

**MINUTES**  
**SC Board of Registration for Foresters Board Meeting**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 12, 2021 at 10 a.m. by Virtual Video/Teleconference**

**Meeting Called to Order**

Blair 'Frazier' Baldwin, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included: Charles 'Chip' Maley, Vice-Chairman, of Moore, SC;; Robert A. Drummond, of Columbia; Michael Mills, of Newberry; William D. Sligh, Jr., of Hartsville; Brannon M. Babb, of Honea Path; and J. Christian Hendricks of Columbia, SC.

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

Others participating in the meeting included: Melaine Farnham (Creel Court Reporting, Inc).

**Statement of Public Notice**

Mr. Baldwin stated the 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. In accordance with the Governor's directives regarding social distancing, the meeting is being held via video and teleconference. Members of the public who wish to attend may do so by telephone or the Internet. For login information, please call (803)896-4800 or email [Contact.Foresters@lrr.sc.gov](mailto:Contact.Foresters@lrr.sc.gov).

**Invocation**

Mr. Maley gave the invocation.

**Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION: To adopt the August 12, 2021 agenda  
Drummond/Maley/approved.

**Approval of Excused Absences**

There were no absences.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: To approve the May 13, 2021, meeting minutes.  
Maley/Sligh/approved.

## **Chairman's Remarks – B. Frazier Baldwin**

Mr. Baldwin thanked everybody for their attendance and patience with the webinar meeting. The Board is continuing to meet by webinar to be cautious, but will return to in-person meetings when it is safe to do so.

## **Staff Reports**

### **Administrative and Financial Report – Pam Dunkin**

- As a friendly reminder, please be sure to mute yourself if you are not speaking.
- Also, be sure to identify yourself first before speaking to help those that are taking the minutes.
- As of today, we currently have 631 registered foresters. This is our post renewal number, however, licensees can late renew until 9/30/2021, and after that date it is considered reinstatement.
- Since the last Board meeting, 3 new licenses have been issued by examinations, and a list of all licenses issued since May 13, 2021, is included in the meeting handouts.
- Since being implemented in January of 2016, the State exam has been taken 80 times with an average score of 77.
- As of June 30, 2021, the Board had a cash balance of -\$102,432.37. A copy of the cash balance report is included in the meeting handouts.
- On Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00, the Forestry Association will have their Forester's Council meeting and Johnnie will attend to give an update from the Board.
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2021. The Agency is currently working on the protocols for having in-person Board meetings. Once those protocols are in place, we will present those to the Board so the Board members can decide on whether to have virtual or in-person meetings.

a. **Advisory Opinions** – There were no Advisory Opinions.

b. **ODC Report** – No Report.

c. **OIE Report** – No Report.

d. **IRC Report** – No Report.

## **Old Business**

## **New Business**

### **a. Bill S.295 – Pam Dunkin**

Mrs. Dunkin stated there has been no action on Bill #S.295. This bill would not allow a board or commission to deny licensure to an applicant based on a prior criminal conviction unless it directly

relates to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation or profession. If passed, it would require every board to develop a comprehensive list of criminal convictions that are specific and directly related to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation or profession it regulates.

**b. 2021 ASBORF Conference Travel Approval to Asheville, NC, September 9-10,2021 – Pam Dunkin**

**MOTION:** To approve 2 people to attend the ASBORF Conference in Asheville, NC.  
Sligh/Drummond/approved.

**LLR Director's Financial Report – Emily Farr**

Mr. Deshpande stated as of right now, the Board has a negative balance of -\$102,432.37. There was a transfer of agency wide funds that were available to bring the board out of a negative balance. This transfer will allow the Finance Department and the Board to adjust fees and processes as needed in order for the Board to remain at a positive balance.

**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. Hendricks/Drummond/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.