

**STATE OF MARYLAND
BOARD OF FORESTERS
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
JULY 27, 2020**

LOCATION: VIA Google Meets
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
Third Floor Conference Room

**MEMBERS
IN ATTENDANCE:** Michael Huneke-Chair
John Markovich-Vice Chair
Daniel Rider
Jill Rhyne-Grey

MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

**DLLR OFFICIALS
/STAFF:** Shanai Jordan, Executive Director
Christopher Dorsey, Assistant Executive Director
Sloane Fried Kinstler, Assistant Attorney General
Alicia Coar, Administrative Specialist

The July 27, 2020 meeting of the Maryland Board of Foresters, conducted by video conference, was called to order at 10:48 a. m. by Mr. Huneke.

Upon a motion (I) by Mr. Dorsey and seconded by Ms. Rhyne-Grey, the minutes of the January 27, 2020 Business Meeting were electronically approved unanimously with corrections.

Chairman's Report

No Chairman's Report offered.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Jordan informed the Board that there still a vacant seat on the Board. There is one person who needs to be sworn in. Ms. Jordan sought suggestions for outreach from Board members.

Upon a motion (II) by Mr. Markovich, seconded by Ms. Rhyne-Grey, the approval of the Executive Director's report was unanimously accepted.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion (III) by Ms. Rhyne-Grey, seconded by Mr. Rider, and unanimously carried, the State Board of Foresters entered into a closed session at 11:09 a. m. in the Third Floor

Conference Room, 500 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202, and by video conference of a quorum of members of the Board, pursuant to § 3-305 (b)(2) and (7) of the Gen. Prov. Art., Md. Ann. Code, in order to protect the privacy and reputation of license applicants and to obtain the advice provided by Counsel regarding license applications.

The Board reviewed three (2) license applications.

OR-01: upon a motion (IV) by, Mr. Markovich and seconded by Ms. Rhyne-Grey, the Board unanimously voted to approve the license application of an individual who demonstrated the required educational and pre-license work experience in compliance with Bus. Occ. & Prof. Art., Md. Ann. Code, §§ 7-101(c)(3)(ii) and 7-304(b) and provided the requisite professional references in accordance with COMAR 09.29.1.02.

OR-02: upon a motion (V) by Mr. Rider, and seconded by Mr. Markovich, the Board unanimously voted to deny the license application of an individual who, after a lengthy discussion, the Board found had been unable to demonstrate the required educational experience, including completion of a 4-year curriculum in forestry from a college or university that is approved by the Board or accredited by the Society of American Foresters, pursuant to Bus. Occ. & Prof. Art., Md. Ann. Code, § 7-304(b). Additionally, the Board found that the applicant failed to demonstrate the requisite work experience, pursuant to § 7-101(c), which the Board found constituted gardening and arboriculture. The applicant also lacked three professional references from foresters required pursuant to COMAR 09.29.01.02. The Board concluded that the applicant's work experience and references demonstrated experience in gardening and arboriculture rather than forestry in accordance with Bus. Occ. & Prof. Art., Md. Ann. Code, § 7-101(c)(3)(ii).

The Board reconvened its business meeting at 11:23 a.m. Upon a motion (VI) made by Ms. Rhyne-Gray, seconded by Mr. Rider, the Board unanimously voted to accept the decisions rendered in the closed session.

New Business Report

No New Business to be considered.

Old Business

No Old Business to be considered.

Complaint Committee Report

No Complaint Committee Report offered.

Counsel's Report

Ms. Kinstler reported to the Board that its concept to amend a regulation pertaining to the applications for licensing had been approved by the Office of the Secretary. Counsel asked the

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Board if the members wished to propose action to amend COMAR 09.29.01.02. Counsel also explained to the Board the regulatory process for the consideration of proposed and final action to amend or adopt regulations.

Upon motion (VII) by Ms. Rhyne-Grey and seconded by Mr. Rider, the Board unanimously voted to propose action to amend COMAR 09.29.01.02 to allow consideration of an application in which the applicant documented completion of a post graduate degree in forestry approved by the American Society of Foresters of the Board.

Adjournment

There being no further business, upon a motion (VIII) by Mr. Markovich and seconded by Ms. Rhyne-Grey, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a. m.

NEXT MEETING

October 26, 2020 - 500 North Calvert Street, Third Floor Conference Room, 10:00 A.M.

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Chairman

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