

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters
10:00 a.m., January 28, 2016
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 204
Columbia, South Carolina

Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Eric Smith, chairman, of Summerville, called the regularly scheduled board meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Other board members attending the meeting included: Robert Drummond, vice chairman, of Columbia; Christian Hendricks, secretary, of Columbia; Frazier Baldwin, of Lancaster; Charles Maley, of Moore; William Moody, of Lexington; and William Sligh, of Hartsville.

Staff Members participating during the meeting included: Theresa Garner, Program Assistant; Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Smith stated public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC 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, followed by the invocation given by Mr. Maley.

Approval of Excused Absences

All members were present.

Approval of the October 1, 2015 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to approve the October 1, 2015 minutes as presented. Mr. Drummond seconded the motion which carried unanimously..

Chairman's Remarks – Eric Smith

Mr. Smith made no remarks at this time.

Administrator's Remarks – Theresa Garner on behalf of Molly Price

Mrs. Garner stated the meeting dates for the rest of 2016 are April 21st, July 28th, and October 27th.

Mrs. Garner reminded the members to complete the Statement of Economic Interest Forms. The forms are located online with the State Ethics Commission and must be completed no later

than March 30, 2016. She noted the Ethics Commission would begin levying fines beginning at \$100.00 per day five days following March 30, 2016.

The latest budget report shows a negative balance of \$33,002.90. Indirect expenditures include agency costs. Direct expenditures includes salary and benefits for the three staff members.

Licenses Issued by the Board September 1, 2015 — January 21, 2016

Examination: 6

Reciprocity: 0

Reinstatement: 3

Clifton McKinney

Mr. McKinney applied for licensure by reinstatement on June 26, 2015. His request for licensure was approved by the Board at an application hearing on October 1, 2015.

Harold Williams

Mr. Williams applied for licensure by reinstatement on August 12, 2015. His request for licensure was approved by the Board at an application hearing on October 1, 2015.

Jonathan McGrath

Mr. McGrath applied for licensure by examination on September 28, 2015. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Science from Penn State on December 1, 2006 and a Master of Science degree in Forestry from the University of Tennessee on December 1, 2008. He passed the CF Exam on February 4, 2014. He was issued a license by the Board on October 14, 2015.

Matthew D. Warren

Mr. Warren applied for licensure by examination on April 10, 2014. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University on May 25, 2013. He passed the CF Exam on September 25, 2015. He was issued a license by the Board on October 15, 2015.

Charles Herbert

Mr. Herbert applied for licensure by examination on December 1, 2014. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University on December 16, 2010. He passed the CF Exam on September 25, 2015. He was issued a license by the Board on November 9, 2015.

Clifford A. Strickland

Mr. Strickland applied for licensure by examination on August 4, 2014. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Resources from the University of Georgia on May 7, 2005. He passed the CF Exam on September 3, 2015. He was issued a license by the Board on November 19, 2015.

John T. Summey

Mr. Summey applied for licensure by reinstatement on April 22, 2015. His license was first issued by the Board on April 5, 1988. Mr. Summey indicated that his license lapsed sometime in the 1990's. Since it had been over 11 years, Mr. Summey was required to take the CF Exam for licensure. He passed the CF exam on November 10, 2015 and was issued a license by the Board on November 19, 2015.

James Anderson

Mr. Anderson applied for licensure by examination on November 25, 2015. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry from the University of the South, Sewanee, on May 21, 1977. He obtained a Master of Science Degree in Forestry from Yale University on May 21, 1985. Mr. Anderson became a CF in 2002, so he was grandfathered in before the CF exam was a requirement in 2003. Mr. Anderson was issued a license by the Board on December 18, 2015.

Joel A. Feltman

Mr. Feltman applied for licensure by examination on April 22, 2015. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University on December 16, 2010. He passed the CF exam on August 15, 2015. He was issued a license by the Board on December 18, 2015

Exam Update

The new South Carolina Forestry Specific Examination is in place as of January 1, 2016. To our knowledge we have not had anyone take it yet.

Notices about the new "two part examination" were sent to the following:

1. All pending examination applicants
2. 20 SAF accredited forestry programs around the South/ South East
3. SAF newsletter
4. Our website is now updated on the main page, and with a tab containing information and study references

We will now refer to our exam for licensure in South Carolina as a "two part examination"

Part One: Certified Forester (CF) Examination (150 multiple-choice questions)

Part Two: South Carolina Forestry Specific Examination (35 multiple-choice questions)

Candidates will be required to obtain 70% on both parts of the exam. Board Administrator Molly Price took both 35 question exam forms online and was very pleased with the format. If you have any questions about the exam, please send Mrs. Price an email. Mrs. Price thanked board members for their assistance in finally getting this up and running.

Advisory Opinions, if Needed, Office of General Counsel

No advisory opinions were given during this meeting.

a. Legislative Updates, if Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

Mrs. Garner stated the fee correction regulation was read into the Senate on January 19, 2016. The regulation is set to expire on May 13, 2016 if no one files for a hearing prior to that date.

b. OGC Report – Office of Disciplinary Counsel

There are currently no cases in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel office.

c. OIE Report – Office of Investigations and Enforcement

There are no cases currently in the Office of Investigations and Enforcement.

Application Hearings

- a. Brandy A. Harrington

This hearing was recorded by a certified court reporter should a verbatim transcript be necessary.

- b. Ryan E. Kirby

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Executive Session (If Needed)

Mr. Maley made a motion the Board enter into executive session to seek legal advice. Mr. Baldwin seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

MOTION

Mr. Maley made a motion to return to public session. Mr. Drummond seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith noted for the record that no motions or votes were taken during executive session.

Brandy Harrington

MOTION

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to accept Ms. Harrington's application. Mr. Moody seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Ryan E. Kirby

MOTION

Mr. Maley made a motion to accept Mr. Kirby's application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hendricks which carried unanimously.

New Business

- a. Office of Disciplinary Counsel, Office of Investigative Enforcement Presentation
Todd Bond and Prentiss Shealey made a presentation to the Board regarding the process from the initial complaint to the final resolution.

Mr. Stuart discussed the matter of recusal with the members. He presented the members with a section of the law regarding recusals as well as a copy of the recusal form.

Public Comments

No public comments were made during this meeting.

Adjournment

MOTION

There being no further business to be discussed at this time, Mr. Baldwin made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Hendricks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The January 28, 2016 meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Foresters adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

The next meeting of the S. C. Board of Registration for Foresters is scheduled for April 21, 2016, in room 204.