

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION  
FOR FORESTERS**

**Board Meeting: August 15, 2007**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters was held on Wednesday, August 15, 2007, at the Office of the Division Director, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia and via teleconference.

**The following Board members were present:**

W. Dale Greene, Chairman and Forester  
John Britt, Vice Chairman and Forester  
Anna Thomaston, Consumer Member  
John W. Mixon, Forester

**Others present:**

Gwyn H. Ridley, Executive Director  
Ruth Reece, Applications Specialist  
Marie S. Urquhart, Board Secretary  
Janet Jackson, Board Attorney  
Craig Fluck, Examination Consultant

Chairman Greene established a quorum was present at 9:42 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

Mr. Britt made a motion to **approve** the minutes of the May 23, 2007 Board meeting.  
Mr. Mixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mixon made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A.43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications and investigative matters and to receive an investigative report. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Board Members Britt, Greene, Mixon, and Thomaston. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

**Applications:**

The Board reviewed the list of applicants licensed since the last review. Mr. Mixon made a motion to **approve** the following for licensure. Ms. Thomaston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

License No.	Name	Date	Method
RF002265	Jeffery Devin Corbitt	05/30/07	Reinstatement

Applications were presented for the Board's review. Mr. Mixon made a motion to **approve** the following applications for examination, licensure, and reinstatement that met certification requirements. Ms. Thomaston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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The following applicants were **approved** to take the examination:

Cory Neil Black  
Zachary Neil Blackmon  
Jay Christopher Chupp  
John Tyler Clemons  
Kenneth Daniel Eason  
Blake Edwin Harris  
Vernon Weston Hiott  
William Preston Lancaster  
Luke Alan Penney  
Randall Patrick Rawls  
Craig Hawkins Seaman  
Robert Patterson Simmons  
Jeffrey Ford Tyler  
Vickers, Kraig Hubert

The following applicants were **approved** for Licensure by Examination:

RF002814 Jonathan Wayne Smith  
RF002815 John Terrell Sisson  
RF002816 Kasey Gurley Palmer  
RF002817 Stephen Alexander McCullers

The following applicants were **approved** for Reinstatement:

RF001128 Donald James Morris  
RF001203 Dickie Rea Staples  
RF001267 Andrew Carlton Slocum  
RF001349 George Nelson Brooks  
RF002540 Vance L. Garren  
RF002601 William Joshua Everett

**Enforcement Committee's Report:**

The Enforcement Committee updated the Board on the following case. Mr. Mixon made a motion to request further investigation to obtain additional documentation. Ms. Thomaston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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The Board was updated on several other cases that did not require action at this time.

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**Examination Unit's Report:**

After reviewing a request from the Examination Unit, Mr. Mixon made a motion to **approve** the request for six (6) hours of continuing education units in Category 1 for those who participated in the August 2, 2007 workshop. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

After reviewing the proposed examination schedule for 2008, Mr. Britt made a motion to **approve** the following examination dates. Mr. Mixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

March 12, 2008  
September 2008 (date to be announced)

The Chairman appointed the following Board members to an Examination Sub-Committee:

W. Dale Greene  
John Mixon  
Glen Warnock

**Executive Director's Report:**

The Executive Director updated the Board on the following items:

- Registrant Totals for 2003-2007
- FY '08 Travel – Board Members
- Application Revisions – Citizenship Information
- Staff Transition

**Correspondence:**

**Michael O'Sullivan:** The Board reviewed correspondence regarding the upcoming legislative session, and Chairman Greene's response to Mr. O'Sullivan.

**Dale Greene:** The Board reviewed Chairman Greene's response to correspondence from Bainbridge College, Okefenokee Technical College, and Swainsboro Technical College.

The Board reviewed other correspondence and information that did not require a vote or action.

**ASBORF**

After discussing information received, Mr. Britt made a motion to **approve** continuation of membership in ASBORF, and to authorize payment if a proposed membership fee is implemented for State Boards. Mr. Mixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Britt reported on the 2007 Annual meeting held in Choctaw, Mississippi.

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**Other Business**

**Robert Farris:** The Board reviewed correspondence regarding Best Management Practice (BMP) training and tabled action for future review.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Marie S. Urquhart  
Recorded by Board Secretary

Gwyn H. Ridley  
Reviewed by Executive Director

W. Dale Greene  
Chairman

These minutes were approved on December 5, 2007

These minutes were signed on December 5, 2007

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**Attachment**

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF **BIBB**

**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING  
OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question.

Comes now W. DALE GREENE, the presiding officer

identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all over aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On August 15, 2007 this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.

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4. The legal authority for the closure of this meeting was:

OCGA 43-1-2 (k); 43-1-19(h)

5. The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are:

RECEIPT OF AND DELIBERATIONS REGARDING APPLICATIONS
AND APPLICATION INFORMATION AND DELIBERATIONS
REGARDING INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT MATTERS;
RECEIPT OF THE RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

W. Dale Greene  
PRESIDING OFFICER

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

This 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007

Marie S. Urquhart  
Notary Public