

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters
10:00 A.M., January 19, 2012
Synergy Business Park
Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 105
Columbia, South Carolina

NOTE: These minutes are a record of the motions and official actions taken by the Board and brief summary of the meeting. A transcript of this meeting providing more detail will be available on the Board's website: www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/forestry

Meeting Called to Order

Amy McFadden, chairman, of Georgetown, called the regular meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Foresters to order at 10:05 a.m. Other Board members in attendance included: Ronald Byrd, of Hartsville; Allen Dunn, of Central; Fred Gantt, of Columbia; James Hendricks, of Columbia; Charles Sibley, secretary, of Chapin; and Eric Smith, of Greenwood.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator; Theresa Garner, Program Assistant; and Dean Grigg, Advice Counsel.

Mrs. McFadden announced that 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Sibley gave the invocation.

Approval of Excused Absences

All members were present.

Approval of the October 13, 2011, and November 29, 2011 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Gantt made a motion the Board approve the October 13, 2011 minutes. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board approve the November 29, 2011 conference call meeting minutes. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks – Amy McFadden

Mrs. McFadden presented former board chair, Virgil Wall, a plaque, in recognition and appreciation for his dedication and professional services as board chair, and board member for ten years.

Administrator's Remarks – Lenora Addison-Miles

Mrs. Miles welcomed new members, Mr. Hendricks, and Mr. Smith, who replaced Mr. Chastain, and Mr. Lominick. She extended thanks to Mr. George Chastain and Mr. Olin Lominick for their service.

She reported there were currently 700 Foresters registered through June 30, 2013. The late renewal period ended on September 30, 2011, registrants will now have to apply for

reinstatement. There are 73 licenses that lapsed effective June 30, 2011 as compared to 62 licenses that lapsed on June 30, 2009. Each board member was given information for filing Statement of Economic Interest forms with the State Ethics Commission. Forms must be filed electronically no later than April 15th. The proposed changes to the board's regulations were published in the December 23, 2011, *State Register*. The December 2011 cash balance was \$37,287.82.

Unfinished Business

Mrs. McFadden asked what the board needed to do next to get a State-Specific portion for the SAF exam. Mrs. Miles stated the board needs to find someone that will prepare and validate an exam. Mrs. McFadden informed new members that when the board introduced the CF exam a couple of years ago, they felt they needed to strengthen it by adding state specific questions. She said the board has been trying for several years to get that part of the test implemented.

Previously the board had been advised by legal counsel rather than use the board's current pool of questions, to have the exam professionally validated so there would be no question as to the integrity of the exam.

Mrs. McFadden said she would contact SAF and get a cost estimate.

New Business

Approval of Licensure via Examination

John Luke Curry

The Board received Mr. Curry's application on November 2, 2011. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University on December 22, 2005. He passed the Certified Forester exam on January 19, 2010.

MOTION

Dr. Dunn made a motion to approve Mr. Curry for licensure. Mr. Sibley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Robert Douglas Dawsey

The Board received Mr. Dawsey's application on August 29, 2011. Mr. Dawsey received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University on November 11, 2007. He passed the Certified Forester exam on November 15, 2011.

MOTION

Dr. Dunn made a motion to approve Mr. Dawsey for licensure. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Benjamin Kendall

The Board received an application from Mr. Kendall on May 9, 2011. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree on May 9, 2008, and a Master of Forest Resources Degree from Clemson University on May 7, 2010. He passed the exam on August 11, 2011.

MOTION

Mr. Sibley made a motion to approve Mr. Kendall for licensure. Mr. Hendricks seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Approval of Licensure via Reciprocity

Wise Henry Batten, Jr.

The Board received an application from Mr. Batten on October 19, 2011. Mr. Batten obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry from the University of Georgia on August 4, 2001, and a Masters Degree in Forest Resources on May 8, 2004. He was licensed in Georgia on February 13, 2008, by examination.

MOTION

Mr. Byrd made a motion to approve Mr. Batten's request for licensure by reciprocity. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Patrick Austin Lunceford

The Board received Mr. Lunceford's application on September 6, 2011. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry from the University of Georgia on May 11, 2002. He was licensed in Georgia on September 14, 2004 by examination.

MOTION

Dr. Dunn made a motion to approve Mr. Lunceford's request for licensure by reciprocity. Mr. Sibley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Reinstatement Request

Joseph Cory James (FOR 1513)

Mr. James' license lapsed June 30, 2011. He has submitted a completed reinstatement packet and paid all fees.

MOTION

Dr. Dunn made a motion to reinstate Mr. James's license. Mr. Gantt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

CFE Audit July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011

Mrs. Miles reported audit letters were mailed on October 12, 2011, and registrants were asked to respond by November 30, 2011. One Cease and Desist Order was issued for failing to respond. The Board reviewed CFE documents.

2012 ASBORF Annual Meeting

Chair, Amy McFadden, reported the Board will be hosting the Association of Southeastern Boards of Registration for Foresters (ASBORF) conference in 2012. She stated they needed to decide when and where to hold the event. The Board decided to hold a joint meeting with the ACF on April 21, 2012, at Harbison State Forest. Further details will be forthcoming.

Election of Vice Chairman

Dr. Dunn was unanimously elected to serve as Vice Chairman.

Public Comments

No public comments were made during this meeting.

Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. Byrd made a motion the Board enter into executive session for legal advice. Mr. Hendricks seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

MOTION

Dr. Dunn made a motion to return to public session. Mr. Sibley seconded the motion which carried unanimously. It was noted for the record no votes or actions were taken while in executive session.

Adjournment

MOTION

Mr. Sibley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:51 a.m. Mr. Hendricks seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Foresters is scheduled for April 12, 2012.