

MINUTES
SC Board of Registration for Foresters Board Meeting
March 13, 2025 at 10 a.m.
WebEx Webinar/Teleconference

Call to Order

Chairman Charles Maley called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Statement of Public Notice

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S.C. Board of Registration for Foresters office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 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. The meeting will be held virtually.

Invocation

Mr. Hollis gave the invocation.

Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: Mr. Hendricks moved to adopt the March 13, 2025 agenda. Mr. Sligh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Introduction of Board Members and Others

Board Members participating in the meeting included: Charles Maley, Chair; Christian Hendricks, Vice-Chairman, Michael Mills, William Sligh, Jr., James Hollis, Jr., and Brannon Babb.

Staff members participating included: Johnnie Rose, Board Executive; Tear Williams, Administrative Assistant; Mary League, Office of Advice Counsel; Robby Dean, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; and LeAnna McMenamin, Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

Others present included Tina F. Behles (Capital City Reporting)

Approval of Excused Absences

MOTION: Mr. Hollis moved to excuse Justin Hilton's absence. Mr. Babb seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Mills moved to approve the November 14, 2024, minutes. Mr. Sligh seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks – Charles Maley

Mr. Maley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Staff Reports

a. Board Executive's Report – Johnnie Rose

- As we are using WebEx, please state your name first, followed by your comment or question, so the Court Reporter can accurately identify you for the record.

- The Department has updated the travel reimbursement process for Board meetings. Mrs. Moorer will contact each Board member individually to review their travel statement and obtain a digital signature.
- All Board members must file their Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) no later than 12:00 p.m. on March 30, 2025, to avoid penalties.

Legislative Update

- As of January 2025, we have officially entered a new legislative year. At this time, there is no legislation of concern that directly impacts this Board or the profession.
- However, we remain vigilant in monitoring all current and proposed legislation. Should anything arise that requires the Board's attention or action, we will notify you immediately and prepare accordingly

Renewals

- The renewal period is scheduled to open Tuesday, April 1st, and will remain open through June 30th. A late renewal period will run until September 30th. After September 30th, registrations will be marked as lapsed and must undergo the reinstatement process
 - The Board has a cash of balance of \$84,925.89 as of 9/30/2023.
- b. Advisory Opinions – Mary League reported there were no Advisory Opinions.
- c. ODC Report – Ms. McMenamin reported no cases in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.
- d. OIE Report – Mr. Dean reported no cases in the Office of Investigations and Enforcement
- e. IRC Report – Mr. Dean said there was no Investigative Review Committee report.

New Business

- a. **Review and Approval of New Member(s) for Investigative Review Conference (IRC)**
Deferred to the next scheduled Board meeting.
- b. **Review and Approval of Auditing Process for Continuing Forestry Education Hours for Compliance**
MOTION: Mr. Hollis moved to use the CE Broker software for a 5% Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) audit at the close of renewals. Mr. Sligh seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.