

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR FORESTERS
May 13, 2009**

The Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters met on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, for the purpose of conducting Board business.

The following Board members were present:

John Britt, Board Chairperson
Glen Warnock, Board Vice Chairperson
James Frederick Allen
W. Dale Greene
John Mixon

Others present:

Tanja Battle, Executive Director
Eva Holmes, Administrative Assistant
Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General

At 9:31 a.m., Chairperson Britt established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Glen Warnock, seconded by Dale Greene, and the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the February 26, 2009 conference call.

Board Rules

A motion was made by Dale Greene, seconded by Glen Warnock, and the Board voted unanimously to post Rule 220-2-.08 Examination for Registration. Amended. as written.

In the same motion, the Board voted unanimously that the formulation and adoption of this new rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 12-6-47, 12-6-49, 12-6-51, 43-1-7, and 43-1-25.

In the same motion, the Board voted unanimously that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 12-6-47, 12-6-49, 12-6-51, 43-1-7, and 43-1-25 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of forestry.

A motion was made by John Mixon, seconded by Fred Allen, and the Board voted unanimously to post Rule 220-4-.04 Definitions. Amended. as written.

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A motion was made by Fred Allen, seconded by Glen Warnock, and the Board voted unanimously to post Rule 220-4-.05 Requirements. Amended. as written.

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Mr. Greene stated that he will compose a statement for a newsletter regarding why the changes are being made.

Executive Director's Report

Newsletter: Ms. Battle stated that Mr. Greene wanted to discuss the recently published newsletter. She advised that the Secretary of State's Office would develop quarterly newsletters in conjunction with its press office. Discussion ensued. Mr. Greene stated that he was dissatisfied with the content of the newsletter and felt that it was a duplication of information already found on the website. Additionally, he stated that the publishing of this newsletter generated numerous calls to board members. Ms. Battle stated she would communicate his concerns to the Division Director but noted that this format was being used for all of the licensing boards.

Executive Session

A motion was made by John Mixon, seconded by Fred Allen, and the Board members present: Allen, Britt, Greene, Mixon and Warnock, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session, in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) for application discussion.

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Vote on Discussions from Executive Session

Open Session was declared by Chairperson Britt.

A motion was made by Dale Greene, seconded by Glen Warnock, and the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations made in Executive Session.

The recommendations made in Executive Session are as follows:

The following applicant was approved for Licensure by Examination:

RF002862 Todd R. Anderson

The following applicants were approved for Licensure by Reciprocity:

RF002860 John W. Armstrong
RF002861 Brian Edward Rogers

The following applicant was approved for Reinstatement of Licensure:

RF002524 Randy Lang Rhodes

The Board reviewed the following list of Registered Foresters licensed since the last Board meeting. A motion was made by Dale Greene, seconded by Glen Warnock, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the list.

License #	Name	Issue Date
RF002855	Attebery, Jason David	2/11/2009
RF002856	Brazell, Kevin Cornell	2/11/2009
RF002857	Thomas, Joshua Timothy	2/11/2009
RF002858	Boyer, Lance Michael	5/7/2009
RF002859	Bennett, Charles Talmadge	5/7/2009

Board Attorney Report

The Board heard a report on the following case:

FOR080002: The Board voted unanimously to reduce the fine to \$7500.00.

Written Requests

Applicant #1172460: After reviewing correspondence requesting the Board reconsider his application, the Board voted unanimously to allow the applicant to take the examination.

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Complaints

FOR090007: The Board voted unanimously to refer the case to OIG for a Cease & Desist Order.

Correspondence, Inquiries and Items of Information

There were no correspondences, inquiries and items of information to discuss at this time.

Committee/Subcommittee Reports

There were no committee/subcommittee reports to discuss at this time.

Other Business

Exam Report: The Board discussed recommendations on how to proceed.

Annual Meeting: Mobile, Alabama is hosting an annual meeting of the Association of State Board of Registration for Foresters on September 17th and 18th and desires to continue its membership. Georgia is on the list to host next year. Details will be provided at the next meeting.

With no other business for the Board to discuss, a motion was made by John Mixon, seconded by Dale Greene, and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Eva Holmes, Administrative Assistant

Minutes Edited/Reviewed by:

Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director