

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION  
FOR FORESTERS  
Board Meeting: February 13, 2008**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters was held on Wednesday, February 13, 2008, 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 - teleconference  
James F. Allen, Forester  
John W. Mixon, Forester  
Glen Warnock, Forester

**Others present:**

Gwyn H. Ridley, Executive Director  
Sherry Harrison, Applications Specialist  
Marie S. Urquhart, Board Secretary  
Janet Jackson, Board Attorney  
Lynn Eason, Investigative Unit  
Inez Lockett, Examinations Unit  
Sonya Williams, Legal Services  
Meredith Kendall, Legal Services  
Frank Green, Georgia Forestry Commission

Chairman Greene established a quorum was present at 9:32 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

Mr. Mixon made a motion to **approve** the minutes of the December 5, 2007 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. Mr. Warnock seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Board Members Allen, 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. Mixon made a motion to **approve** the following for reinstatement. Mr. Warnock seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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License No.	Name	Date	Method
RF002289	Barry Thomas Clark	12/27/07	Reinstatement
RF002528	Kenneth Louis Sheppard	12/27/07	Reinstatement

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

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

John Bernard Crooks, III  
 Blake Bryan Dasher  
 Jeffrey David Dawson  
 Donald Bruce Dunn  
 Dustin Grant Dunn  
 Roscoe Latham Floyd  
 Kent Douglas Huff  
 David Alan Lawson  
 James Ryan McCullars  
 Michael Aubrey Nixon  
 Brad Mitchell Phillips  
 Kenneth Jerry Purcell  
 Benjamin Lamar Shirah  
 Will Connor Sullivan, V  
 Micah Aaron White  
 Ryan Edward Whitelaw  
 Benjamin Randall Williams

The following applicant was **approved** for Examination and Licensure:

Sam Brocato

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

RF002828 Wise Henry Batten, Jr.  
 RF002829 Scott Thomas Dawson  
 RF002830 Jonathon Edward Sokol  
 RF002831 Byron Lanier Whitener

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

RF002710 Richard William Layson

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**Written Correspondence – Renewal:**

**James Allen:** After reviewing a request for an extension to complete an ethics course for renewal, Mr. Warnock made a motion to **approve** the extension. Mr. Mixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Renewal - Continuing Education Audits:**

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

Chairman Greene appointed John Britt and Fred Allen for a sub-committee to review the Board's Rules and made recommendations for any changes needed on continuing education.

**Renewals:**

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

**James A. Kellam, III:** After reviewing documentation received, Mr. Allen made a motion to table action and request additional information. Mr. Mixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Legal Services' Report:**

Legal Services gave a presentation on sanctions that the Board may utilize for disciplinary action.

Legal Services updated the Board on the following case:

**FOR060040:** After requesting clarification of action from the Board, Mr. Warnock made a motion to refer the case to the Board Attorney for review and to report the legal options available to the Board, and also refer the case to the Real Estate Commission regarding matters relevant to a real estate license. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Investigative Unit's Report:**

The Investigative Unit updated the Board on the following case.

**FOR080001:** Mr. Britt made a motion to close the case. Mr. Mixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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**Examinations Unit's Report:**

The Board heard a report from the Examinations Unit.

Mr. Greene, Mr. Mixon, and Mr. Warnock were appointed to a sub-committee to review new submissions for the examination.

**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"
- Confidential Records
- Late Renewal
- Website Changes
- Investigations
- Secretary of State Handel's Meeting with the Board Chairmen. Vice Chairman Britt will represent the Board at the meeting.

**Correspondence:**

**Dale Greene:** The Board reviewed a response regarding reciprocal licensing.

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

**Best Management Practices (BMP):**

**Frank Green:** The Board heard a presentation regarding Best Management Practices (BMP).

**Policy:**

The Board reviewed the list of "Policies and Procedures of the Board for 1997-2007".

**HB399:** The Board reviewed HB399 which required no action.

**ASBORF:**

**Michael Thompson:** The Board reviewed the ASBORF and SAF's CFE Committee Handbook and information.

**Amy McFadden:** The Board reviewed information regarding the 2008 ASBORF Annual Meeting. Mr. Britt was selected to represent the Board at the meeting.

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**Other Business**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Marie S. Urquhart  
Recorded by Board Secretary

Darren Mickler  
Reviewed by Executive Director

W. Dale Greene  
Chairman

These minutes were approved on May 7, 2008

These minutes were signed on May 7, 2008

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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 February 13, 2008 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008

Marie S. Urquhart  
Notary Public