

MINUTES
South Carolina Registration for Foresters
Board Meeting
10:00 a.m., July 10, 2014
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 204
Columbia, South Carolina

Meeting Called to Order

Charles Sibley, chairman, called the regular scheduled meeting of the S. C. Board of Registration of Foresters to order at 10:05 a.m. Other members present included: Amy McFadden, Vice-chair, of Georgetown; James Hendricks, Secretary, of Columbia; William Moody, of Lexington; and Eric Smith, of Summerville.

Staff members attending the meeting included: Administrator, Molly Price; Theresa Garner, Program Assistant; Georgia Lewis, Advice Counsel; and Todd Bond, Office of Investigation and Enforcement.

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.

Approval of Excused Absences

The Board approved the excused absences of board members, Ronald Byrd, and Robert Drummond.

Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

Mr. Sibley delivered the invocation.

Approval of the April 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Amy McFadden made a motion to accept the April 10, 2014 minutes as presented. Mr. Hendricks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks-Charles Sibley

Mr. Sibley welcomed Administrator, Molly Price.

Mr. Sibley asked Mr. Smith to give an overview of the ASBORF meeting he attended in Raleigh, North Carolina, in June. Mr. Smith stated that the following states were represented: North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, and Arkansas, and there were fifteen people in attendance. The discussion topics included North Carolina's laws, and history. There was a round table discussion regarding different issues associated with various states. Mr. Smith was not eligible to serve as the ASBORF Secretary-Treasurer because his board term will expire before the two year term of the ASBORF Secretary-Treasurer's term ends.

Administrator's Remarks-Molly Price

Mrs. Price reported there were currently 681 Registered Foresters. The Cash balance as of May 2014 was \$41,016.60. The next scheduled board meeting will be held on October 9, 2014.

Molly asked the board members to consider allowing staff approval for applicants whose application packages are in order; she said this would help streamline the application process. Advice Counsel, Georgia Lewis, referred to the Engine Bill, 40-1-50 (F) which states, a board may elect to delegate to the department the authority to issue an authorization to practice to an applicant whose proof of qualifications falls within established guidelines set by the board.

MOTION

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve Mrs. Price's request for administrative approval, with the collaboration of a board member also reviewing the applications. Mr. Smith volunteered to assist in the reviews of the applications. Mr. Hendricks seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel

There were no advisory opinions given during this meeting.

Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

Georgia Lewis, Advice Counsel, reminded board members the regulations were withdrawn because another agency had a problem with the language, and now was the time to start working on changing the wording, and submitting a Notice of Drafting to be published in the state registry. She said this was also a good time to make changes to the statutes. Ms. McFadden chairs the Task Force Committee, for making the technical revisions, and will meet with interested parties, along with the appropriate commissions, to try and make the necessary changes so that everyone is in agreement.

OGC Report-Office of Disciplinary Counsel-Erin Baldwin

Mrs. Baldwin was not present, as she had another meeting; Administrator, Molly Price, gave the report on her behalf. There were no open or closed cases to report.

OIE Report-Office of Investigations and Enforcement-Todd Bond

Todd Bond reported there were no active cases at this time.

New Business

- a. Review of Applications for Licensure via Examination
 - i. Wesley R. Brunson

The board received an application from Mr. Brunson on March 26, 2014. He obtained an Associate in Agriculture Degree, with a major in Forestry Management Technology, from Horry Georgetown Technical College on May 8, 2006, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University on December 22, 2011. He took and passed the Certified Foresters Exam on May 15, 2014. He paid all fees and his file was complete.

MOTION

Mr. Hendricks made a motion to approve Mr. Brunson's application. Mr. Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- ii. Randall Zane Clardy

The board received an application from Mr. Clardy on July 31, 2013. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University on May 13, 2011 and a Master of Forest Resources Degree from Clemson University on May 11, 2012. He took and passed the Certified Foresters Exam on May 1, 2014. He paid all fees, and his file was complete.

MOTION

Ms. McFadden made a motion to approve Mr. Clardy's application. Mr. Hendricks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

iii. Ricky McDonald

The board received an application from Mr. McDonald on February 19, 2013. He obtained an Associate in Agriculture Degree, with a major in Forestry Management Technology, from Horry Georgetown Technical College on May 8, 1997. He took and passed the Certified Foresters Exam on May 20, 2014. He paid all fees and his file was complete.

MOTION

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve Mr. McDonald's application. Mr. Hendricks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

b. Review of Applications for Licensure via Reciprocity

i. Gregory Brooks Allen

The board received an application from Mr. Allen on May 19, 2014, for reciprocity licensure through North Carolina. Mr. Allen obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Management from North Carolina State University on August 4, 2009. He took and passed the North Carolina state exam. He paid all fees, and his file was complete.

MOTION

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve Mr. Allen's request for licensure by reciprocity North Carolina. Ms. McFadden seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ii. Robert Elisha Griffith

The board received an application from Mr. Griffith on March 26, 2014, for reciprocity licensure through Georgia. Mr. Griffith obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry and Natural Resources from the University of Georgia on March 21, 1977. He has held a license in Georgia since June 7, 1979. No testing information was provided. He paid all fees, and his file was complete.

MOTION

Mr. Hendricks made a motion to approve Mr. Griffith's request for reciprocity licensure through Georgia. Mr. Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

iii. Kenneth Keith Moss

The board received an application from Mr. Moss on April 14, 2014, for reciprocity licensure through Georgia. Mr. Moss obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry and Natural Resources from the University of Georgia on December 6, 1993. He has held a license in Georgia since March 8, 1996. His Georgia license indicated he was licensed by examination. He paid all fees, and his file was complete.

MOTION

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve Mr. Moss' request for reciprocity licensure through Georgia. Mr. Hendricks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

iv. Jack M. Yerkes, Jr.

The board received an application from Mr. Yerkes on May 5, 2014, for reciprocity licensure through Alabama. Mr. Yerkes obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry from Mississippi State University on August 15, 1970. He has held a license in Alabama since October 28, 1992. His Alabama license was obtained through Alabama's written examination. His license will expire on September 30, 2014. He paid all fees, and his file was complete.

MOTION

Mr. Hendricks made a motion to approve Mr. Yerkes' request for reciprocity licensure through Alabama. Ms. McFadden seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

c. Review of Application for Reinstatement

i. Anthony Goodnough

The board received an application for reinstatement from Mr. Goodnough on June 23, 2014. His license lapsed on June 30, 2003. He has submitted an updated application, a notarized statement indicating he has not practiced Forestry in South Carolina since the June 30, 2003 expiration of his license; he also included an updated verification, and CFE documents. Mr. Goodnough was very close to the 11 year allowable time to have to retake the exam. Ms. Price spoke with Mr. Goodnough at the beginning of June and told him as long as his completed application was submitted by the June 30th deadline; he would be within the 11 years. Mr. Goodnough fulfilled this request, and paid all fees, his file was complete.

MOTION

Mr. Hendricks made a motion to approve Mr. Goodnough's application for reinstatement. Mr. Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ii. Marvin L. Prater

The board received an application from Mr. Prater on June 25, 2014. His license lapsed on June 30, 2011. He submitted an updated application, a notarized statement indicating he has not practiced Forestry in South Carolina since the June 30, 2011 expiration of his license; he also included an updated employment verification, and CFE documents. Mr. Prater paid all fees, and his file was complete.

MOTION

Ms. McFadden made a motion to approve Mr. Prater's application for reinstatement. Mr. Hendricks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Old Business

- a. Charles Sibley-LLR On-Line Exams
 - i. Committee Update

Mr. Sibley stated the committee had not met since they wanted Mrs. Price to be included in the exam process. Mrs. Price said she would schedule a time to meet with LLR's Information Technology Department, and will report back at the next board meeting. Mr. Sibley asked that Amy McFadden and Robert Drummond, serve on the committee.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Executive Session (If necessary)

The board did not enter into executive session.

Adjournment

The July 10, 2014 meeting of the S. C. Board of Registration of Foresters adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

The next meeting of the S. C. Board of Registration for Foresters is scheduled for October 9, 2014, in room 204.