



Board of Foresters Public Minutes

Foresters Board

Aug 30, 2023, at 1:30 PM EDT

@ 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301

Attendance

Present Members: Ann Davis, Patrick Hackley, Patrick Kenney, Colleen O'Neill, Steven Roberge, Richard Roy

Guests: Marla Pike, Board Administrator, Shane Goulet, Board Counsel

I. Call To Order

The Board meeting was called to order by Board Member Richard Roy at 1:31 p.m.

II. Review of Public Minutes from May 30, 2023, meeting-

Board Member Ann Davis noticed that her name was spelled incorrectly and requested that her name be corrected for the public minutes. Board Member Ann Davis approved the public minutes as amended. Board Member Colleen O'Neill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion:

Motion moved by Board Member Ann Davis and motion seconded by Board Member Colleen O'Neill.

III. Public Appearances-

A. Bethany Cottrell, Director of Licensing and Board Administration - Bethany Cottrell was not able to attend the meeting, Board Administrator Marla Pike explained that OPLC is looking for a licensing matrix to help move licensing forward. I explained to the Board that I would provide them with licensing requirements for the States of ME, NY, MA and VT for them to compare with our requirements.

IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates:

V. Licensure

A. Rhys T. Brydon-Williams

Motion:

Board Member Ann Davis made a motion to approve licensure for Rhys Brydon-Williams with the passing for the NH Forester Law Exam. Board Member Colleen O'Neill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion moved by Board Member Ann Davis and motion seconded by Board Member Colleen O'Neill.

- B. Kaitlyn Creller App.

Motion:

Board Member Patrick Hackley made a motion to approve Kaitlyn Creller for licensure without taking the NH Forester Law Exam. Board Member Patrick Kenney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion moved by Board Member Patrick Hackley and motion seconded by Board Member Patrick Kenney.

VI. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics

- A. FORS 200 Initial Proposal - Initial Proposal - Initial Proposal Draft

Motion:

Board Member Colleen O'Neill made a motion to approve the Fors 200 rules as presented. Board Member Ann Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion moved by Board Member Colleen O'Neill and motion seconded by Board Member Ann Davis.

- B. FORS 300 Review Final Proposal

FORS 300 rules were tabled until the September 26, 2023, Board meeting.

- C. FORS 403.04 Vote on adoption and Chair to sign Adoption letter - Needs to be signed by the Board Vice Chair

Motion:

Fors 403.04 adoption cover letter was signed by Board Vice Chair Richard Roy, as the Board Chair Steven Roberge attend via zoom. Board Member Patrick Hackley made a motion to approve the Fors 403.04 as presented to the Board. Board Member Colleen O'Neill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion moved by Board Member Patrick Hackley and motion seconded by Board Member Colleen O'Neill.

- D. House Bill 655 Signed 6-28-23 Effective 7-1-23
Noted by the Board
- E. House Bill 2 Signed 6-21-23 Effective 7-1-23.
Noted by the Board
- F. House Bill 308 Signed 8-4-23 Effective 10-3-23
Noted by the Board
- G. House Bill 337 Vetoed on 8-8-23
Noted by the Board
- H. House Bill 594 Signed 6-28-23 Effective 8-27-23
Noted by the Board
- I. House Bill 409 Signed 8-8-23 Effective 7-15-23
Noted by the Board
- J. Senate Bill 107 Approved on 8-4-23 Effective 8-4-23 & 10-3-23
Noted by the Board
- K. Shane Goulet, Hearings Examiners will present a PowerPoint presentation on Board hearings.

Board Counsel Shane Goulet presented to the Board a PowerPoint showing the new hearings process and answered any questions the Board had.

VII. Non-Public Session

Upon the motion of Board Member Colleen O'Neill and seconded by Board Member Richard Roy, by roll call vote to conduct a Non-Public session at 3:01 p.m. for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential Board business. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c) & (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, *Lodge v. Knowlton*, (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.

Motion:

Board Member Colleen O'Neill made a motion to go into Non-Public at 3:01 p.m. Board Member Richard Roy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion moved by Board Member Colleen O'Neill and motion seconded by Board Member Richard Roy.

VIII. Resume Public Session

IX. Seal The Minutes of the Non-Public Session

Upon the return to public session at 3:02 p.m. Board Member Ann Davis made a motion to seal the non- minutes of the Non-Public session are sealed to maintain the privacy of the items discussed in non- public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c), on the grounds that public disclosure may adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member or render the proposed action ineffective. Board Member Colleen O'Neill seconded the motion which passed unanimously with roll call vote of all Members present.

Motion:

Motion moved by Board Member Ann Davis and motion seconded by Board Member Colleen O'Neill.

X. Adjournment - The next Board meeting will be held on September 26, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Motion:

Board Member Ann Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Colleen O'Neill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion moved by Board Member Ann Davis and motion seconded by Board Member Colleen O'Neill.