymond Boozer, of Gilbert, an excused absence.

**Approval of the October 12, 2006 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION**

Mr. Gantt moved the Board approve the October 12, 2006 meeting minutes as written. Mr. Wall seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Chairman's Remarks – Hugh Ryan**

Mr. Ryan had no remarks at this time.

**Administrator's Remarks – Lenora Addison-Miles**

*Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office*

*Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel*

There was no legislative update or advisory opinions given during the January 11, 2007 meeting.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated staff administered the final exam to be given by the board on November 17, 2006. She further stated there were six candidates, all of whom failed. She went on to say the average score was 53.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated pursuant to the Board's request in regard to the continuing forester education (CFE) audit, certified letters were mailed to the registrants who failed to respond to the audit. She further stated all of the registrants have now provided the continuing education documentation.

**New Business**

Discussion Regarding Proposed Forestry Legislation – Guy Thurmond

Mr. Ryan stated the South Carolina Chapter of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) has informed him of three areas of concerns with the Board's proposed legislation. He further stated the three concerns are:

1. The relationship between licensed foresters and technicians;
2. The use of GIS and GPS by foresters; and
3. Fiduciary matters.

Mr. Guy Thurmond of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) discussed their concerns with the Board.

Approval of Licensure via Examination

a. *Claude Jones Alexander*

Claude Alexander is applying for licensure via examination. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University. He passed the certified forester exam in December 2006. His file is complete.

**MOTION**

Mr. Wall made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dunn and unanimously carried, that the Board accept Mr. Alexander for licensure.

b. *Wade O'Kelley*

Wade O'Kelley is seeking licensure via examination. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University. He passed the certified forester exam in September 2006. His file is complete.

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn moved the Board approve Mr. O'Kelley for licensure. Mr. Wall seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

c. *William R. Sarvis*

William Sarvis is applying for licensure via examination. He obtained an Associate's Degree in Forest Technology from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. He passed the certified forester exam in October 2006. His file is complete.

Mr. Ryan recused himself from participating in this matter as Mr. Sarvis is an employee of AFM. He turned the meeting over to Mr. Wall at this time.

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion, seconded by Mrs. McFadden and unanimously carried, that the Board approve Mr. Sarvis for licensure.

Mr. Wall turned the meeting over to Mr. Ryan at this time.

**Approval of Licensure via Reciprocity**

a. *Gregory S. Conner*

Gregory Conner is applying for licensure via reciprocity. He obtained a Bachelor of Science in Forestry from North Carolina State University. He is currently licensed in North Carolina and was previously licensed in South Carolina. His file is complete.

Mrs. Straka recused herself from participating in this matter as she is a reference for Mr. Conner.

**MOTION**

Mrs. McFadden moved the Board license Mr. Conner for licensure by reciprocity. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

b. *Glen F. Sheehan*

Glen Sheehan is applying for licensure via reciprocity. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry from the University of Maine. He was originally licensed in West Virginia 1998 by education and experience and has not taken an exam. He has provided only one year of verified work experience.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gantt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wall and unanimously carried, that the Board license Mr. Sheehan after he successfully passes the certified forester exam and provides employment verification of two years of experience.

c. *Matthew L. Wimberly*

Matthew Wimberly is applying for licensure via reciprocity. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Management from North Carolina State University in 1998. He became registered in North Carolina in 2000 by education and experience; however, he did not take an exam.

According to the reciprocity agreement with North Carolina:

South Carolina will grant licensure to a North Carolina licensee if the individual was registered by North Carolina prior to June 1, 1991 or after January 1, 1999. An individual registered by North Carolina between these dates must take and pass the written exam offered by North Carolina or South Carolina.

**MOTION**

Mr. Wall moved the Board license Mr. Wimberly after successful passage of the certified forester exam or the exam offered by North Carolina.

**Approval of Licensure via Reinstatement**

a. *Robert Hinson*

Robert Hinson was originally licensed on September 9, 1999. His license lapsed on June 30, 2001. He has submitted documentation verifying the required continuing forester education credits. Mr. Hinson recently served on active duty with the military; however, his license lapsed prior to being called to serve.

**MOTION**

Mr. Wall made a motion the Board approve Mr. Hinson for reinstatement. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

b. *Morgan Mellette*

Morgan Mellette was originally licensed on June 5, 1980. His license lapsed on June 30, 2006. He has paid the \$115.00 registration fee; however, he has not yet paid the \$100 reinstatement fee.

**MOTION**

Mr. Wall moved the Board reinstate Mr. Mellette's license after receipt of the \$100 reinstatement fee. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

c. *Roger Stallard*

Roger Stallard was originally licensed on November 21, 1996. His license lapsed on June 30, 2001. His file is complete.

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion, seconded by Mrs. McFadden and unanimously carried, that the Board reinstate Mr. Stallard's license.

**Election of Officers**

**MOTION**

Mr. Gantt moved the current slate of officers serve for this year. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Discussion of Proposed Legislation**

The Board continued its discussion of the proposed legislation and amended some language.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments made during the January 11, 2007 meeting.

**Executive Session**

The Board did not enter executive session.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION**

Mr. Wall made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dunn and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned.

The January 11, 2007 meeting of the SC Board of Registration of Foresters adjourned at 1:00 p.m.