

**The Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters  
Board Meeting  
Thursday, February 27, 2014  
Professional Licensing Boards  
Via Conference Call**

The Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters met by Conference Call on Thursday, February 27, 2014.

Board Members Present:

Dale Greene, Chairman

Leonard L. Kinsley

John Mixon

Anna "Miki" Thomaston (excused herself from the meeting at 10:02 a.m.)

James Johnson

Board Member(s) Absent:

John Britt, Vice Chairman

Staff Present:

Deborah Beard, Executive Director

Janet Jackson, Sr. Assistant Attorney General

Beth Duffey, Board Support Specialist

Chairman, Dale Greene established that a quorum was present at 9:30 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

**Open Session**

Chairman, Dale Greene called for the first order of business.

The minutes from the November 21, 2013 Board meeting were reviewed. John Mixon made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Miki Thomaston seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

The Board reviewed the report of licenses issued administratively. James Johnson made a motion to ratify the licenses issued as presented on the report, Leonard Kinsley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**November 1 2013 - January 31 2014**

Forester	RF002931	Skinner, Robert Brown
Forester	RF002932	Glidewell, Hugh Morris, III
Forester	RF002933	Williams, Arthur Lynch, IV

James Johnson discussed sending information from the Georgia Forestry Commission to licensees by e-mail. Executive Director, Deborah Beard advised the Board licensees e-mail addresses are confidential. The Board discussed possible ways of informing licensees of information the Georgia Forestry Commission may have regarding training, continuing education classes and other information related to forestry. James Johnson made a motion Leonard Kinsley seconded and the Board voted unanimously to refer to the Attorney General's office for a memo of advice regarding the use of e-mail addresses received from applications and renewals to disseminate information which is not Board related.

The Board reviewed and discussed an e-mail received from Russell Lee, regarding possibly creating a license for the tree care industry. John Mixon made a motion Leonard Kinsley seconded and the Board voted unanimously to send a response to inform Russell Lee the Board reviewed his information regarding the regulations of the tree care industry. Based on the information submitted it doesn't appear that this would fall under the purview of the Board and its function or mission. The Board doesn't oppose the idea, but the Board doesn't regulate those type services.

**Executive Session**

John Mixon motioned, Leonard Kinsley seconded and the Board voted unanimously 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 complaint matters, and to receive information on applications, complaint reports, pending cases and the Attorney General's report.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, Dale Green declared the meeting to be **"open"** pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No Board votes were obtained during Executive Session.

**Open Session**

Chairman Dale Greene declared the Board to be back in open session.

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

License#	Name
RF001600	Waters, Randy Mack
RF001756	Sanders Jr., James Remley
RF002530	Branch IV, James A.
RF002154	Hannon, Joseph Russ

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

License#	Name
RF002934	James, David Daniel

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

Name
Pigott, Michael Todd
Brabham, David Edward
Dorrell, Timothy Edison

John Mixon made a motion, it was seconded by James Johnson and the Board voted unanimously to approve the continuing education waiver based upon O.C.G.A. § 26-6-56(c) and Board Rule 220-4-.03.

License#	Name
RF000773	James, David Daniel

John Mixon made a motion, it was seconded by Leonard Kinsley and the Board voted unanimously to approve the November 21, 2013 executive session minutes as revised.

Leonard Kinsley made a motion, John Mixon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to accept the status and activity report presented by Janet Jackson, Sr. Assistant Attorney General.

Compliant# FOR140002- James Johnson made a motion, John Mixon seconded and the Board voted unanimously to close the case.

The Board discussed rule revisions to Rule 220-4-.03. John Mixon made a motion to refer **Rule 220-4-.03 Exemptions** to the Attorney General's Office for a memo of statutory authority and to post the proposed amendments for the thirty (30) day minimum upon receipt of the memo of authority.

John Mixon made a motion, Leonard Kinsley seconded, to create a panel which would consist of a group of licensees to review the current Georgia exam and questions. The panel would review the exam and remove problematic questions and bring them back before the Board no later than the August 2014 Board meeting. The chair of the panel would be named by the Board.

There being no further business John Mixon motioned to adjourn, Leonard Kinsley seconded and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

**Dale Greene**

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Dale Greene, Chairman  
Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters

**Deborah Beard**

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Deborah Beard, Executive Director  
Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters

These minutes were accepted on: May 29, 2014