

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters**  
**Board Meeting**  
**10:00 A.M., January 14, 2010**  
**Synergy Business Park**  
**Kingstree Building**  
**110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 204**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**

**Meeting Called to Order**

Virgil Wall, chairman, of Greenwood, called the regular meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Foresters to order at 10:00 a.m. Other Board members in attendance included: Amy L. McFadden, vice chairman, of Georgetown; Allen Dunn, PhD., of Central; Fred Gantt, of Columbia; Olin Lominick, of Pomaria; and Charles Sibley, of Chapin.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator and Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant.

A member of the public attending the meeting was Pat Straka.

Mr. Wall 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.

**Invocation**

Dr. Dunn delivered the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Excused Absences**

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board approve George Chastain's absence. Mr. Gantt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Approval of the October 15, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Wall noted one correction to the first sentence of the second paragraph under Ratification of Mail Ballot on page two. He stated 200 should read 2009.

**MOTION**

Mr. Lominick made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Chairman's Remarks – Virgil Wall**

Mr. Wall presented Mrs. Straka with a plaque for her service and commitment to the Board.

**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 this meeting.

Mrs. Addison-Miles made no remarks.

## **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business for this meeting.

## **New Business**

### Approval of Licensure via Examination

#### *a. Dustin P. Gibbons*

On August 13, 2009 the Board received an application for licensure via examination from Dustin Gibbons. Mr. Gibbons received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry from The University of Georgia in May 2007. He passed the certified forester's exam on December 17, 2009. His application is complete; however, he stills owes the \$130.00 registration fee.

### **MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board approve Mr. Gibbons pending payment of fees. Mrs. McFadden seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### *b. Dena T. Jacob*

On March 26, 2009 the Board received an application for licensure via examination from Dena Jacob. Ms. Jacob received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry from Southern Illinois University Carbondale in May 2005. She passed the certified forester's exam on December 17, 2009. Her file is complete.

### **MOTION**

Mrs. McFadden made a motion the Board approve Ms. Jacob for licensure. Mr. Gantt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### Approval of Licensure via Reciprocity

#### *a. George Clay Creed*

On March 12, 2009 the Board received an application for licensure via reciprocity from George Creed. Mr. Creed received an Associate's Degree in Forest Management from Montgomery Community College in 2000 and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Gardner-Webb University in August 2005. Mr. Creed was registered as a forester in North Carolina via the state exam on February 17, 2009. There is one arrest charge against Mr. Creed from North Carolina in 1991. His file is missing one reference letter.

### **MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board approve the application pending receipt of the one reference letter. Mr. Sibley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### *b. Jonathan A. McBeth*

On November 16, 2009 the Board received an application for licensure via reciprocity from Jonathan McBeth. Mr. McBeth received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry from North Carolina State University in May 1981. He was registered as a forester in North Carolina based on his education on May 23, 1996. He has not taken an examination. His file is complete.

### **MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board approve Mr. McBeth pending successful passage of the North Carolina state exam or the SAF certified forester exam. Mr. Sibley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### *c. Barrett B. McCall*

Mr. McCall received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics. According to his application he obtained a master's degree; however, there is no verification of the degree. He was registered in Alabama by oral exam.

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board approve Mr. McCall for licensure. Mr. Sibley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Reinstatement of Licensure**

*a. James Allen*

On January 4, 2010 the Board received license a reinstatement application from James Allen. Mr. Allen's license lapsed on June 30, 2009. He has paid the required \$280.00 fees and has submitted all required documentation.

Mrs. McFadden noted the continuing education certificates were logger continuing education, not SAF certificates.

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board approve Mr. Allen's reinstatement. Mr. Sibley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*b. Gordon Baker*

On November 20, 2009 the Board received a license reinstatement application from Gordon Baker. Mr. Baker's license lapsed on June 30, 2009. He has paid the required fees and submitted the appropriate documentation.

**MOTION**

Mr. Lominick made a motion the Board approve Mr. Baker's reinstatement application. Mr. Sibley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*c. Robert Beach*

On September 22, 2009 the Board received a license reinstatement application from Robert Beach. Mr. Beach's license lapsed on June 30, 2000. He has paid the reinstatement and late fees. He was originally exempt from the continuing forester education; however, Mrs. Addison-Miles was unsure whether or not he needed the continuing education since his license has been lapsed for such a long period of time. He will be obtaining continuing education.

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board approve Mr. Beach's reinstatement. Mr. Sibley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*d. Lewis P. Brown*

On January 4, 2010 the Board received a license reinstatement application from Lewis Brown. Mr. Brown's license lapsed on June 30, 2009. He has paid the required fees and submitted an updated application; however, he has not submitted a notarized statement indicating he has not practiced forestry during the time his license has lapsed.

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board approve Mr. Brown's reinstatement pending receipt of a letter stating if he has practiced forestry since June 30, 2009 it has been under the prevue of a registered forester. Mrs. McFadden seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*e. James Davis*

On January 13, 2009 the Board received a license reinstatement application from James Davis. Mr. Davis' license lapsed June 30, 2009. He has paid the required fees and submitted all required documentation.

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board accept Mr. Davis' reinstatement. Mr. Sibley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*f. Antony C. Gunter*

On November 17, 2009 the Board received a license reinstatement application from Antony Gunter. Mr. Gunter's license lapsed on June 30, 2009. He has paid all required fees and submitted all required documentation.

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board reinstate Mr. Gunter's license. Mr. Sibley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*g. Brandon Heitkamp*

On December 8, 2009 the Board received a license reinstatement application from Brandon Heitkamp. Mr. Heitkamp's license lapsed on June 30, 2009. He has submitted all required fees and submitted all required documentation.

**MOTION**

Mrs. McFadden made a motion the Board approve Mr. Heitkamp for reinstatement. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*h. Wayne D. Horn*

On November 19, 2009 the Board received a license reinstatement application from Wayne Horn. His license lapsed on June 30, 2009. He has paid the required fees and submitted all required documentation.

Mr. Horn's notarized statement reflects he worked until November 4, 2009 when he realized his license had lapsed. After that date he worked under the prevue of a registered forester.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gantt made a motion the Board accept Mr. Horn for reinstatement. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*i. Charles B. Howell*

On January 4, 2010 the Board received a license reinstatement application from Charles Howell. Mr. Howell's license lapsed on June 30, 2009. He has paid all fees and submitted all required documentation.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gantt made a motion the Board accept Mr. Howell's reinstatement application. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*j. Macon C. Osborne*

On January 6, 2010 the Board received a license reinstatement application from Macon Osborne. Mr. Osborne's license lapsed on June 30, 2009. He has paid all fees and submitted all required documentation.

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board approve Mr. Osborne for reinstatement. Mrs. McFadden seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*k. Lewis O. Rogers*

On January 4, 2010 the Board received a license reinstatement application from Lewis Rogers. Mr. Rogers' license lapsed on June 30, 2009. He has paid all fees and submitted all required documentation.

**MOTION**

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

*l. Ervin R. Rowell, III*

On December 2, 2009 the Board received a license reinstatement application from Ervin Rowell, III. Mr. Rowell's license lapsed on June 30, 2009. He has paid all fees and submitted all required documentation.

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board reinstate Mr. Rowell's license. Mr. Sibley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*m. Gary Springer*

On January 13, 2010 the Board received a license reinstatement application from Gary Springer. Mr. Springer's license lapsed on June 30, 2009. He has paid all fees and submitted all required documentation.

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board reinstate Mr. Springer's license. Mr. Sibley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*n. Charles P. Still*

On November 24, 2009 the Board received a license reinstatement application from Charles Still. Mr. Still's license lapsed on June 30, 2009. He has paid the required fees and submitted all required documentation.

**MOTION**

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

**Continuing Forestry Education Audit**

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated 72 registered foresters were randomly selected for the continuing forestry education audit and continuing education audit letters were mailed on October 8, 2009. Of the 72 individuals nine were exempt from continuing forestry education. Continuing forestry education documentation was requested by November 30, 2009. Follow up letters were mailed to those individuals who did not respond on December 2, 2009 asking them to submit the documentation by December 15, 2009 or their license would be suspended. On December 21, 2009 cease and desist orders suspending the licenses of two individuals, George Maxwell and John R. Scott, Jr. who failed to respond to the audit or the follow up letter. Most of the responses of the 63 individuals who were required to respond to the continuing forestry education audit contained SAF certificates with the correct amount of category one units. However, Mrs. Addison-Miles had questions regarding some of the responses.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated John Frazier submitted his license renewal in a timely manner and indicated on his renewal he had obtained his continuing forestry education credits. However, his documentation submitted during the audit reflects he did not have the hours prior to renewal but has since completed all credit hours.

The Board reviewed continuing education certificates submitted by several individuals and authorized Mrs. Addison-Miles how to handle those individuals who did not have enough continuing education or submitted a false statement in regard to having the appropriate continuing education.

#### **MOTION**

Mrs. McFadden made a motion the Board send a consent agreement to Mr. John R. Frazier, Jr., license #409, for providing a false statement regarding continuing education. He will be required to pay \$150.00 reinstatement fee plus \$200.00 fine. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### **State Specific Examination**

Mrs. Addison-Miles explained the examination process. She noted the exam cannot be printed and can be taken from an individual's home. She also noted there is no time limit to take the exam right now.

Mrs. Straka stated the Board contacted SAF in regard to tagging the state specific exam to their exam approximately two years ago. She further stated she has maintained the e-mail and believes the price is \$1,000.00 to tag the state specific questions to the SAF exam.

#### **Public Comments**

No public comments were made during this meeting.

#### **Executive Session**

##### **MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board enter executive session to discuss the state specific exam questions. Mrs. McFadden seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### **Return to Public Session**

##### **MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board return to public session. Mr. Gantt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Wall noted no official action was taken during executive session.

Mr. Wall asked members of the Board to develop questions for the state specific exams.

#### **Election of Officers**

##### **MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion the current officers remain in place. These officers are Virgil Wall as chairman, Amy McFadden as vice chairman, and George Chastain as secretary. Mr. Gantt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### **Adjournment**

The January 14, 2010 meeting of the SC Board of Registration of Foresters adjourned at 12:22 p.m.