

MINUTES
SC Board of Registration for Foresters Board Meeting
November 16, 2023 at 10 a.m.
WebEx Webinar/Teleconference

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Charles Maley called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included Vice-Chairman Christian Hendricks, of Columbia; Michael Mills, of Newberry; and William D. Sligh, Jr., of Hartsville.

Staff members participating during the meeting included Mary League, Office of Advice Counsel; Johnnie Rose, Board Executive; Cleve Langdale, Program Coordinator; Robby Dean, Investigator; and Sherri Moorner, Administrative Coordinator.

Others present included Nadine Garrett (Creel Court Reporting); Felix Stith; Jonathan Hartsell; Mike Madritch; and Rob Drummond

Statement of Public Notice

Mr. Maley 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. 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. Hendricks gave the invocation.

Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: To adopt the July 13, 2023, agenda.
Sligh/Mills/approved.

Approval of Excused Absences

MOTION: To approve the absence of Brannon Babb.
Hendricks/Sligh/approved.

Approval of the July 7, 2023, Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the July 7, 2023, meeting minutes.
Mills/Sligh/approved.

Chairman's Remarks – Charles Maley

Chair Charles Maley thanked Justin Hilton for serving on the Board, and thanked Rob Drummond for his years of service. Chair Maley will pick up the plaque for Rob Drummond.

Staff Reports

- a. Administrative Report – Johnnie Rose
 - i. There are 670 registered foresters.
 - ii. Four licenses were issued since the last meeting: all by examination.
 - iii. With Mr. Hilton’s addition to the Board, the Board now has one vacancy.
 - iv. Mr. Rose asked the Board Members to review and sign a non-disclosure statement for the Board Member secure site. Ms. League explained that the purpose is to safeguard non-public information.
 - v. The next Board will be March 14, 2024. It will be an in-person meeting held at the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation at 10 a.m.
- b. Finance Report – Johnnie Rose
Mr. Rose stated that the Board has a cash of balance of \$84,925.89 as of 9/30/2023.
- c. Advisory Opinions – There were no Advisory Opinions.
- d. ODC Report – Mr. Rose reported no cases in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.
- e. OIE Report – Mr. Dean reported no cases in the Office of Investigations and Enforcement
- f. IRC Report – Mr. Dean said there was no Investigative Review Committee report.

New Business

- a. 2023 Audit Review

MOTION: To defer the audit review until a later date.
Mills/Sligh/approved

- b. IRC Member Recommendations - Johnnie Rose and Robby Dean

Robby Dean stated that the function of the Internal Review Conference is to determine if a violation has occurred based on Board parameters and precedent and the severity of said violation. Johnnie Rose asked that recommendations to fill the two open IRC positions be sent to him.

Executive Session

No executive session.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn.
Hendricks/Sligh/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.