

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR FORESTERS
Board Meeting: May 12, 2010**

The Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters met on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 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
James Frederick Allen
W. Dale Greene
Leonard L. Kinsley
John W. Mixon
Anna Thomaston

Others present:

Tanja Battle, Executive Director
Brandi Howell, Board Support Specialist
Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General (via teleconference)

At 9:30 a.m., Chairperson Britt established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

New Business

Resolution for Glen Warnock: The following was ready by Chairperson Britt:

RESOLVED, that at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters, held on 12 MAY 2010, that the following RESOLUTION was passed unanimously by the voting members present:

WHEREAS, the Board would like to recognize and thank Glen C. Warnock, for his outstanding service as a member of the Board, since 8 MAY 2006, and for his exemplary service to the profession of forestry in Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Mr. Warnock is expressed all good wishes for the future, as he continues to serve as a Georgia Forester, License # 2123.

A motion was made by John Mixon, seconded by Anna Thomason, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Britt called for any changes/revisions to the February 9, 2010 minutes.

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Ms. Jackson stated that on page 4, the last sentence on the second paragraph under the Executive Director's Report needed to be changed to read "Ms. Battle stated that the Agency's position is that it would support this type of training."

A motion was made by Glen Warnock, seconded by John Mixon, and the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes with the change noted.

Applicants Licensed Since Last Review

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

License #	Name	Issue Date	License Method
RF002870	McCall, Early Younts	2/9/2010	Examination
RF002871	Hughes, Jeremy E	2/10/2010	Examination
RF002872	Vinson, William Isaac	2/24/2010	Examination
RF002873	Zeigler, Alan D	3/25/2010	Examination
RF002874	Bryan, Joseph William	4/16/2010	Examination
RF002875	Waldrep, Joseph Brian	4/29/2010	Reciprocity

Executive Session

A motion was made by John Mixon, seconded by Glen Warnock, and the Board members present: Allen, Britt, Mixon, Thomaston 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) to receive the Attorney General's report, discuss investigative matters and application discussion.

Vote on Discussions from Executive Session

Open Session was declared by Chairperson Britt.

A motion was made by John Mixon, seconded by Anna Thomaston, and the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations made in Executive Session.

The recommendations made in Executive Session are as follows:

The Board voted unanimously to accept the Voluntary Surrender of the following license of Benjamin G. Spears pending receipt of the originally signed document and allow Tanja Battle to sign on behalf of the Board:

License #RF002308

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Applications

The Board voted unanimously to disapprove the continuing education audit of the following:

J.W.S.

The Board voted unanimously to table the following pending further documentation:

Applicant #1023445

The following applicant was approved for Licensure by Examination:

RF002876 Mark S. Wachter

The following applicants were approved to take the Examination:

Applicant #1224003
Applicant #1230381
Applicant #1234351
Applicant #1234573

The following applicant was approved for Reinstatement of Licensure:

RF002378 James Robert Mercer

Written Requests

Applicant #290801: After reviewing correspondence requesting a waiver of the late renewal fee, the Board voted unanimously to deny the applicant's request.

Applicant #290938: After reviewing correspondence requesting an extension to obtain the required continuing education needed for late renewal, the Board voted unanimously to approve the applicant's request based on the circumstances documented in his letter.

Audits

The Board reviewed the list of licensees who submitted continuing education audits and were previously approved by the Audit Committee. The Board voted unanimously to ratify the list.

Other Business

ABSORF (Association of Southeastern Boards of Registration for Foresters) Annual Meeting: Chairperson Britt discussed the annual meeting with the Board. ABSORF's annual meeting will be held June 17-18 at Callaway Gardens. He stated he would like for all Board members to attend.

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Quarterly Newsletter: The contents of the quarterly newsletter were discussed by the Board. Ms. Battle stated that if the Board members would like to contribute to the newsletter to please email her any submissions.

Anonymous Complaints: Chairperson Britt asked if anonymous complaints were acceptable. Ms. Battle stated that some Boards have policies stating that anonymous complaints would not be accepted. She further stated that this Board does not have such a policy; consequently if the Board office were to receive such it would be forwarded to the Cognizant for attention. Ms. Jackson stated that one of the reasons some Boards do not accept anonymous complaints is that, unless you know who made the complaint, there is no way to investigate it fully. There are many facts that are needed in order for a complaint to be properly investigated, i.e., names, dates, etc. She further stated that complaints are confidential by law. Ms. Battle stated that for now, the Board office will continue to forward any anonymous complaints received to the Cognizant for review.

With no other business for the Board to discuss, a motion was made by John Mixon, seconded by Glen Warnock, and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Brandi Howell, Board Support Specialist

Minutes Edited/Reviewed by:

Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director