

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters
Conference Call Meeting
10:00 A.M., January 13, 2011
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 McFadden, vice chairman, of Georgetown; George Chastain, secretary, of Georgetown; Fred Gantt, of Columbia and Olin Lominick, of Pomaria.

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

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.

Approval of Excused Absences

MOTION

Mrs. McFadden made a motion the Board approve Mr. Dunn's and Mr. Sibley's absences. Mr. Gantt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Approval of the October 14, 2010 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Gantt made a motion the Board approve the minutes of the October 14, 2010 meeting. Mr. Chastain seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks – Virgil Wall

Mr. Wall stated the Board will hold the April 14, 2011 Board meeting in Columbia at which time the Board will discuss the forester's exam and hold election of officers.

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.

OIE (Office of Investigations & Enforcement) Report

No representative from OIE was present to give this report.

OGC (Office of General Counsel) Report

No representative was present to give this report.

OLC (Office of Licensure & Compliance) Report

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated there are currently 762 foresters registered through June 30, 2011.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated since the last meeting four licenses and two reinstatements have been issued.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated she has additional information regarding the exam and would discuss the information at the appropriate time during the meeting.

New Business

Tracey McCarley (LLR Office of Board Services)

Ms. McCarley briefed the Board regarding financial reports. She further stated state government has gone to a new accounting system which has made the financial reports difficult to read. She would provide the report to the Board during the April 14, 2011 meeting. She also noted the information, such as revenue and expenditures, including staff's expenditures, which will be included in the report. She went on to say any questions the members may have regarding the report should be addressed to the agency's budget office.

Approval of Licensure via Examination

Christopher Bradley Bailey

On March 15, 2010 the Board received a registration by examination application from Christopher Bradley Bailey. Mr. Bailey obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University on May 9, 2008. He passed the certified forester exam on November 30, 2010. His file is missing a criminal history report. Staff has notified Mr. Bailey that he must submit the report.

MOTION

Mrs. McFadden made a motion the Board approve the application pending receipt of the criminal history and a current verification of employment showing two years of experience and that the Board review the information prior to the issuance of the license. Mr. Chastain seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Jonathan Wayne Barker

On October 7, 2009 the Board received a registration by examination application from Jonathan Wayne Barker. Mr. Barker obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University on December 22, 2005. He passed the certified forester exam on December 21, 2010. His file is complete.

MOTION

Mr. Chastain made a motion the Board approve Mr. Barker's application for registration. Mr. Lominick seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Approval of Licensure via Reciprocity

Brian C. Reinhart

On October 25, 2010 the Board received a registration by reciprocity application from Brian C. Reinhart. Mr. Reinhart obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Government and Politics from George Mason University in 1995. He was licensed in North Carolina on September 14, 2010. The license verification from North Carolina shows he was licensed after passing the North Carolina state exam. His file is missing three references of which one must be from a registered forester.

MOTION

Mr. Gantt made a motion the Board table the application until the next meeting. Mr. Chastain seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

State Specific Examination

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated staff has been working with SAF regarding the certified forester exam. She further stated the Board was initially approved funding of \$900.00 to integrate the

state exam into the certified forester exam. She went on to say once staff researched the revision of the written agreement it was noted the initial contract included a quote of \$900.00 and another quote of \$1,300.00. She said the \$1,300.00 quote would be in addition to the \$900.00 for professional assistance in writing and validating of the questions should the Board be challenged by an individual who failed the exam. She noted the Board is currently at a stand still in regard to writing the exam. She stated Ms. Dantzler feels it is best to have professionals write the questions at a later time so the board would not have to worry about being challenged.

Mr. Wall stated he is confident that the current questions on the exam have been validated.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated she would discuss the issue with Ms. Dantzler and, if needed, she would coordinate a conversation between Ms. Dantzler and Mr. Wall.

Mrs. McFadden stated the Board has been attempting to start the state specific exam and she feels it needs to move forward and the Board seek assistance from professional exam writers at a later time.

Mr. Wall stated he has received a letter from the Legislative Audit Council in regard to a review of the professional and occupational boards.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated on May 28, 2010 the Governor signed a bill into law which requires that all persons who must file a Statement of Economic Interest form with the State Ethics Commission must file the form electronically. She further stated that all paper copies of the Statement of Economic Interest form would be returned with instructions to contact the Commission for a username and instructions. She noted that all filers must provide the Ethics Commission with an e-mail address when the username is obtained.

Public Comments

No public comments were made during this meeting.

Executive Session

The Board did not enter executive session.

Adjournment

The January 13, 2011 meeting of the SC Board of Registration of Foresters adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

The next meeting of the SC Board of Registration of Foresters is scheduled for April 14, 2011.