

MINUTES

South Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters
Board Meeting
10:00 A.M., October 19, 2004
Synergy Business Park
Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

Hugh Ryan, Chairman, of Wedgefield, called the regular meeting of the S.C. Board of Registration for Foresters to order at 10:05 a.m. Other members present for the meeting included: Marietta Singleton, Vice-Chairman, of Hemingway; Fred Gantt, Secretary, of Columbia; Raymond Boozer, of Gilbert; Allen Dunn, PhD, of Central; Patricia Straka, of Westminster; and Virgil Wall, Jr., of Greenwood.

Staff members participating at various times during the meeting included: Sharon Dantzler, Deputy General Counsel, LLR-Office of General Counsel; Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; Lenora Miles, Administrator; and Barry Moreland, Administrative Assistant.

Meeting Called to Order - 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.

Invocation

Mr. Boozer delivered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the July 8, 2004 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Wall stated the executive session comment on page four should be stricken since the Board had entered executive session earlier in the meeting.

MOTION

Mr. Wall moved the Board approve the minutes of the July 8, 2004 meeting as amended. Mr. Gantt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks - Hugh Ryan

Mr. Ryan made no remarks at this time.

Administrator's Remarks - Lenora Miles

Ms. Miles stated she had received information from the ASBORF meeting, which was held

in Tifton, Georgia. The information included minutes from that meeting as well as board reports.

Ms. Straka stated she had been unable to contact Mr. Ryan and submitted a report, on behalf of the Board, based on what the Board had discussed during its meetings.

Ms. Miles stated the Board's change to the reciprocity agreement with North Carolina had been reviewed and approved by the North Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters during its September 30, 2004 meeting. She further stated the North Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters would be forwarding the revised agreement to her, after which she would present to Mr. Ryan for his signature.

Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel

There was no legislative update or advisory opinions given during the October 19, 2004 meeting.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to be discussed during the October 19, 2004 meeting.

New Business

1. Approval of Licensure via Reciprocity

a. Lanier J. Edwards

Mr. Edwards is requesting his license via reciprocity with Alabama; however, the Alabama Board of Forestry has not verified his license. Staff has not received a criminal history report nor has staff received education transcripts.

MOTION

Mr. Wall moved the Board accept Mr. Edwards's application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boozer and unanimously carried.

b. Richard W. Davis, III

Mr. Davis is requesting his license via reciprocity with Georgia; however, Georgia has not verified his licensure. The individual who signed the employment verification with the Florida Division of Forestry did not know how long Mr. Davis had been employed. Mr. Davis holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry Management from the University of Georgia and a Master of Science Degree in Business Administration from Florida State University. Mr. Davis' file is missing one personal reference.

MOTION

Mr. Gantt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wall and unanimously carried; the Board approve Mr. Davis' application pending receipt of the personal reference and license verification from Georgia.

c. Jason B. Kiker

Mr. Kiker is requesting his license via reciprocity with North Carolina. The North Carolina Board of Forestry has verified his license and written state examination. Staff has not received a criminal history report. Mr. Kiker holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry Management from North Carolina State University. Mr. Kiker's file is missing two personal references and employment verification.

MOTION

Mr. Wall moved to approve Mr. Kiker's application pending receipt of the two personal references and employment verification. Mr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. Approval of Licensure via Examination

a. Donald Skinner

Mr. Skinner is requesting his license via examination. He passed the written exam on December 3, 2001. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University. His file is complete.

MOTION

Mr. Wall moved the Board approve Mr. Skinner's application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boozer and unanimously carried.

b. Bradley R. Beverly

Mr. Beverly is requesting licensure via examination. He passed the exam on June 22, 1998. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wall and unanimously carried, that the Board approve Mr. Beverly's application.

3. Approval of Licensure by Reinstatement

a. Worth Kendall

Mr. Kendall is applying for licensure by reinstatement. He has paid all fees and is exempt from the continuing education requirement.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved the Board approve Mr. Kendall reinstatement application. Mr. Wall seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. September Exam Candidate

a. Thomas McElveen

Ms. Miles stated Mr. McElveen had requested to appear before the Board; however, he was not present for the meeting. She further stated he has taken the exam, which he did not pass.

5. Approval of Request to Take Exam in Virginia

a. Jason Chavis

Ms. Straka stated Mr. Chavis contacted her several weeks ago in regard to taking the South Carolina exam in Virginia.

Ms. Miles stated Mr. Chavis lives and works in Virginia and has found a technical school in Virginia, which is willing to proctor the exam. He is requesting the Board consider his request to take the South Carolina exam in Virginia. She went on to say that he took the exam in March 2004 and September 2004 and failed on both occasions.

The Board determined it would discuss this matter in executive session.

Discussion Items

There were no discussion items for the October 19, 2004 meeting.

Public Comments

There were no public comments made during the October 19, 2004 meeting.

Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. Dunn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dunn and unanimously carried, that the Board enter executive session.

Return to Public Session to Report on Executive Session

MOTION

Dr. Dunn moved the Board return to public session. Mr. Gantt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Ryan noted for the record that no motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Jason Chavis

Ms. Straka moved the Board do not allow Mr. Chavis to take the exam in Virginia. Mr. Gantt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Ryan stated he has decided to form a committee consisting of individuals in several aspects of forestry to review the forester exam.

Adjournment

MOTION

There being no further business to be discussed by the Board at this time, Mr. Wall moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Singleton and carried unanimously.

The October 19, 2004 meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Foresters adjourned at

11:50 a.m.