

**MINUTES**  
**SC Board of Registration for Foresters Board Meeting**  
**Board Meeting**  
**November 15, 2018 at 10 a.m.**  
**Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building**  
**110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 204**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**

**Meeting Called to Order**

Robert Drummond, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included: Christian Hendricks, of Columbia; Blair Frazier Baldwin., of Lancaster; William Moody, of Lexington; Michael Mills, of Newberry; William D. Sligh, Jr., of Hartsville; and Charles Maley, of Moore.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Molly Price, Administrator; Meredith Buttler, Program Coordinator; and Hardwick Stuart, Office of Advice Counsel.

**Statement of Public Notice**

Mr. Drummond 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.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All attending recited the Pledge of Allegiance

**Invocation**

The invocation was given by Mr. Drummond.

**Approval of Excused Absences**

No absences to approve

**Approval of the July 12, 2018, Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** To approve the July 12, 2018, meeting minutes.  
Hendricks/Sligh/approved.

**Chairman's Remarks – Robert Drummond**

There were no remarks.

**Staff Reports**

- a. Administrative and Financial Report – Molly Price  
Mrs. Price stated that the Board currently has 703 licensed foresters. As of September 30, 2018, the Board had a cash balance of \$-147,816.21. The agency has reallocated

funding to help with the negative cash balance. In 2019 the Board will be in renewals, bringing in approximately \$80,000.

State exam results and a list of applicants approved for licensure since July 12, 2018, were included in the meeting handouts. The state exam has been taken 42 times since being implemented in January 2016, with an average score of 80. As the average score has remained consistent, Ms. Price does not feel that a review and re-vetting of the exam is needed at this time.

A list of the recently approved licensees was presented to the Board: three by examination, two by reciprocity and none by reinstatement. All licensees were approved by Molly Price and board member Charles Maley.

The Board 2019 Board Meeting dates are now available. The November 2019 date will be changed as it has been found in conflict with other Forestry Association meetings. Board staff will email out an updated meeting date list. If any Board member sees a conflict with meeting dates, please notify Board staff.

- b. Advisory Opinions – There were no Advisory Opinions.
- c. Legislative Updates – There was no report.
- d. ODC Report – There was no report from the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.
- e. OIE Report – There was no report from the Office of Investigations and Enforcement.
- f. IRC Report – There was no Investigative Review Committee report.

### **Application Hearing**

**Mr. Zeb Freeman appeared before the Board for an Application Hearing. He was not represented by counsel. Mr. Greg Lambert, supervisor, served as a witness. All persons testifying were sworn in by the court reporter. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.**

### **Executive Session**

**MOTION:** For the Board to enter into executive session to seek legal advice regarding application hearings.  
Maley/Baldwin/approved.

### **Return to Public Session**

**MOTION:** For the Board to return to public session.  
Hendricks/Mills/approved.

Board Chairman, Robert Drummond, noted for the record that no votes or actions were taken while in executive session.

**MOTION:** To conditionally approve Mr. Freeman to become a Registered Forester pending he continue to work under a registered forester through August 12, 2019, and submit an updated employment verification form at the time for licensure.  
Maley/Sligh/approved

### **Discussion Topics**

- a. 2018 ASBORF Meeting – Clemson, SC  
Mr. Drummond stated that the meeting was a resounding success and thanking Ms. Price and Ms. Buttler for their hard work in putting the meeting together. Ms. Price thanked the Board members for attending the meeting and for coordinating with the Clemson professors to have them come and participate in discussion. The professors brought interesting topics of discussion before the group regarding the future qualifications and licensure of the next generation of forestry professors. The 2019 ASBORF meeting will be held in Mississippi. Ms. Price has reached out to offer assistance with the planning of that meeting.

### **New Business**

- a. WVBORF Examination Review and Reciprocity Request  
The West Virginia Forestry licensing board has requested reciprocity with South Carolina. Ms. Price presented the WV written exam for review to determine equivalency with the requirement as per §48-27-180.

**MOTION:** The Board finds the West Virginia exam as not being equivalent to the Board requirements. All Foresters seeking reciprocity via WV will be required to pass the CF and SC State exam.  
Sligh/Baldwin/approved.

### **Discussion Topic**

No discussion topics.

### **Executive Session**

No executive session needed.

### **Return to Public Session**

No return to public session needed.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments made during this meeting

### **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** To adjourn.  
Hendricks/Maley/approved.

The November 15, 2018, meeting of the S.C. Board of Registration for Foresters adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next meeting for the S.C. Board of Registration for Foresters is scheduled for February 7, 2019 in room 105.