

MINUTES
South Carolina Registration for Foresters
Board Meeting
10:00 a.m., April 10, 2014
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 204
Columbia, South Carolina

Meeting Called to Order

Charles Sibley, chairman, called the regular scheduled meeting of the S. C. Board of Registration of Foresters to order at 10:00 a.m. Other members present included: James Hendricks, Secretary, of Columbia; Ronald Byrd, of Hartsville; Robert Drummond, of Columbia; William Moody, of Lexington; and Eric Smith, of Greenwood.

Staff members attending the meeting included: Erin Baldwin, Attorney, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant, Theresa Garner, Program Assistant, Georgia Lewis, Advice Counsel, and Maurice Smith, Investigator, Office of Investigation and Enforcement.

Mr. Sibley announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Board of Registration for Foresters office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Approval of Excused Absences

MOTION

Mr. Moody made a motion the Board excuse Mrs. McFadden from this meeting. Mr. Drummond seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

Mr. Sibley delivered the invocation.

Approval of the January 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Smith made a motion the Board approve the January 9, 2014 minutes as presented. Mr. Hendricks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Chairman's Remarks – Charles Sibley

Mr. Sibley made no remarks at this time.

5. Administrator's Remarks – Theresa Garner on behalf of Molly Price

Mrs. Garner stated as of Wednesday, April 10, 2014, Mrs. Price was working from home on a full time basis.

There were currently 674 registered foresters.

According to the budget, dated February 28, 2014, the Board's budget balance was \$41,016.00.

a. Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel
No advisory opinions were given during this meeting.

b. Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office
Legislative remarks were made later in the meeting.

c. OGC Report – Office of Disciplinary Counsel – Erin Baldwin
Ms. Baldwin had no report.

d. OIE Report – Office of Investigations and Enforcement – Maurice Smith
Mr. Smith presented the OIE report on behalf of Mr. Bond.

6. New Business

a. February 27, 2014 IRC Report
The IRC met on February 27, 2014 at which time two cases were discussed. Both of the cases, 2012-3 and 2013-1, involved unlicensed practice. A Cease and Desist Order (C&D) was issued in each case. The IRC, which includes a registered forester, determined the cases should be dismissed.

MOTION

Mr. Drummond made a motion the Board approve the IRC Report. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

b. Election of Officers
Chairman

Mr. Byrd nominated Mr. Sibley as chairman. Mr. Hendricks seconded the nomination, which carried unanimously. Mr. Sibley was re-elected chairman by acclamation.

Vice Chairman

Mr. Byrd nominated Mrs. McFadden as vice chairman. Mr. Drummond seconded the nomination, which carried unanimously. Mrs. McFadden was re-elected as vice chairman by acclamation.

Secretary

Mr. Byrd nominated Mr. Hendricks as secretary. Mr. Smith seconded the nomination, which carried unanimously. Mr. Hendricks was re-elected as secretary by acclamation.

- c. Board Representative as Secretary/Treasurer for ASBORF

NOMINATION

Mr. Sibley nominated Eric Smith as the Board Representative for Secretary/Treasurer of ASBORF. Mr. Byrd seconded the nomination, which carried unanimously.

- d. Review of Applications for Licensure via Examination

- i. Tyler Andrew Brown

The board received an application from Mr. Brown on February 28, 2014. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University on December 17, 2009. He also obtained a Master of Forest Resources Degree from Clemson University on December 16, 2010. He passed the Certified Foresters Exam on December 19, 2013, paid all fees, and his file was complete.

MOTION

Mr. Smith made a motion the board approve Mr. Brown's application for licensure by examination. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- ii. Michael Christian Broom

The board received an application from Mr. Broom on February 21, 2014. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University on May 8, 2009 and a Master of Forest Resource Degree from Clemson on December 16, 2010. He passed the Certified Forester Exam on March 24, 2014. He paid all fees, his file was complete.

MOTION

Mr. Hendricks made a motion the board approve Mr. Broom's application. Mr. Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- e. Review of Applications for Licensure via Reciprocity

- i. Joseph Thomas Johnson

The board received an application from Mr. Johnson on January 17, 2014 for reciprocity licensure through North Carolina. Mr. Johnson obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry from Clemson University in May 2001 and a Master of Science Degree in Forestry from Clemson University in December 2003. He passed the North Carolina state exam and submitted an updated employment verification along with the required professional references. He paid all fees, his file was complete.

MOTION

Mr. Smith made a motion the board approve Mr. Johnson's application for licensure by reciprocity. Mr. Drummond seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ii. Nathan Daniel McClure

The board received an application from Mr. McClure on January 13, 2014 for reciprocity licensure through Georgia. Mr. McClure obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resources from the University of Georgia in December 1982. He passed the Georgia state exam and has received certification through the Society of American Foresters (SAF) as a certified forester. He submitted an updated employment verification along with the required professional references and paid all fees. His file was complete.

MOTION

Mr. Smith made a motion the board approve Mr. McClure's application for licensure by reciprocity. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

iii. Joshua Lowey Sandt, Jr.

The board received an application from Mr. Sandt on February 19, 2014 for licensure by reciprocity through North Carolina. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in December 1994. He was licensed in North Carolina by a grandfather clause. He submitted an updated employment verification along with the required professional references and paid all fees. His file was complete.

MOTION

Mr. Smith made a motion the board approve Mr. Sandt's application for licensure by reciprocity. Mr. Hendricks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

f. Review of Applications for Reinstatement

i. Clay Marshall Chaplin

The board received an application for reinstatement from Mr. Chaplin on March 27, 2014. His license lapsed on June 30, 2013. He submitted an updated application, a notarized statement indicating he had practiced Forestry since the June 30, 2013 expiration of his license. He also included an updated employment verification and continuing forester education (CFE) documents. He paid all fees, his file was complete.

MOTION

Mr. Smith made a motion the board approve Mr. Chaplin's application. Mr. Moody seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ii. Henry Eugene Kodama

The board received an application for reinstatement from Mr. Kodama on February 4, 2014. His license lapsed on June 30, 2011. He submitted an updated application, a notarized statement indicating he had practiced Forestry since the June 30, 2011 expiration of his license. He also included an updated employment verification, and CFE documents. He paid all fees, his file was complete.

MOTION

Mr. Smith made a motion the board approve Mr. Kodama's application. Mr. Hendrix seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. Old Business

- a. LLR On-Line Exams – Charles Sibley
 - i. Committee Update

Mr. Sibley stated the committee met to review the questions and determined to set the questions into five categories: 1) state specific regulations/licensure law, 2) insects, disease and invasive species, 3) real estate and appraisal, 4) environmental, and 5) South Carolina general. The exam would contain 25 questions.

Mr. Sibley suggested the committee meet with LLR staff when Mrs. Price returns to the office and discuss the logistics of moving the questions online.

Mr. Sibley attended several Senate Fish, Game and Forestry Committee meetings regarding the board's draft legislation. Georgia Lewis, the board's advice counsel and Mr. Cam Crawford, with the SC Forestry Commission, also attended the committee meetings. A member of the committee asked that verbiage be added to the legislation at which time Mr. Sibley asked that the draft legislation be withdrawn at this time. Mr. Crawford asked that a task force committee be formed with the board, the SC Forestry Commission, the association and all parties involved to review the draft legislation prior to the 2015 legislative session.

8. Public Comments

No public comments were made during this meeting.

Adjournment

The April 10, 2014 meeting of the S.C. Board of Registration of Foresters adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

The next meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Foresters is scheduled for July 10, 2014 in room 204.