

Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters

Board Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2026

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters met on Tuesday, May 12, 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) Brian Stone (In-Person) John Godbee (Via Webex) <u>Absent Members:</u> Wade Hall Jim Langdale <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 (Via Webex) Brandy Griffin, Licensing Analyst <u>Visitors:</u> None
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Open Session:

At 9:38 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:

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

Board Minutes:

Chairman Grant Harvey presented a draft of the February 24, 2026 meeting minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. John Godbee made a motion to approve the minutes with amendment to correct the spelling of the Assistant Attorney General name from Shelia to Shiela and to add the Georgia Forestry Exam Discussion. 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 and licenses reinstated from February 17, 2026 to May 11, 2026 as presented, Vice-Chairman Jesse Johnson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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License Number	Licensee
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RF003109	William B Crosby
RF003110	Matthew Scott Power

Reinstated

License Number	Licensee
RF002293	Wesley Todd Hunt
RF002584	Gregory Jerone Phillips
RF001712	David T Foil
RF002006	Charles Andrew Balfour
RF002752	Jeb B Griffin

Executive Session:

Brian Stone moved, Vice-Chairman Jesse Johnson seconded, and the Board voted to enter Executive Session at 9:53 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 11:51 a.m. No votes were taken during the Executive Session.

Open Session:

Brian Stone made the motion to accept recommendations made during executive session, Vice-Chairman Jesse Johnson seconded, and the motion carried. The recommendations accepted are as follows:

Approval of Executive Session Minutes:

Chairman Grant Harvey presented a draft of the February 24, 2026 Executive Session meeting minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. John Godbee made a motion to approve the minutes with, an amendment to correct the spelling of Assistant Attorney General's Shiela Guider's first name from "Shelia to Shiela. Vice-Chairman Jesse Johnson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Applications:

4628509: Approve
4463021: Approve
4678581: Approve
4626497: Approve pending receipt of additional information
4573974: Approve

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Reinstatements:

4599739: Approve
4276440: Deny
4648959: Deny
4625466: Approve
4723066: Approve

Renewals:

4367221: Refer to Attorney General's office

Complaints:

00112432/FOR240002: Table
00112861/FOR250002: Table
00116271/FOR260001: Table

Attorney General Report

Assistant Attorney Sheila Guider Smith presented the AG Report. The board voted to accept as presented.

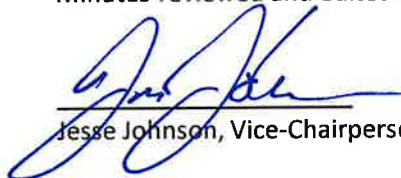
Executive Director's Report:

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 12:01 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be on August 25, 2026.

Minutes recorded by:
Minutes reviewed and edited by:



Jesse Johnson, Vice-Chairperson

Thishilyn Stubbs, Board Support Specialist
Laurie Elander, Executive Director



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These minutes were approved on: Tuesday, August 25, 2026

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AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF PUBLIC MEETING

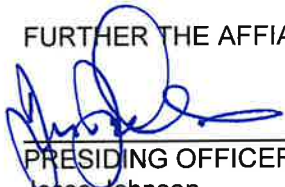
The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding 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 Jesse Johnson, the Board Vice-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 25, 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
Jesse Johnson

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th
Day of August, 2026.
Laurie H. Elander
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 4-11-27

