

*Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters
Zoom Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 3, 2023
Professional Licensing Boards Division
Open Session Minutes*

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters was held on **Tuesday, October 3, 2023** at the Secretary of State Public Licensing Board Office in Macon, Ga.

Present Board Members:

John Godbee, WebEx
Grant Harvey, Vice Chairman, in person
Jesse Johnson, WebEx
Brian Stone, in person
Wade Hall, Chairman

Absent Board Members:

Jim Langdale

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, WebEx
Laurie Elander – SOS Staff, in person

Guests

None

Open Session

Vice Chairman Grant Harvey called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

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

Approval of Open Session Minutes

Chairman Wade Hall presented a draft of the August 1, 2023 Open Session Board Meeting minutes. Brian Stone made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Vice Chairman Grant Harvey seconded the motion, and the vote carried unanimously.

Brian Stone made a motion. Vice Chairman Grant Harvey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously for the Board to accept the following 2024 Board Meeting dates.

2024 Board Meeting Dates

February 13, 2024

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April 9, 2024
August 6, 2024
October 29, 2024

Brian Stone made a motion. Jesse Johnson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously for the Board to vote for Wade Hall to continue as Chairman for 2024. Grant Harvey will serve another term as Vice Chairman.

The Board gave a brief update on the ASBORF meeting.

The Board briefly discussed hosting ASBORF in 2025 and possible meeting locations.

The Board spoke regarding the term Foresters.

Executive Session

Vice Chairman Grant Harvey 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. Brian Stone seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were all those members present including: Vice Chairman Grant Harvey, John Godbee, Chairman Wade Hall, Brian Stone and Jesse Johnson.

The Executive Session of the Georgia State Board of Registered Foresters meeting was closed at 10:17 a.m. and Chairman Wade Hall 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, Chairman Wade Hall, John Godbee, Vice Chairman Grant Harvey and Jesse Johnson.

Open Session

Vice Chairman Grant Harvey declared the Board back in Open Session at 10:17 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:

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Brian Stone made a motion and Jesse Johnson seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to ratify the following licenses issued from August 1, 2023 – October 2, 2023

license No	Licensee
RF003086	Jacob S Moore
RF003087	Nathan Forrest Gray

Attorney General’s Report:

Assistant Attorney General Alison Spencer presented the AG report during Executive Session. John Godbee made a motion for the Board to accept the AG Report. Vice Chairman Grant Harvey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Report:

Executive Director Darren Mickler asked for Executive Director Laurie Elander to give an update on the new computer system. Darren Mickler spoke regarding working for Independent PELS Board.

Executive Session Minutes:

Chairman Wade Hall presented a draft of the August 1, 2023 Executive Session Minutes. Vice Chairman Grant Harvey made a motion for the Board to accept the minutes as presented. Brian Stone seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Other Business:

The Board discussed its action at the August 1, 2023, meeting regarding a proposed change to Rule 220-3-.04 and noted that there was no need to post the proposed rule as the Board had previously taken action in 2022 regarding this same rule and that proposed change is currently awaiting review by the Governor’s office.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on February 13, 2024 at 9:30 a.m,

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

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Minutes recorded by:


Logan Wilson, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Darren Mickler, Executive Director



Wade Hall, Chairman
Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters



Laurie Elander, Executive Director
Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters

These minutes were accepted on: *February 13, 2024*

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COUNTY OF BIBB

AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specified exemptions relied upon. O.C.G. A. 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meetings in question.

Comes Wade Hall, the Board Chair identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and subject to penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On February 13, 2024, this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of members present voted to close the meeting or a portion hereof of the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.
4. The legal authority for closure of this meeting was: O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k).
5. The subjects discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are as follows:

Applications and other personal information submitted by the applicants, information, Favorable or unfavorable, submitted by a reference source concerning an applicant; and Deliberations of the Board with respect to an application, an examination, a complaint, an Investigation, or a disciplinary proceeding.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Wade Hall

PRESIDING OFFICER

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th
Day of February, 2024.

Laurie Elander

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

