

**STATE OF MARYLAND
BOARD OF FORESTERS
April 16, 2018**

LOCATION: 500 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
Third Floor Conference Room

**MEMBERS
IN ATTENDANCE:** Wade Dorsey-Chair
Michael Huneke
W. Allen Jones
John Markovich
Daniel Rider

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ann Sherrard
Jill Rhyne-Grey

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

The April 16, 2018, meeting of the Maryland Board of Foresters was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Upon a motion (I) by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Huneke, the minutes from the October 17, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously, with corrections.

Chairman's Report

No Report of the Chairman.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director, Shanai Jordan, mentioned to the Board that there were several Forester license applications from late 2017 that had yet to be approved as the Board did not meet in April. Ms. Jordan said that she would start sending out the applications to the Board members via email to approve during times when the Board is not able to meet.

Upon a motion (II) by Mr. Rider, and seconded by Mr. Markovich, the Board unanimously approved the Executive Director's Report to provide application materials to members to expedite the process for applicants.

License Applications

Counsel advised the Board that, moving forward, all license applications must be reviewed by the Board in a closed session to protect the privacy of individual applicants. Counsel explained that even when no members of the public are present to observe the proceedings of a public body, such as the Board, must, in compliance with law, meet in closed session and state the reasons therefore to be recorded in the minutes of the public meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a Motion (III) by Mr. Markovich, seconded by Mr. Huneke, the State Board of Foresters unanimously voted to enter executive session at 10:17 a.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, 500 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202, pursuant to § 3-305 (b)(2) and (7) of the General Provisions Article, Maryland Annotated 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 a total of six (6) license applications and took the following action:

OR-01, upon a motion (IV) by Mr. Markovich and seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board approved a Forester licensure application unanimously.

OR-02, upon a motion (V) by Mr. Huneke, seconded by Mr. Jones, the approved a Forester licensure application unanimously.

OR-03, upon a motion (VI) by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Markovich, the Board approved a Forester licensure application unanimously.

OR-04, upon a motion (VII) by Mr. Rider and seconded by Mr. Huneke, the Board approved a Forester licensure application unanimously.

OR-05, upon a motion (VIII) by Mr. Huneke and seconded by Mr. Markovich, the Board approved a Forester licensure application unanimously.

OR-06, upon motion (IX) by Mr. Huneke and seconded by Mr. Rider, the Board unanimously voted to table one (1) license application in order to ask the applicant to provide supplemental information to clarify the period during which the claimed required pre-license forestry experience was obtained, pursuant to § 7-304(c) of Bus. Occ. & Prof. Art., Maryland Annotated Code, and COMAR 09.29.0102.

The Board reconvened its regular meeting at 10:53 a.m. Upon a motion (X) by Mr. Markovich, seconded by Mr. Huneke, the Board unanimously voted to accept the decisions rendered in Executive Session.

New Business

Ms. Jordan discussed scheduling another Board meeting for this year, as the January meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. July 23, 2018 was selected as the date of the next board meeting. Ms. Jordan wanted to consider moving the January meeting to another month going forward, as it is common to have bad weather during that month. The 2019 meeting schedule will be discussed at the next meeting.

Old Business

No Old Business for discussion.

Complaint Committee Report

No Complaint Committee Report presented.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion (XI) by Mr. Huneke, seconded by Mr. Markovich, and unanimously voted upon, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.

NEXT MEETING

July, 23, 2018 - 500 North Calvert Street, Third Floor Conference Room, 10:00 AM

With corrections Without corrections

Signature on File

Chairman

7/23/18

Date