

MINUTES
SC Board of Registration for Foresters Board Meeting
Conference Call Meeting
July 12, 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 10:00 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included: Christian Hendricks, of Columbia; Blair Frazier Baldwin., of Lancaster; William Moody, of Lexington; 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; Hardwick Stuart, Office of Advice Counsel; and Holly Beeson, Office of Communication and Government Affairs.

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

MOTION: To excuse Michael Mills due to lack of phone reception.
Baldwin/Hendricks/approved.

Mr. Mills was able to join the meeting at 10:06 am.

Approval of the April 26, 2018, Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the April 26, 2018, meeting minutes.
Sligh/Hendricks/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 698 licensed foresters. As of May 31, 2018, the Board had a cash balance of \$-120,225.17. 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 April 26, 2018, were included in the meeting handouts. The state exam has been taken 36 times since being implemented in January 2016, with an average score of 80. For the first time, there was an applicant who failed the state portion of the exam but passed the CF exam.

Ms. Price stated that in the coming months, Board staff will be doing an audit of all pending applications. She estimates there is approximately 15-20 pending. Each application will be reviewed and Board staff will reach out to any applicants with outstanding documentation.

A list of the recently approved licensees was presented to the Board: three by examination, none 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. 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.

New Business

a. Approval of Notice of Drafting for Regulatory Changes – Holly Beeson

Following the regulatory review mandated by Governor McMaster, Ms. Beeson relayed to the board that the next step in getting the changes made to the Board Regulations is to file a Notice of Drafting with the State Registrar's office. This is a public notice that states the Board will be drafting changes to their regulations for adoption by the General Assembly during the 2019-2020 legislature cycle. If the draft is published in July 2018, then the Board will have two years to submit their proposed regulatory changes.

Ms. Price stated that the regulatory changes will need to be done in conjunction with the statutory changes being proposed. Ms. Price is working with the Forestry

Association to get a bill created. If the Board approves the Notice of Drafting, Ms. Price and Mr. Stuart will create a new draft of the regulatory change suggestions for presentation to the Board at the November 15, 2018 meeting.

MOTION: To approve the Notice of Drafting of Regulatory Changes.
Baldwin/Mills/approved.

b. 2018 ASBORF Meeting – Clemson, SC

The 2018 ASBORF Meeting will be held at the Clemson Conference Center, August 22nd - 24th. Ms. Price thanked Board members Drummond, Maley and Mills for taking a trip on May 31st to Clemson to review the conference facility and tour of Jocassee.

Per previous Board vote, travel will be covered for two Board members. After discussion, the Board will cover travel for Charles Maley and Michael Mills.

Ms. Price stated that there is still a good amount of work to be done but is happy with the progress that has been made. Registrations packets were sent out in June. Meeting agendas will be sent out closer to date.

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.
Maley/Hendricks/approved.

The July 12, 2018, meeting of the S.C. Board of Registration for Foresters adjourned at 10:58 a.m. The next meeting for the S.C. Board of Registration for Foresters is scheduled for November 15, 2018 in room 202-02.