

Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters

Conference Call

Wednesday, June 20th, 2018

Open Session Minutes

State Board of Registration for Foresters was held on Wednesday, **June 20th, 2017**, via teleconference

Board Members Present:

James Johnson, Chairman
Brian Stone, Vice Chairman
Dotty Porter
Babe McGowan
John Mixon
Leonard Kinsley

Staff Present:

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

James Johnson, Chairman, established that a quorum was present at 8:33 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

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The Board discussed the correspondence from the Governor's office about the Governor's rejection of the Board's proposed amendments to Rule 220-2-.02. Vice Chairman Brian Stone suggested that the Board wait for new administration before the topic is revisited again regarding the two year Forestry program at ABAC. The Board discussed the course of study currently being offered in other states by technical schools for certified forestry technical assistants. Since there is no longer a two-year SAF accredited program offered in Georgia, the Board may choose to leave the issue alone since very few 2-year candidates will meet the Board's minimum education standard for licensure in the future.

Chairman James Johnson recommended that the Board review the Georgia Occupational Regulation Review Council's proposed questions regarding the licensure of foresters in Georgia and get their responses to Vice Chairman Brian Stone by Friday, June 22, 2018 so that Mr. Stone may draft a final response. John Mixon suggested that the Board ask the Georgia Farm Bureau and the Georgia Foresters Association to support the Georgia State Board of Foresters.

Dotty Porter made a motion for Vice Chairman Brian Stone to assemble the final draft and that

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Stone and Johnson distribute information about the Review Council and the Foresters Board's answers to key stakeholders and encourage them to consider providing comments to the Review Council. Babe McGowan seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman James Johnson recommended that the Board send the final draft to all Foresters licensed in the State of Georgia, and asked Mr. Mickler to explore that option by using the email system for the Secretary of State's office.

Executive Session

John Mixon made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:05 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. Dotty Porter seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included: Chairman James Johnson, Vice Chairman Brian Stone, Leonard Kinsley and Babe McGowan.

The Executive Session of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters meeting was closed at 9:27 a.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.

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Complaints:

FOR180001 – The complaint is for allegations of unlicensed practice. Vice Chairman Brian Stone made a motion for the Board to issue a voluntary Cease & Desist (C&D) order to the individual. Leonard Kinsley seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

FOR180003 – The complaint is for allegations of unlicensed practice. Vice Chairman Brian Stone made a motion for the Board to refer the complaint to the Attorney General Office for a voluntary Cease & Desist (C&D) order to each involved individual. Dotty Porter seconded that vote, and the motion carried unanimously.

The next Foresters Board meeting will be held on August 29, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, Georgia.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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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: August 29, 2018