

Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters Board Meeting Minutes May 13, 2025

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters met on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 in person at the board office located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217.

<p><u>Board Members Present:</u> Grant Harvey, Chairman (In-person) Jesse Johnson, Vice-Chairman (via Webex) Brian Stone (In-person) John Godbee (In-Person) Jim Langdale (In-Person)</p> <p><u>Absent Member:</u> Wade Hall</p> <p><u>Attorney General Representative present:</u> Samuel Smith, Assistant Attorney General via Webex</p>	<p><u>Board Staff Present:</u> Laurie Elander, Executive Director (In-person) Iris Waller, Licensing Supervisor (In-person) Thishilyn Stubbs, Board Support Specialist (In-person) Brandy Griffin, Licensing Analyst (In-person)</p> <p><u>Visitors:</u> None</p>
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Open Session:

At 1:00 p.m., Chairman Grant Harvey established that there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

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

Approval of the Agenda:

Jim Langdale made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Brian Stone seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Open Session Minutes:

Chairman Grant Harvey presented a draft of the February 25, 2025 Open Session meeting minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Brian Stone made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Vice-Chairman Jesse Johnson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Brian Stone made a motion for the Board to approve the list of licenses issued from February 24, 2025 to May 5, 2025 as presented, John Godbee seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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License Number	Licensee
RF003105	Carl G Wiggins

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Board Rules Review:

John Godbee made a motion to refer proposed rule amendments to the Attorney General's office for review. Brian Stone seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session:

Jim Langdale moved Brian Stone seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 2:03 p.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications, complaints and to hear the Attorney General's Report.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Grant Harvey, Chairman, declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq., at 2:18 p.m. No votes were taken during the Executive Session.

Open Session:

Brian Stone made the motion to accept recommendations made during executive session, John Godbee seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The recommendations accepted are as follows:

Approval of Executive Session Minutes:

Approved the February 25, 2025, Executive Session Board minutes as presented.

Attorney General Report

Assistant Attorney General Samuel Smith presented the AG Report. The board voted to accept as presented.

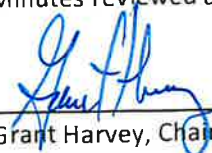
Executive Director's Report:

The Board reviewed the Executive Director's report, which provided the Board with statistical data relevant to the processing of applications and complaints/compliance matters.

There being no further business, Grant Harvey, Chairman, declared the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be on August 19, 2025.

Minutes recorded by:
Minutes reviewed and edited by:


Grant Harvey, Chairperson

Thishilyn Stubbs, Board Support Specialist
Laurie Elander, Executive Director


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These minutes were approved on: Tuesday, August 19, 2025

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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 Grant Harvey 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 Architects and Interior Designers.
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 August 19, 2025, 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.



PRESIDING OFFICER
Grant Harvey

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th
Day of August, 2025
Laurie H. Elander

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 4-11-2027

