

**The Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters
Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 29, 2013
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive
Macon, GA 31217**

The Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters met on May 29, 2013 at the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217.

Board Members Present:

John Britt, Chairman
Leonard L. Kinsley, Vice Chairman
Dale Greene
John Mixon

Board Member(s) Absent:

Anna "Miki" Thomaston

Staff Present:

Josh Waters, Executive Director
Janet Jackson, Board Attorney
Victoria Palmer, Board Support Specialist

Chairman John Britt established that a quorum was present at 9:30 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

Open Session

The minutes from the March 6, 2013 Board meeting were reviewed. Dale Greene asked that corrections be made in regards to the spelling of board member names. Dale Greene made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. John Mixon seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

The Board discussed considering a rule change that requires applicants for registration to have earned a B.S. degree in forestry approved by the Board. At the suggestion of Chairman John Britt, the Board plans to have a more detailed discussion in August that will contain dialogue in regards to what level of college degree should be required for registration and the possibility of a Forestry Technician license.

The Board discussed adopting a policy in which the cognizant for a complaint would remain the cognizant until the case is closed or the individual serving as cognizant is no longer on the Board. Leonard L. Kinsley motioned to adopt the policy, John Mixon seconded and the Board

voted unanimously in favor of the motion. The Board attorney, Janet Jackson, requested that the staff to make note in the case materials of who the cognizant is for each complaint.

The Board discussed the setup of Board meeting minutes and requested the names of applicants be used in the executive session minutes. Chairman Brit asked that executive session minutes contain more detail in regards to the nature of the Board's discussion. Board attorney Janet Jackson told the Board that they could add more detail to their executive session minutes if they would like. John Mixon suggested using full names in executive session minutes. Josh Waters, Executive Director, told the Board he and staff would make the requested changes.

The Board reviewed and discussed a letter from the Georgia Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors written to the Environmental Protection Division. Dale Greene motioned and Leonard L. Kinsley seconded and the Board voted unanimously to nominate John Britt to work with the Attorney General's Office and to act as he sees fit to represent the Board in regards to the letter. Board Attorney, Senior Assistant Attorney General Janet Jackson, told the Board that if they have a position on the letter, they should notify the appropriate state agency. The comment period is believed to be over by June 4th.

Executive Session:

John Mixon moved to enter into Executive Session at 10:16 a.m. to deliberate on applications, complaints, investigations as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2 (k) and 43-1-19 (h). Dale Greene seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on the matters discussed and to continue with the public session.

Chairman John Britt declared the Board to be back in open session.

Dale Greene made a motion, the motion was seconded by John Mixon and the Board voted unanimously to approve the following applicants for reinstatement:

License#	Name
RF002567	Brian Shaker

Dale Greene made a motion, the motion was seconded by John Mixon and the Board voted unanimously to approve the following reciprocity applicant for licensure:

License#	Name
RF002926	Scott Pilcher Wills

Dale Greene made a motion, the motion was seconded by John Mixon and the Board voted unanimously to approve the following applicants for licensure:

License#	Name
RF002927	Matthew Hopson Roach

Dale Greene made a motion, the motion was seconded by John Mixon and the Board voted unanimously to approve the following applicants to sit for the exam:

Name
Hugh Morris Glidewell
George Adrian Campbell, II

Dale Greene made a motion, it was seconded by Leonard Kinsley and the Board voted unanimously to approve the March 6, 2013 executive session minutes.

Complaint FOR050036 – John Mixon motioned, Leonard Kinsley seconded and the board voted unanimously to close the complaint.

Complaint FOR0060046 – John Mixon motioned, Leonard Kinsley seconded and the board voted unanimously to keep the complaint open at this time for further research.

Complaint FOR090003 – John Mixon motioned, Leonard Kinsley seconded and the board voted unanimously to close the complaint.

Complaint FOR120001 - John Mixon motioned, Leonard Kinsley seconded and the board voted unanimously to close the complaint and issue a letter of concern to H.B. outlining their concerns in regards to his disciplinary history and current business associates.

Complaint FOR120002 – John Mixon motioned, Leonard Kinsley seconded and the board voted unanimously to keep the complaint open to allow time for the Board attorney to discuss the complaint with the respondent in hopes of reaching a settlement.

Complaint FOR130001 - John Mixon motioned, Leonard Kinsley seconded and the board voted unanimously to close the complaint due to the complainant asking to withdraw his complaint.

The Board reviewed a radio commercial displaying alleged false facts. John Mixon motioned, Leonard Kinsley seconded and the board voted unanimously to direct the Board’s Executive Director to send a letter to Whitaker Forestry addressing certain language used in their commercial and let them know that they may be in violation of Board rule Board Rule 220-5-.02 (2) (b)

John Mixon motioned, Dale Greene seconded and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:43 am.

John Britt, Chair
Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters

Date

Josh Waters, Executive Director
Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters

Date