

*Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters
Zoom Board Meeting
Thursday, January 21, 2021
Professional Licensing Boards Division
Open Session Minutes*

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters was held on **Thursday, January 21, 2021** via teleconference

Present Board Members:

Brian Stone, Chairman
Jesse Johnson
John Godbee
Grant Harvey
Wade Hall, Vice Chairman
Travis Turner

Absent Board Members:

None

Present Staff:

Darren Mickler - Executive Director
Logan M. Wilson – Board Support Specialist
Ashley Foust – Licensure Supervisor
Max Changus – Assistant Attorney General

Guests

None

Open Session

Chairman Brian Stone called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Approval of Open Session Minutes

Chairman Brian Stone presented a draft of the November 4, 2020 Open Session Board Meeting minutes. Travis Turner made a motion to approve the minutes. Vice Chairman Wade Hall seconded the motion, and the vote carried unanimously.

Assistant Attorney General Max Changus presented Board Orientation materials related to Duties, Responsibilities, Liabilities, Ethics, Statutes, and Open Records.

Executive Director Mickler provided an update on the status of proposed Rule Change that will eliminate in-person CE hour requirements. He also briefly discussed procedure related to the postings of proposed Board rule changes.

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The Board briefly discussed CE waivers during upcoming renewal period due to issues related to the pandemic. Grant Harvey shared some conversations with registered foresters in his area regarding CE requirements. Chairman Stone suggested revisiting issue at the April Board meeting.

Chairman Brian Stone set a cut-off of one week prior to each scheduled Board meeting for posting of new applications on Bridge. This will allow the Board Staff time to post all meeting materials on Bridge at least one week prior to the meeting. Any outstanding applications can be reviewed by the Board during the meeting.

Executive Session

Vice Chairman Wade Hall made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 10:07 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A.43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications, complaints, investigative matters, and to receive investigative reports. Grant Harvey seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were all those members present including Chairman Brian Stone, Jesse Johnson, John Godbee, Vice Chairman Wade Hall, Travis Turner and Grant Harvey.

Logan M. Wilson left the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Travis Turner left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Open Session

Chairman Brian Stone declared the Board back in Open Session at 12:00 p.m.

Applicants:

2815853 – W.J. – Registration Application – Approved

RF002812 – V.C.H. – CE Audit – Approved

Complaints:

- **FOR200001 & FOR210003**– Motion made by John Godbee and seconded by Jesse Johnson to have Executive Director schedule interview via Zoom Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
- **FOR210001** – Motion made by Vice Chairman Wade Hall and seconded by Jesse Johnson to have cognizant contact GFC regarding outcome of their investigation. The motion carried unanimously.

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- **FOR210002** – Motion by Vice Chairman Wade Hall and seconded by John Godbee to have Executive Director Mickler draft a Letter of Concern regarding non-compliance of supervisory duties. Draft letter will be reviewed by Board prior to being sent. The motion carried unanimously.

Licenses Issued:

Vice Chairman Wade Hall made a motion, Grant Harvey seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to ratify the following licenses issued from November 4, 2020 – January 21, 2021

license No	Licensee	Profession name
RF003036	Matthew Daniel Warren	Forester
RF003037	Pete Tupis, Jr	Forester
RF003038	Charles Ryan Templeton	Forester

Attorney General’s Report:

Vice Chairman Wade Hall made a motion to accept the AG report given by Attorney General Max Changus during Executive Session. Grant Harvey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Report:

Grant Harvey made a motion to accept the AG report given by Executive Director Darren Mickler during Executive Session. Jesse Johnson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session Minutes:

Chairman Brian Stone presented a draft of the November 4, 2020 Executive Session Minutes. Vice Chairman Wade Hall made a motion for the Board to accept the minutes with revisions discussed in Executive Session. Grant Harvey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Other Business:

The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on April 15, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Logan M. Wilson, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Darren Mickler, Executive Director

Brian Stone, Chairman
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Darren Mickler, Executive Director
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These minutes were accepted on: April 15, 2021