

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters
Conference Call Board Meeting
10:00 A.M., January 15, 2009
Synergy Business Park
Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 105
Columbia, South Carolina

1. Meeting Called to Order

Virgil Wall, chairman, of Greenwood, called the conference call meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Foresters to order at 10:00 a.m. Other Board members in attendance included: Amy L. McFadden, vice chairman, of Georgetown; George Chastain, Secretary, of Georgetown; Allen Dunn, PhD., of Central; Fred Gantt, of Columbia; Olin Lominick, of Pomaria; and Patricia Straka, of Pendleton.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Lenora Miles, Administrator and Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant.

A. Mr. Wall 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.

B. Pledge of Allegiance
All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Invocation
Mr. Wall delivered the invocation.

2. Approval of Excused Absences

All members were present.

3. Approval of the October 9, 2008 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board approve the minutes from the October 9, 2008 meeting. Mrs. McFadden seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Chairman's Remarks – Virgil Wall

Mr. Wall made no remarks at this time.

5. Administrator's Remarks – Lenora Miles

A. Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

B. Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel

There was no legislative update nor were there any advisory opinions given during this meeting.

Mrs. Miles had no remarks.

6. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business for discussion during this meeting.

7. New Business

Approval of Licensure via Examination

i. Bobby Alan Abernathy

On November 10, 2008 the Board received a license application from Bobby Abernathy. Mr. Abernathy obtained an Associate's Degree in Forestry from Horry-Georgetown Technical College in June 1988. He passed the certified forester's exam in October 2008. His file is complete.

The Board deferred this matter to executive session.

ii. Ryan Christopher Bean

On September 9, 2008 the Board received a license application from Ryan Bean. Mr. Bean obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University in May 2004. He passed the certified forester's exam in December 2008. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board approve Mr. Bean's application. Mr. Lominick seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

iii. Charles W. Harrell, III

On April 21, 2008 the Board received a license application from Charles Harrell, III. Mr. Harrell obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University in May 2004 and a Master's Degree in Forest Biology from Virginia Tech in 2007. He passed the certified forester's exam in September 2008. His file is complete.

Mrs. Straka noted Mr. Harrell lacks two weeks to complete his work experience.

MOTION

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board approve Mr. Harrell's application pending completion of his work experience. Mr. Chastain seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Licensure via Reciprocity

i. Bradley Shane Harrelson

On November 10, 2008 the Board received a reciprocity licensure application from Bradley Harrelson. Mr. Harrelson obtained an Associate's Degree in Forest Technology in August 1997 from Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College. Mr. Harrelson was licensed via state exam in Georgia. His file is missing a criminal history report.

MOTION

Mrs. McFadden made a motion the Board approve Mr. Harrelson's application pending receipt of the criminal history report. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ii. Timothy Watson

On February 25, 2008 the Board received a reciprocity licensure application from Timothy Watson. Mr. Watson obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Management from Auburn University in December 1978. He was licensed in Alabama via the state's written and oral exams. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board approve Mr. Watson's license application. Mrs. McFadden seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Education Review - Environmental and Natural Resources Program

On January 7, 2009 the Board received an e-mail from Luke Edwards stating he is currently majoring in forest resource management but would like to enter the Environmental and Natural Resources field with a concentration on natural resources. He is asking the Board if he would still be eligible to take the examination and become licensed as a forester if he switched majors to ENR.

The Board deferred this matter to executive session.

8. Public Comments

There were no public comments made during this meeting.

9. Election of Officers

MOTION

Mrs. Straka made a motion the current slate of officers remain in place. Mr. Lominick seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

10. Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. Gantt made a motion the Board enter executive session. Mr. Lominick seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

11. Return to Public Session

Mr. Wall noted for the record that no official action was taken during executive session.

Bobby Alan Abernathy

MOTION

Mr. Chastain made a motion the Board approve Mr. Abernathy's license application. Mr. Lominick seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Education Review - Environmental and Natural Resources Program – Luke Edwards

Mr. Wall stated he would draft a letter to Mr. Edwards informing him that because he does not have a degree in forestry, he would be required to obtain six years of experience, take the certified forester's exam, and provide the Board with a work experience portfolio.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business for discussion at this time the January 15, 2009 meeting of the S.C. Board of Registration of Foresters adjourned at 11:05 a.m.