

MINUTES
SC Board of Registration for Foresters Board Meeting
Board Meeting
February 6, 2020 at 10 a.m.
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 105
Columbia, South Carolina

Meeting Called to Order

James Christian Hendricks, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included: Frazier Baldwin of Lancaster; Charles J. Maley, of Moore; Robert A. Drummond, of Columbia; Michael Mills, of Newberry; William D. Sligh, Jr., of Hartsville; and Brannon M. Babb, of Honea Path.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Hardwick Stuart, Office of Advice Counsel; Pam Dunkin, Administrator; Johnnie Rose, Program Coordinator and Tiear Williams, Administrative Assistant.

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

Chairman's Remarks – Christian Hendricks

Mr. Hendricks thanked everybody for attending the meeting. He thanked Mrs. Dunkin and staff for their hard work. He also mentioned he reached out to Mr. Moody, retired Board member thanking him for his service to the Board and the citizens of South Carolina.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the November 19, 2019 meeting minutes.
Drummond/Sligh/approved.

Staff Reports

a. Administrative and Financial Report – Pam Dunkin

- Currently the Board has 672 licensed foresters.
- The Cash Balance Report for December 2019 reflected a balance of \$-137,245.03. A copy of the Cash Report is included in the meeting handouts.
- Since being implemented in January of 2016, the State exam has been taken 65 times with an average score of 78.

- Please let Johnnie know if you have any ideas or discussion topics for the 2020 newsletter. Unfortunately, a newsletter was not done in 2019, so I would like to have the 2020 newsletter published as quickly as possible.
 - The deadline to file your 2020 Statement of Economic Interest report is 12 noon on March 30, 2020. An email from Johnnie was sent to everyone about this on January 27th. If you did not receive this email, please let me or Johnnie know immediately. All Board Members must file this report. Late filings or failure to file the report will result in penalties so a reminder email from staff will be sent out around March 1st and March 16th.
 - Talks with CE Broker resumed in December. CE Broker is the company that LLR is using to track licensees' CE information. Eventually, CE Broker will be used to audit all licensees for CE compliance at renewal. Currently, CE Broker is working on the system setup that would allow Registered Foresters to upload their CE information. The Board will be updated on the progress of this implementation.
 - And finally, the next Board meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2020, in Room 204.
- b. **Advisory Opinions** – There were no Advisory Opinions.
- c. **ODC Report** – There was no report.
- d. **OIE Report** – There was no report.
- e. **IRC Report** – Mr. Rose gave a report on behalf of Mr. Bond. He stated there are two cases on the January 28, 2020 Investigative Review Committee Report for a Cease and Desist.

MOTION: To accept the January 28, 2020, Investigative Review Committee report. Drummond/Sigh/approved.

New Business

a. **Study Committee for Proposing Draft of Amended Regulations**

MOTION: To establish a Study Committee to include: J. Christian Hendricks; Frazier Baldwin; Hardwick Stuart, Advice Counsel and staff. Also, send information/notification to ACF, SAF, Forestry Council and Forestry Association. Sligh/Maley/approved.

b. **Delegation to Speak on Behalf of the Board Regarding Legislative Matters**

MOTION: To delegate Fraizer Baldwin as the point of contact for legislative matters with the alternate as William Sligh. Maley/Babb/approved.

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. Frazier/Mills/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.