

*Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters
Zoom Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 1, 2023
Professional Licensing Boards Division
Open Session Minutes*

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters was held on **Tuesday, August 1, 2023** at the Secretary of State Public Licensing Board Office in Macon, Ga.

Present Board Members:

John Godbee, in person
Grant Harvey, Vice Chairman in person
Jesse Johnson, in person
Jim Langdale, in person
Brian Stone, in person

Absent Board Members:

Wade Hall, Chairman

Present Staff:

Darren Mickler - Executive Director, in person
Ashley Foust – Licensure Supervisor, in person
Alison Spencer – Assistant Attorney General, Webex
Logan Wilson – Board Support Specialist, in person
Emily Willis, Intern, Webex

Guests

None

Open Session

Vice Chairman Grant Harvey called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

The Board opened the Board meeting with a word of prayer.

Approval of Open Session Minutes

Vice Chairman Grant Harvey presented a draft of the April 11, 2023 Open Session Board Meeting minutes. Jim Langdale made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jesse Johnson seconded the motion, and the vote carried unanimously.

Brian Stone gave a brief update on upcoming ASBORF meeting taking place August 23-24, 2023. Vice Chairman Grant Harvey will represent Georgia at this meeting. Georgia will host the meeting in 2024.

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Executive Session

Brian Stone made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:44 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. Jesse Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were all those members present including: Vice Chairman Grant Harvey, John Godbee, Jim Langdale, Brian Stone and Jesse Johnson.

The Executive Session of the Georgia State Board of Registered Foresters meeting was closed at 10:28 a.m. and Vice Chairman Grant Harvey declared the Georgia State Board of Registered Foresters to be “open” pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. The following Board Members were present: Brian Stone, John Godbee, Vice Chairman Grant Harvey, Jim Langdale and Jesse Johnson.

Open Session

Vice Chairman Grant Harvey declared the Board back in Open Session at 10:28 a.m.

Applicants:

The Board had no new/pending applications to discuss at this time.

Complaints:

The Board had no new/pending complaints to discuss at this time.

Licenses Issued:

Brian Stone made a motion and Jesse Johnson seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to ratify the following licenses issued from April 11, 2023 – August 1, 2023

license No	Licensee
RF003083	James Troy Amos, III
RF003084	William Judson Ficklen
RF003085	Anthony Joseph Purnell

Attorney General’s Report:

Assistant Attorney General Alison Spencer presented the AG report during Executive Session.

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Executive Director Report:

Executive Director Darren Mickler informed the Board he accepted the job as Executive Director of the PELS Board. He updated the Board on the new computer system. Darren Spoke regarding the active pending renewal licensure status on a list of licensees.

Executive Session Minutes:

Vice Chairman Grant Harvey presented a draft of the April 11, 2023 Executive Session Minutes. John Godbee made a motion for the Board to accept the minutes as presented. Jim Langdale seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Darren Mickler will review active renewal pending list and get a copy out to the Board members to review and reach out to licensees.

Other Business:

The Board discussed the need to have their rules in alignment with the SOS rules. The Board would like to modify Board Rule 220-3-.04. Brian Stone made a motion for the Board to vote to post the updated rule. John Godbee seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Rule 220-3-.04 Late Renewal

Late Renewal applications submitted during the one ~~six~~ month penalty period following license expiration which are accompanied by a statement from the licensee affirming completion of the continuing education requirements provided for in Chapter 220-4 must be accompanied by a late renewal fee.

The Board briefly discussed waiving CE Hours for 65 years or older. Licensees will submit a hardship waiver to the Board for consideration.

The Board discussed CF vs RF.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on October 3, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.,

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Logan Wilson, Board Support Specialist

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Minutes reviewed and edited by: Darren Mickler, Executive Director

Grant Harvey, Vice Chairman
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These minutes were accepted on: October 3, 2023