

MINUTES
SC Board of Registration for Foresters Board Meeting
Board Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2021 at 10 a.m. by Virtual Video/Teleconference

Meeting Called to Order

Blair ‘Frazier’ Baldwin, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included: Charles ‘Chip’ Maley, Vice-Chairman, of Moore; 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.

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

Others participating in the meeting included: Cortney Glover (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, Kingtree Building and on the board’s 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.

Invocation

Mr. Drummond gave the invocation.

Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: To adopt the October 13, 2021 agenda.
Drummond/Maley/approved.

Approval of Excused Absences

There were no absences.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the August 12, 2021, meeting minutes.
Hendricks/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

Administrator and Financial Report – Johnnie Rose

- 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 have 643 registered foresters. This is our post renewal number, however, licensees could late renew until September 30, 2021, and after that date it is considered a reinstatement.
- Since the last Board meeting, 2 new licenses have been issued by examinations, and a list of all licenses issued since August 12, 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.

- a. **Advisory Opinions** – There were no Advisory Opinions.
- b. **ODC Report** – No Report.
- c. **OIE Report** – No Report.
- d. **IRC Report** – No Report.

New Business

a. 2021 ASBORF Meeting Update –Johnnie Rose

South Carolina has made an impact on other states with our revisions to the regulations in a few regards: CFEs now match SAF, CFE Exemption was a hot topic and a few other states may be looking at the criteria to mirror ours. Other states present gave their reports on number of licensees, application processes and shared and ask for other ideas in regards to processes and being more efficient with the application process.

b. Foresters' Council Meeting Update – Johnnie Rose

Updates were given at this meeting to include: Governor Appointments, Agency updates from: Clemson University, SC Forestry Commission, Forestry Association of SC. The next Council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2022.

c. 2022 Board Meeting Dates

Thursday, February 24, 2022 – Room 105 at 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, June 9, 2022 – Room 105 at 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 10, 2022 – Room 105 at 10:00 a.m.

MOTION: To approve the 2022 Board Meeting Dates.
Sligh/Drummond/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. Hendricks/Mills/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.