

Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters

Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

Professional Licensing Boards Division

237 Coliseum Drive Macon, Georgia 31217

Open Session Minutes

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters was held on **Wednesday, August 30, 2017**, at the office of Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

Board Members Present:

James Johnson, Chairman
Brian Stone, Vice Chairman
Leonard L. Kinsley
Dotty Porter
John Mixon

Administrative Staff Present:

Darren Mickler - Executive Director
Charlotte Mason - Licensure Supervisor
Logan Malcom – Board Support Specialist
Janet Jackson – Senior Assistant Attorney General

Guests:

Jacob Pascal
Calvin Morris

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Chairman James Johnson called for the first order of business at 9:42 a.m.

Approval of Open Session Minutes

Chairman James Johnson presented drafts of the May 24, 2017 Open Session minutes, June 16, 2017 teleconference minutes, July 21, 2017 teleconference minutes and August 14, 2017 teleconference minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Dotty Porter motioned to approve the minutes with edits, Leonard Kinsley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the May 24, 2017 open session minutes, June 16, 2017 teleconference open session minutes, July 21, 2017 teleconference open session minutes and the August 14, 2017 teleconference open session minutes with edits.

The Board made adjustments to the Agenda to include appearances of applicants who were to appear before the Board during the meeting.

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Executive Session

Vice Chairman Brian Stone made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 10:21 a.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. Babe McGowan seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included: Chairman James Johnson, Leonard Kinsley, Dotty Porter and John Mixon.

The Executive Session of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters meeting was closed at 12:22 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

The Board entered back into into Open Session at 12:22 p.m.

Pursuant to his request, Calvin Morris, applicant # 2654914, appeared before the Board. Mr. Morris’ application for licensure was recently denied by the Board for failure to meet the education requirements for licensure. Mr. Morris discussed his application and provided additional information about his academic transcript to support his position that he has the academic hours in forestry related subjects required for licensure as a RF. Mr. Morris confirmed that he graduated from UGA with a B.S. degree in Fisheries and Wildlife.

After the appearance, the Board discussed how to verify and document whether the courses listed on Mr. Morris’ academic transcript pertain to the courses required for a degree in forestry. The Board determined that such information was needed before the Board should reconsider its previous decision to deny Mr. Morris’ application for licensure.

Approval of Executive Session Minutes:

Dotty Porter motioned to approve the minutes with edits, Leonard Kinsley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the May 24, 2017 Executive Session minutes and the June 16, 2017 Executive teleconference minutes with edits.

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Complaints:

There were no new complaints to present to the Board at this time.

Executive Director Report:

Executive Director Darren Mickler had no new information to present to the Board at this time.

Attorney General Report:

Senior Assistant Attorney General Janet Jackson presented her report during executive session.

Licenses Issued:

Dotty Porter made a motion, John Mixon seconded, and Board voted unanimously to ratify the following licenses issued from May 24, 2017 – August 30, 2017:

Total : 12

license No	Licensee
RF002978	William Bennett Whitaker
RF002979	Joseph Thompson Capps
RF002980	Jonathan Alan Pomp
RF002981	Collin Garrett Williams
RF002982	Thomas Boone Barrett
RF002983	Cody William Barham
RF002984	William Creamor Scarborough, IV
RF002985	Thomas Clifford Rowland III
RF002987	Matthew Warren Gaw
RF002988	Caleb Robert Skipper
RF002989	Daniel Hagood Stuckey

Applications:

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Dotty Porter motioned, John Mixon seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following list of applicants:

Applicant(s) approved for licensure reinstatement:

Reinstatement(s)	
License No.	Name
RF001748	D.S.
RF002520	W.N.
RF002454	J.Z.
APP# 2644621	D.R.

Dotty Porter made a motion, Babe McGowan seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following applications for examination:

Examination	
Applicant No.	Name
2686927	P.R.
2683943	G.S.
2680634	T.C.
2664095	J.K.
2686436	J.L.

Leonard Kinsley made a motion, Dotty Porter seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following applicants for registration:

Registration	
Applicant No.	Name
2535431	Z.G.
2687582	R.M.
1852131	H.H.

APP# 2687838 - Vice Chairman Brian Stone made a motion that the applicant be approved for reinstatement of licensure under a Consent Agreement for Reinstatement subject to the following terms and conditions: a fine of \$1,000.00 to be paid in full before the reinstated license is issued;

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once issued, the reinstated license is placed on probation until the license renewal period that begins on 1/1/2020. Respondent must timely renew his reinstated license before 12/31/2017 for the two year renewal period from 12/31/2017 through 12/31/2019. In order to renew the license prior to expiration on 12/31/2019, the Respondent must submit written documentation of obtaining the continuing education (CE) hours required for renewal as part of his license renewal application. Babe McGowan seconded Mr. Stone's motion, and the Board carried unanimously.

New Business:

John Mixon made a motion for Vice Chairman Brian Stone to draft a letter to send out to all active, inactive, and lapsed Foresters to notify them that they are responsible for keeping a current and active Georgia Foresters license. Mr. Stone will present the letter at the next Board meeting. Babe McGowan seconded that motion and the Board carried unanimously.

The Board will meet on September 13, 2017 for the purpose of holding a rule hearing about adopting an amendment of Board Rule 220-2-.02.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on November 1, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, Georgia.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Logan Malcom, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Darren Mickler, Executive Director

James Johnson

James Johnson, Chairman

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These minutes were accepted on: November 1, 2017