

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR FORESTERS
Board Meeting: December 5, 2007**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters was held on Wednesday, December 5, 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
Glen Warnock, Forester

Others present:

Randall D. Vaughn, Division Director
Gwyn H. Ridley, Executive Director
Ruth Reece, Applications Specialist
Marie S. Urquhart, Board Secretary
Janet Jackson, Board Attorney
Lynn Eason, Investigative Unit

Chairman Greene established a quorum was present at 9:37 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

Mr. Mixon made a motion to **approve** the minutes of the August 15, 2007 Board meeting and the October 10, 2007 Teleconference Board meeting. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Britt 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. Ms. Thomaston seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Board Members Britt, Greene, Mixon, Thomaston, and Warnock. 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. Britt made a motion to **approve** the following for licensure. Mr. Warnock seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

License No.	Name	Date	Method
RF002818	Paul David Ferre	09/24/07	Examination
RF002819	Paul Andrew Carson	10/10/07	Examination

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR FORESTERS
Board Meeting: December 5, 2007**

License No.	Name	Date	Method
RF002054	Teresa Gail Haythorn	08/24/07	Reinstatement

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

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

RF002820 Jeffrey Ford Tyler
RF002821 Byron Lane Rivenbark
RF002822 Grant Thomas Harvey
RF002823 Henry Matthew Camp
RF002824 Randall Patrick Rawls
RF002825 Robert William Pollard, III

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

RF002826 William Michael Taylor
RF002827 W. McCullough Ardrey, III

The following applicant was **approved** for Reinstatement:

RF001436 Gary Thomas Allred

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

RF002289 Barry Thomas Clark
RF001382 William H. Kirkland

Renewal - Continuing Education Audits:

The Board reviewed continuing education audit files. Mr. Britt made a motion to **approve** the audits as reviewed and process the renewals. Ms. Thomaston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The following applicant provided a written appeal and additional information regarding his application and to appeal the Board's disapproval of his application:

David S. Long: After considering additional information provided by the applicant, Mr. Warnock made a motion to **approve** the application for licensure. Ms. Thomaston seconded the motion. Board Members Warnock, Greene, and Thomaston approved. Board Members Britt and Mixon disapproved. The motion passed.

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR FORESTERS
Board Meeting: December 5, 2007**

Renewals:

M. M.: After reviewing documentation received, Mr. Warnock made a motion to **approve** the licensee's renewal. Mr. Mixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Investigative Unit's Report:

The Investigative Unit updated the Board on the following cases:

FOR060040/FOR050035: Mr. Mixon made a motion to levy a \$10,000 fine. Mr. Warnock seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

FOR070001: Mr. Warnock made a motion to close the case. Ms. Thomaston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

FOR080001: The Board tabled action pending further investigation.

Mike Smith Forestry and Realty, LLC: Mr. Mixon made a motion to accept a signed Voluntary Cease and Desist Order. Mr. Warnock seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Enforcement Committee's Report:

The Enforcement Committee updated the Board on the following cases:

FOR060046: Mr. Mixon made a motion to issue a Voluntary Cease and Desist Order and levy a \$1,000 fine. Ms. Thomaston seconded the motion. Mr. Warnock abstained. The motion carried unanimously.

FOR080003: Mr. Warnock made a motion to close the case with letters of concern. Mr. Mixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board heard reports from the following staff members:

The Board Attorney updated the Board with a status activity report.

The Executive Director updated the Board on the following items:

- Press Release After Each Board Meeting
- Distributed "Policies and Procedures of the Board for 1997-2007"
- Requested Confirmation Regarding Examination Section's Participation at 2008 ASBORF Conference

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR FORESTERS
Board Meeting: December 5, 2007**

Correspondence:

Kelly Davis: The Board reviewed correspondence regarding reciprocal licensing. Chairman Greene will prepare a response.

Robert Farris: The Board reviewed correspondence regarding Best Management Practices (BMP). The Board tabled action pending receipt of additional information.

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

Annual Election of Officers:

Mr. Mixon made a motion to re-elect the following officers. Ms. Thomaston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

W. Dale Greene – Chairman
John Britt – Vice Chairman

2008 Board Meeting Dates:

The Board reviewed the 2008 Board meeting dates. Ms. Thomaston made a motion to approve the following dates. Mr. Mixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

February 13, 2008
May 7, 2008
August 20, 2008
November 5, 2008

Policy:

After reviewing the “Policies and Procedures of the Board for 1997-2007”, the Board amended its policies to include the following:

“Policy authorizing CPE audit committee members to review documentation submitted between Board meetings to determine if such documentation is in accordance with Board Law and Rules. If a determination is made that the courses are consistent with Board Law and Rules, then the committee member may approve the renewal, and staff are authorized to administratively renew the license. A list of all such renewals must be presented to the full Board for ratification at the next scheduled meeting.”

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR FORESTERS
Board Meeting: December 5, 2007**

Other Business

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Marie S. Urquhart
Recorded by Board Secretary

Gwyn H. Ridley
Reviewed by Executive Director

W. Dale Greene
Chairman

These minutes were approved on February 13, 2008

These minutes were signed on February 13, 2008

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR FORESTERS
Board Meeting: December 5, 2007**

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 December 5, 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.

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR FORESTERS
Board Meeting: December 5, 2007**

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 5th day of December, 2007

Marie S. Urquhart
Notary Public