

MINUTES
SC Board of Registration for Foresters
Board Meeting
April 4, 2019 at 10 a.m.
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 105
Columbia, South Carolina

Meeting Called to Order

Christian Hendricks, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included: Michael Mills, William Moody, William D. Sligh, Jr., Robert Drummond, and Charles Maley. Members participating by conference call included: Frazier Baldwin, Vice Chairman.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Hardwick Stuart, Office of Advice Counsel; Molly Price, Administrator; Johnnie Rose, Program Coordinator; and Prentiss Shealey, Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

Others present included: Joseph Franklin and Justin Query

Statement of Public Notice

Mr. Hendricks stated public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building and on the Agency's website, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in accordance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Pledge of Allegiance

All attending recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

The invocation was given by Mr. Robert Drummond.

Approval of Excused Absences

No absences to approve

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the February 7, 2019, meeting minutes.
Sligh/Maley/approved.

Chairman's Remarks – James Hendricks

Mr. Hendricks welcomed everyone to the Forester's Board meeting and stated that he hoped everything would go as planned.

Staff Reports

Administrative and Financial Report – Molly Price

Mrs. Price stated that the Board currently has 708 licensed foresters. The Board had a cash balance of \$-172,398.31 as of February 2019, and with renewals approaching the balance should come up some.

Mrs. Price informed the Board that since being implemented in January of 2016, the State exam has been taken 47 times, with the average score of 80.

A list of the recently approved licenses was presented to the Board: two individuals were licensed by examination, and one by reciprocity. All licensees were approved by Molly Price and board member Charles Maley.

Mrs. Price informed the Board that she met with Guy Sabin and Cam Crawford with the SC Forestry Association on February 19th to discuss the Board's statutes and regulations and the need for proposed changes hopefully in the 2020 legislative session. She stated she received an email from Jeff Brown with ACF requesting they have some involvement in the future changes. Mr. Sabin has been kind enough to set up a meeting on Thursday, April 25, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at the Association's office to brainstorm future changes. Mrs. Price asked Hardwick Stuart and Holly Beeson of LLR to attend this meeting.

License renewals will open Monday, April 8, 2019. Licensees will have until 11:59 p.m. on June 30th to renew their licenses. After June 30th, there will be a \$50 late fee until September 30, 2019. Mrs. Price informed the Board she is working with the SCFC to streamline their renewal process for 70+ Registered Foresters.

Mrs. Price also informed the Board there will be a CFE audit after renewals end that will most likely take place at the November 19th meeting.

- a. Advisory Opinions – There were no Advisory Opinions.
- b. ODC Report – Prentiss Shealey
Mrs. Shealey said there are no cases in the Office of Disciplinary Council.
- c. OIE Report – There was no report from the Office of Investigations and Enforcement
- d. IRC Report – There was no Investigative Review Committee report.
- e. The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2019, in Room 105.

Application Hearings

1. Mr. Joseph Franklin appeared before the Board for an Application Hearing. He was not represented by counsel. He was sworn in by the court reporter. The hearing was recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

Executive Session

MOTION: For the Board to enter into executive session to seek legal advice regarding the application hearing.
Moody/Sligh/approved.

Return to Public Session

MOTION: For the Board to return to public session.
Drummond/Sligh/approved.

MOTION: To approve Mr. Franklin's application with the following conditions: After March 21, 2020, he must resubmit his employment verification form showing he has remained under the direction of a Registered Forester. The Board will approve his education for the two years of time which will give him the six years needed to become a Registered Forester in this state and the Board will delegate staff to issue a license after March 21, 2020.
Moody/Sligh/approved.

New Business

- a. Mrs. Price informed the Board that Mr. Thomas Patrick, For. 717 contacted the Board to request his continuing education waived for this two year renewal cycle considering.

Executive Session

MOTION: For the Board to enter into executive session and the Administrator to remain to seek legal advice regarding CFE Waiver Requests.
Drummond/Sligh/approved.

Return to Public Session

MOTION: For the Board to return to public session.
Drummond/Sligh/approved.

MOTION: To deny Mr. Thomas Patrick's CFE Waiver Request for the period ending June 30, 2019.
Drummond/Baldwin/approved

- b. Mrs. Price informed the Board that in May or June she will have to submit travel requests for the upcoming fiscal year. Mrs. Price informed the Board the 2019 ASBORF Annual Meeting will be held August 2019.

MOTION: To approve two Board members and one staff person to attend the 2019 ASBORF Annual Meeting.
Drummond/Moody/approved

- c. Mr. Stuart informed the Board a new process regarding Cease and Desist for unlicensed practice. The Order would be reviewed by Advice Counsel and forwarded to the Board Chair to streamline the process for unlicensed practice.

MOTION: To approve the Board Chair the authority to issue Cease and Desist orders for unlicensed practice.
Drummond/Baldwin/approved

Executive Session

No Executive Session needed.

Return to Public Session

No return to public session.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn.
Baldwin/Drummond/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.