

MINUTES
SC Board of Registration for Foresters Board Meeting
Board Meeting
July 25, 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, of Newberry; William D. Sligh, Jr., of Hartsville; Robert A. Drummond, of Columbia; and Brannon Babb, of Honea Path.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Hardwick Stuart, Office of Advice Counsel; Johnnie Rose, Program Coordinator; and Sherri Moorner, Program Assistant.

Others present included: John Cordray and Cortney Glover (Creel Court Reporting).

Statement of Public Notice

Mr. Hendricks stated public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC Board of Registration for Foresters office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building and on the board website 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 attending recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

The invocation was given by Mr. Drummond.

Approval of Excused Absences

MOTION: To excuse Frazier Baldwin, Charles Maley, and Michael Mills from the meeting, due to schedule conflicts. Sligh/Drummond/approved.

Chairman's Remarks – Christian Hendricks

Mr. Hendricks welcomed Mr. Babb to the Board.

Approval of the April 4, 2019, Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the April 4, 2019, meeting minutes as written. Drummond/Sligh/approved.

Staff Reports

a. Administrative and Financial Report – Johnnie Rose

Mr. Rose said that Molly Price has been promoted to Administrator of the Contractor's Licensing Board. A new Administrator will be hired for this Board soon. Mr. Moody has retired, and Mr. Babb has been appointed to fill his vacancy on the Board.

The Board has 644 licensed foresters. The Board had a cash balance of \$-156,227.13 as of May 31, 2019. The Board took in \$30,000.00 in license renewals, which helped that deficit.

The State exam has been taken 52 times since being implemented in January 2016. A list of approved applicants will be provided at the November 19, 2019, Board meeting.

License renewals closed on June 30; however, renewals will remain open through September 30 with a \$50 late fee. Renewals can be completed online or by mailing in a paper renewal form with a check or money order.

The Board will conduct CFE audits at the November 19, 2019, Board meeting. Staff will send out letters by September 1. Individuals selected for an audit will have 30 days to respond to the audit.

Work on a fall newsletter will begin in August. Mr. Rose will contact the Board members for content. The goal is to publish a newsletter on the website in the spring and fall of each year.

The regulatory review from 2017 will be on the agenda for the November 19, 2019, Board meeting. Mr. Stuart said they were waiting on the SC Forestry Association to propose statutory changes, because the regulations need to follow the statute. He will send a copy of the report and the regulations to the Board members for review prior to the next meeting.

b. Advisory Opinions – There were no Advisory Opinions.

c. Legislative Updates – There was no report.

d. ODC Report – Mr. Rose said are no cases in the Office of Disciplinary Council.

e. OIE Report – Mr. Rose said there are no cases in the Office of Investigations and Enforcement

f. IRC Report – There was no Investigative Review Committee report.

g. The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2019, in Room 105.

Application Hearing

1. Mr. John Cordray 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 for legal advice, with Mr. Rose remaining for the discussion. Sligh/Drummond/approved.

Return to Public Session

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

MOTION: To accept Mr. Cordray's application pending submission of an employment verification form that he has continued to work under a registered forester until January 14, 2020. Hendricks/Sligh/approved.

New Business

1. Mr. Rose said the 2019 ASBORF Meeting will be held in Natchez, MS, on August 28-30, 2019. Travel for this meeting was approved for one Board member and one staff member at the April 4, 2019, Board meeting. Mr. Maley is interested in attending. The Board agreed that Mr. Maley should attend as the designated Board member.

Executive Session

No executive session.

Return to Public Session

No return to public session.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn. Sligh/Drummond/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.