

BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR FORESTER MINUTES

There was a Foresters meeting on January 25, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. Those present were Steven Roberge, Ann Davis, Richard Roy, Colleen O'Neill, and Patrick Hackley. Patrick Kenney was also present but not an as an acting Board Member.

Also present from OPLC: Board Administrators Bobbie Mayo and Marla Pike.

1. Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 1:38 p.m. by Chairman Roberge.
2. Reading and Approval of May 18, 2021, Minutes – Board Member Davis informed staff that Board Member O'Neill's name was spelled incorrectly. Chairman Roberge made a motion to approve the May 18, 2021, minutes as amended. Board Member. O'Neill seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote of all members present.
3. Interviews/meetings- Chairman Roberge welcomed and thanked new Board Member Patrick Kenney for volunteering to serve on the Board. The Board went around the room and introduced themselves to the new Board member.
4. Reading of Communications – None.
5. Exam applicants licensed since May 18, 2021 – Noted.
 - a. Appl. #00518, Matthias T. Nevins licensed on 06/22/2021
 - b. Appl. #00519, Robert Holleran licensed on 6/29/2021
6. Unfinished Business –
7. New Business –
 - a. At 1:45 p.m. following an appropriate motion by Board Member O'Neill and seconded by Board Member Davis to go in to a non-public session the Board, by roll call, voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of the reading and approval of the non-public minutes of the May 18, 2021 meeting, and evaluating complaints against licensees, accredited individuals, institutions, or organizations, or persons charged with practicing unlawful forestry activity, and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II(c), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 118 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the vote of all members present.
 - b. At 1:55 p.m. an appropriate motion was made by Board Member O'Neill and seconded by Board Member Hackley to reconvene the public meeting. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the vote of all members present
 - c. On an appropriate motion by Chairman Roberge and seconded by Board Member Roy, by roll call voted to seal the minutes of the non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III(c), on the grounds that public disclosure

would likely affect adversely the reputation of licensees, accredited individuals, institutions, or organizations, or persons charged with practicing unlawful forestry activity, RSA 91-A:5, IV, *Lodge v. Knowlton*, 118 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. The motion passed with each member recording his or her vote on the motion.

- d. Review of the Rules/Statute for Change Requests – The Board needs to review FOR 300-500 in the administrative rules. The Board asked if the public member requirement could be removed. Staff Member Mayo informed them that it would require a statute change. The Board discussed the exception that Maine allows for Forester's who are 62 or older and do not practice full time. The Board was interested to research what other Northeastern states were doing. Staff Member Mayo mentioned that the Board of Natural Scientists allow for training a future professional to be counted as continuing education. The Board was also reminded the Board that they could claim participation on a state or professional organization. Chairman Roberge tasked the Board with reviewing all Rules 300 – 500. He would like to review all suggestions and comments at next meeting in order to begin rulemaking.
 - e. Date and time of next meeting- May 24, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.
8. Adjournment – Chairman Roberge made a motion to adjourn at 1:59 p.m. Board Member Roy seconded, the motion passed with a roll call vote.