

Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters

Board Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2026

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters met on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 in person at the board office located at 3920 Arkwright Rd Macon GA, 31210.

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

At 9:32 a.m. Chairman Grant Harvey established that there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

The Board opened the meeting with a word of prayer.

Approval of the Agenda:

Vice-Chairman Jesse Johnson made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Wade Hall seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Open Session Minutes:

Chairman Grant Harvey presented a draft of the November 18, 2025 meeting minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Vice-Chairman Jesse Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Jim Langdale seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Wade Hall made a motion for the Board to approve the list of licenses issued and license reinstated from November 13, 2025 to February 17, 2026 as presented, Vice-Chairman Jesse Johnson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Issued

License Number	Licensee
RF003108	William Marc Causey II

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Reinstated

License Number	Licensee
RF001792	Timothy Lee Slay
RF002996	James Edgar DeZelle

Georgia Forestry Exam Discussion:

The Board discussed the process for reviewing the exam with SAF.

Executive Session:

Jim Langdale moved, Vice-Chairman Jesse Johnson seconded, and the Board voted to enter Executive Session at 10:02 a.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 11:31 a.m. No votes were taken during the Executive Session.

Open Session:

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

Approval of Executive Session Minutes:

Approve November 18, 2025, Executive Session Board minutes as presented.

Renewals:

4476343: Approve, Vice-Chairman Jesse Johnson abstained from vote.

Reinstatements:

4276440: Approve-pending receipt of additional information

4286284: Deny

4502425: Approve

Complaints:

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FOR240002, FOR250002, FOR260001: Request additional information

Attorney General Report

Assistant Attorney Shiela Guider 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 11:51 a.m.

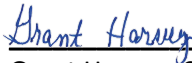
The next meeting of the Board will be on May 12, 2026.

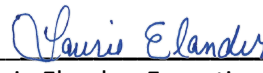
Minutes recorded by:

Thishilyn Stubbs, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Laurie Elander, Executive Director


Signed by Laurie Elander with the
expressed permission of Grant Harvey
Grant Harvey, Chairperson


Laurie Elander, Executive Director

These minutes were approved on: Tuesday, May 12, 2026

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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 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 May 12, 2026, 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 7
Day of July, 2026
Deborah A. Horton
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: Dec. 17, 2028

