

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR FORESTERS
Board Meeting: May 11, 2011
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The Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters held a meeting on Wednesday, February 9, 2011, at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, for the purpose of conducting Board business.

The following Board members were present:

James Frederick "Fred" Allen, Board Chairperson
John Britt (via conference call)
Dale Greene
Leonard L. Kinsley (via conference call)
John W. Mixon
Anna "Miki" Thomaston (via conference call)

Others present:

Tanja Battle, Executive Director
Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General
JoAnne Sims, Board Support Specialist

Chairperson Allen established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by John Mixon, seconded by Miki Thomaston, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2011, meeting as amended.

A motion was made by Dale Greene, seconded by John Britt, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2011, conference call meeting as presented.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Battle discussed converting at least one board meeting to a conference call. She then deferred to Chairman Allen. Mr. Allen informed members that he had participated in a conference call meeting with Secretary of State Brian Kemp and chairs of other state licensing boards. He relayed the discussion was primarily about changes with the PLB and budget considerations. Discussion ensued. It was asked if, instead of converting one board meeting to a conference call, if each meeting could be a physical meeting as long as board members take turns calling in to reduce cost. Ms. Battle stated that this option had not been discussed but that she would be happy to ask if this approach is acceptable.

Applicants Licensed Since Last Review

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The Board reviewed the Registered Foresters licensed since the last Board meeting. A motion was made by Dale Greene, seconded by John Mixon, and the Board voted unanimously to ratify the licensure of the following:

License #	Name	Issue Date	License Method
RF002886	Dawson, Jeffrey David	2/9/2011	Examination
RF002887	Rawlins, Henry Norman, Jr.	2/9/2011	Examination
RF002888	Fasano, George Andrew	4/21/2011	Examination
RF002889	McNeill, Jess Stuart	4/21/2011	Examination
RF002890	Floyd, Roscoe Latham	4/26/2011	Examination
RF992892	Stoves, Terrell Stuart	5/5/2011	Examination
RF002891	Sennett, C. Shea	4/26/2011	Reciprocity

In the same motion, the Board ratified the reinstatement of licensure for the following:

License #	Name	Issue Date
RF002668	Godbee, John Wesley	5/10/2011
RF002491	Pernell, Dan Thomas	5/20/2011

Other Business

John Britt stated that he will be attending the ASBORF meeting in Arkansas in June, 2011.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Dale Greene, seconded by John Mixon, and the Board members present: Fred Allen, John Britt, Leonard Kinsley and Miki Thomaston 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.

Open Session was declared.

Vote on Discussions from Executive Session

A motion was made by John Mixon, seconded by Dale Greene, and the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations made in Executive Session, with the exception that John Britt did not vote regarding Applicant #1272789.

The recommendations made in Executive Session are as follows:

The Board voted unanimously that the Board Attorney draft a letter for the Chair's signature, outlining the Board's concerns to:

T. C.

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With the exception of John Britt who voted against the recommendation, all other Board members present voted unanimously to request proof that all continuing education hours have been obtained for:

Applicant #1272789

The Board voted unanimously to overturn its previous vote of denial for licensure for:

Applicant #1260912

The Board voted unanimously to write to the following individuals stating they are not permitted by law to provide forestry management services without either being licensed as a Registered Forester, or to imply that they have authority to provide forestry management services, unless a Registered Forester has been hired. The Board also voted unanimously that if the individuals do not comply, to refer them to the Attorney General for a Cease and Desist Order.

L. L.
S. W.
J. T.

Open Session was declared.

Other Business

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 11:02 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

JoAnne Sims, Board Support Specialist

Minutes Edited/Reviewed by:

Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director