

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters
Board Meeting
10:00 A.M., October 7, 2013
Synergy Business Park
Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

Meeting Called to Order

Charles Sibley, chairman, of Chapin, called the meeting of the S. C. Board of Registration for Foresters to order at 10:00 a.m. Other Board members participating in the meeting included: Robert Drummond, of Columbia; James Hendricks, of Columbia; Amy McFadden, vice-chairman, of Georgetown; and William Moody, of Lexington.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Theresa Garner, Interim Administrator; Mrs. Georgia Lewis, Advice Counsel; Pam Dunkin, OBS, Operational Management; Todd Bond, OIE, and Erin Baldwin, Office of General Counsel.

Mr. Sibley announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Board of Registration for Foresters office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

All participants recited the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by the invocation.

Approval of Excused Absences

MOTION

Mr. Hendricks made a motion to approve Mr. Ronald Byrd, and Mr. Eric Smith's requests for excused absences. Amy McFadden seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Approval of the July 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Hendricks made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Amy McFadden seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks-Charles Sibley

Mr. Sibley thanked everyone for attending. He stated that two members of our board had problems with their ethics forms; they were unaware of the requirements to file ethics forms. Mr. Sibley asked Mrs. Garner to make sure that in the future, all new members were sent this information. Mr. Drummond seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Interim Administrator's Remarks-Theresa Garner

Mrs. Garner reported that on September 17, 2013, 94 lapsed letters were mailed to Foresters who had not renewed their license as of that date.

The Cash Balance Report for August 2013 shows a balance of \$47,491.65.

OIE Report-Office of Investigations and Enforcement

Mr. Todd Bond, Chief Investigator, reported his department had received two complaints that were currently pending an IRC, and the recommendations would be presented at the next meeting.

OGC Report- Office of General Counsel

Erin Baldwin stated, presently, there were no cases pending in the Office of General Counsel.

Unfinished Business

State Specific Examination

Mr. Sibley asked the status on the State Specific Examinations. Mrs. Lewis requested that this item be tabled until the next meeting so that she could get information from Long Term Health regarding administration of their exams.

New Business

Review of Applications for Licensure via Examination

Richard R. McCutchen

The Board received an application from Mr. McCutchen on August 15, 2013. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University on August 13, 2011. He passed the Certified Forester's examination on May 3, 2012, and his file was complete.

MOTION

Mr. Hendricks made a motion to accept Mr. McCutchen's request for licensure by examination. Mr. Drummond seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Review of Applications for Reinstatement

Thomas G. Adkins

The Board received Mr. Adkins' application for reinstatement on July 22, 2013. Mr. Adkins' license lapsed June 30, 2009. He submitted an updated application, a notarized statement indicating he had practiced forestry since the 2009 expiration of his license, updated employment verification, CFE documentation, and paid all required fees.

MOTION

Amy McFadden made a motion to accept Mr. Adkins application for reinstatement. Mr. Hendricks seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

James R. Brunson

The Board received Mr. Brunson's application for reinstatement on September 9, 2013. Mr. Brunson's license lapsed June 30, 2011. He submitted an updated application, a statement indicating he had practiced forestry since the 2011 expiration of his license, updated employment verification, CFE documentation, and paid all required fees. Mr. Brunson was deployed to Afghanistan from 9/12/2011 to 10/26/2012.

MOTION

Amy McFadden made a motion to accept Mr. Brunson's application for reinstatement, pending a notarized statement to be sent within 30 days. Mr. Drummond seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Stephen E. Eaddy

The Board received Mr. Eaddy's application for reinstatement on July 30, 2013. Mr. Eaddy's license lapsed on June 30, 2009. He submitted an updated application, a notarized statement indicating he had practiced forestry since the 2009 expiration of his license, updated employment verification, CFE documentation, and paid all required fees.

MOTION

Amy McFadden made a motion to accept Mr. Eaddy's application for reinstatement. Mr. Hendricks seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

George C. Muckenfuss

The Board received Mr. Muckenfuss' application for reinstatement on September 17, 2013. Mr. Muckenfuss' license lapsed on June 30, 2009.

He submitted an updated application, a notarized statement indicating he had practiced forestry since the 2009 expiration of his license, updated employment verification, CFE documentation, and paid all required fees.

MOTION

Mr. Drummond made a motion to accept Mr. Muckenfuss' application for reinstatement. Mr. Hendricks seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

2014 Proposed Meeting Dates

MOTION

Mr. Hendricks made a motion to accept the proposed 2014 board meeting dates. Amy McFadden seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Proposed Statute and Regulation Changes

MOTION

Amy McFadden made a motion to accept the revisions to the statutes. Mr. Hendricks seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

MOTION

Amy McFadden made a motion to accept the revisions to the regulations as amended. Mr. Hendricks seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Executive Session

The Board entered into Executive Session for legal advice, on two occasions. It was noted for the record there were no votes taken or actions made while in executive session.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

The next meeting of the S.C. Board of Registration for Foresters is scheduled for January 9, 2014.