GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS
Board Meeting: November 18, 2009

The Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters met on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, 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
Glen Warnock, Board Vice Chairperson
James Frederick Allen
W. Dale Greene
John Mixon
Anna Thomaston (via conference call – departed @ 11:31 a.m)

Others present:

Tanja Battle, Executive Director
Eva Holmes, Complaint Compliance Analyst
Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General

At 9:31 a.m., Chairperson Britt established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Britt called for any changes/revisions to the August 12, 2009 minutes.

A motion was made by Dale Greene, seconded by Glen Warnock, and the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as presented.

Rule Adoption

- Rule 220-2-.08
- Rule 220-4-.04
- Rule 220-4-.05

After review of the public comments and discussion, a motion was made by Fred Allen, seconded by Anna Thomaston and the Board voted to adopt the three rules as written to be effective after January 1, 2010 (2010 – 2011 renewal period).

John Mixon motioned, Glen Warnock seconded and the Board voted unanimously that the formulation and adoption of these new rules do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rules cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 12-6-47, 12-6-49, 12-6-51, 43-1-7, and 43-1-25.

Fred Allen motioned, John Mixon seconded and the Board voted unanimously that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 12-6-47, 12-6-49, 12-6-51, 43-1-7, and 43-1-25 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of forestry.

Executive Director's Report

- Ms. Battle asked the Board if they were experiencing any problems or had any concerns relating to the Epiware site. No problems noted.
- Ms. Battle spoke to the Board regarding the outsourcing of the examination. She advised that there had been responses from the recommended individuals to work on the items for the Georgia portion of the examination. Ms. Battle thanked Mr. Greene for following up with those individuals and advised the Board that she would update them on the progress as soon as she received any information.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Dale Greene, seconded by Fred Allen, and the Board members present: 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) for application discussion and to receive the Attorney General's Report.

Vote on Discussions from Executive Session

Open Session was declared by Chairperson Britt.

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

The following applicant was approved to take the Examination:

Applicant #1214134

The following applicant was approved for Licensure by Reciprocity:

Applicant #1212310

The following applicants were approved for Reinstatement of Licensure:

RF002190	John James Ayres
RF001144	Miles Anthony Stone
RF001708	Dennis Lamar Carey

The following applicant was denied licensure:

Applicant #1174568

Board Attorney Report

FOR060040: The Board recommended to allow the applicant until December 31, 2009 to submit his reinstatement application along with $7500 fine. If he doesn't submit the signed consent order, he will be required to obtain an additional 12 CE hours *and* submit a new application.

FOR080009: The Board recommended to accept the Voluntary Surrender presented by the Attorney General.

FOR060046: The case is pending further investigation.

Committee/Subcommittee Reports

There were no committee/subcommittee reports to discuss at this time.

Enforcement/Investigation

FOR080005 & FOR080006: The Board recommended to table their decision until the outstanding investigative file is presented at the next meeting.

FOR090005: The Board recommended to close the case with no action.

Cognizant recommendations

FOR100003 – The Board recommended to close with letter of concern.
FOR090004 – The Board recommended to close with no action.

Other Business

A motion was made by Fred Allen, seconded by John Mixon and the Board voted unanimously to accept the 2010 meeting dates listed below:

February 9, 2010	August 11, 2010
May 12, 2010	November 17, 2010

Election of Officers

A motion was made by John Mixon, seconded by Fred Allen and the Board voted unanimously to re-elect John Britt (President) and Glen Warnock (Vice President) to serve second terms for year 2010.

With no other business for the Board to discuss, a motion was made by John Mixon, seconded by Fred Allen and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

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Minutes recorded by: **Eva Holmes, Complaint Compliance Analyst**

Minutes Edited/Reviewed by: **Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director**