

**Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters
Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 17th, 2016
Andaz Hotel, 14 Barnard Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401
Open Session Minutes**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters was held on **Wednesday, August 17, 2016**, at the Andaz Hotel, 14 Barnard Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401.

Board Members Present:

James Johnson, Chairman
Brian Stone, Vice Chairman
Leonard L. Kinsley
Babe McGowan
Dotty Porter

Board Members Absent:

John Mixon

Administrative Staff Present:

Darren Mickler - Executive Director
Janet Jackson – Senior Assistant Attorney General

James Johnson, Chairman, established that a quorum was present at 4:00 p.m. and called the meeting to order.

Open Session

Chairman James Johnson called for the first order of business.

Approval of Open Session Minutes

Chairman James Johnson presented a draft of the June 14, 2016 Open Session minutes. Vice Chairman Brian Stone made a motion, Babe McGowan seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the June 14, 2016 Open Session minutes with edits.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director Darren Mickler discussed the promulgation of Rules and House Bill 952 *Georgia Professional Regulation Reform Act*.

Association of Southeastern Boards of Registered Foresters (ASBORF) Annual Meeting

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The Board discussed the upcoming ASBORF meeting to take place at Savannah, Georgia on August 18th – 19th, 2016. Babe McGowan discussed the topics that would be under consideration at the meeting.

New Business

The Board discussed concerns regarding the notification of applicants who have been approved by the Board. The concern is whether or not the applicants receive a notification from the Society of American Foresters. Executive Director Darren Mickler will research and report on what notifications are received and provide a flowchart of the exam approval process at the next Board meeting.

Executive Session

Dotty Porter made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 4:12 p.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A.43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications and investigative matters, and to receive an investigative report. Leonard Kinsley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included: Chairman James Johnson, Vice Chairman Brian Stone, and Babe McGowan.

The Executive Session of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters meeting was closed at 4:30 p.m. and Chairman James Johnson declared the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters to be “open” pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were obtained during Executive Session.

Open Session

Approval of Executive Session Minutes:

Chairman James Johnson presented a draft of the June 14, 2016 Executive Session minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Dotty Porter made a motion, Leonard Kinsley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the June 14, 2016 Executive Session minutes as presented.

Complaints:

- **FOR160010** - This complaint involves the allegations of unlicensed practice conduct by the respondent. Babe McGowan made a motion, Leonard Kinsley seconded, and the Board voted to close the complaint.

Licenses Issued:

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The Board reviewed a list of applicants that have been previously reviewed and approved. Dotty Porter made a motion, Babe McGowan seconded, and Board voted unanimously to ratify the following licenses issued from June 14, 2016 – August 16, 2016:

License Number	Name
RF002967	Benjamin Conrad Lecomte
RF002968	Christopher Ford Brooks

Attorney General Report

Vice Chairman Brian Stone motioned, Babe McGowan seconded, and the Board voted to refer the following question to the Attorney General’s office:

- Do Realtors or Attorneys have an exemption in their law to sell timber?

Applications:

Vice Chairman Brian Stone motioned, Dotty Porter seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following list of applicants:

Applicant(s) approved for licensure:

Licensure	
Applicant No.	Name
2303208	John Izard III

Applicant(s) approved for licensure reinstatement:

Reinstatement(s)	
License No.	Name
RF001835	Stuart Deloach

Applicant(s) approved for licensure reciprocity

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License No.	Name
RF002968	Christopher Ford Brooks

Applicant(s) approved to sit for the exam:

Examination	
Applicant No.	Name
2629313	T.H.
2590868	T.B.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on November 17, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, Georgia.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Regina Saponari, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Darren Mickler, Executive Director

James Johnson
James Johnson, Chairman
Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters

Darren Mickler
Darren Mickler, Executive Director
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These minutes were accepted on: November 17, 2016