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BOARD OF FORESTERS

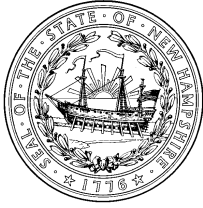
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BOARD OF FORESTERS
Public Meeting Minutes
1:30 p.m. on March 20, 2023

There was a meeting of the Board of Foresters held on March 20, 2023. The Public may attend via video/teleconference. The following Board Members attended in person at the Board Office: Board Chair Steven Roberge, Board Member Patrick Kenney, Board Member Richard Roy, and Board Member Colleen O'Neill. Not present at the Board meeting were Board Member Patrick Hackley and Board Member Ann Davis.

Present from OPLC was Board Administrator Marla Pike, Counsel Attorney Shane Goulet, and Tina Kelley.

- I. **Call to Order** – 1:37 p.m.
- II. **Review of Public Minutes from the February 14, 2023, meeting** – Board Member Colleen O'Neill made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2023, Board meeting. Board Member Richard Roy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. **Licensure** – None
- IV. **Public Comment** –
 - A. Karen Bennet attended the meeting in person to give public comment.
 - B. Susan Ramano attended the meeting via zoom to give public comment. Susan is from the Society of American Foresters with concerns for the application process.
- V. **Public Appearances** –
 - A. Todd Caron – At 2:22 p.m. the Board of Foresters had a show cause hearing with Brenda GoldenHallisey as Hearings Officer. The purpose of this hearing is for an incomplete application that was submitted for approval. Attorney GoldenHallisey asked Mr. Caron if he wanted to make a statement regarding the



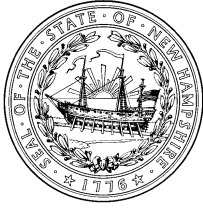
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- B. application, Mr. Caron's response was that he intended to answer "no" to the criminal questions on the application. Board Chair Roberge mentioned that the hearing would be discussed in non-public, and we would reach back out to Mr. Caron.

VI. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics

- A. Fors 100 – The Board reviewed the Fors 100 Rules then voted to have the Board Chair Roberge sign the Adoption Cover Letter for the Fors 100 Rules to be adopted. Board Member Kenney made a motion to approve the Fors 100 Rules for adoption and approve the Board Chair Roberge to sign the Adoption Cover Letter adopting the Fors 100 Rules. Board Member Colleen O'Neill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Fors 218 – The Board reviewed the Fors 218 Rules then voted to have the Board Chair Roberge sign the Adoption Cover Letter for the Fors 218 Rules to be adopted. Board Member Colleen O'Neill made a motion to approve the Fors 218 Rules for adoption and approve the Board Chair Roberge to sign the Adoption Cover Letter adopting the Fors 218 Rules. Board Member Patrick Kenney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Fors 300 Rules – Tina Kelley reviews the final proposal of the Fors 300 Rules with the Board. Board Chair Roberge made a motion to accept the amended Fors 300 Rules and begin the rule making process. Board Member Kenney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. Fors 403.04 – There was a public hearing on the Fors 403.04 Rules which began at 2:02 p.m. The public had 15 minutes to make any comments on the Rules that were posted on the website. At 2:17 p.m. the hearing was closed with having no public comment made in person or via zoom.
- E. Discussion with Board Counsel of Legislation



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- a. **HB 2** update – Board Counsel Goulet informed the Board that they are waiting for the next hearing date for the **HB 2** Legislation.

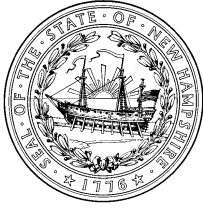
- b. **HB 655** update - Board Counsel Goulet explained that the first 23 pages of **HB 655** legislation talks about licensing, continuing education, not removing the Board from licensure, and possibly merging the Board together. The Board of Foresters would possibly merger with the Board of Natural Scientist, Board of Landscape Architects this would mean that they would have 2 Forester Board members, 2 Natural Scientists, 2 Landscape Architects and 1 Public member to oversee this type of Board. The Board of Foresters opposes merging with other Boards that do not align with the Boards mission. Board Member O’Neill made a motion for Board Counsel Shane Goulet to speak on behalf of the Board. Board Member Richard Roy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Foresters are concerned with other Board Members sitting idle during the Board meeting while the other Boards are in discussion. Board Member Colleen O’Neill amended her motion to have Board Counsel Shane Goulet include this in his discussion at the hearing. Board Member Richard Roy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Non-Public Session

Upon the motion of Board Member Collen O’Neill and seconded by Board Member Richard Roy, by roll call vote to conduct a Non-Public session at 2:30 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.

VIII. Resume Public Session



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IX. Seal The Minutes of The Non-Public Session

Upon the return to public session at 2:43 p.m. Board Member Colleen O'Neill 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 Richard Roy seconded the motion which passed unanimously with roll call vote of all Members present.

- X. Adjournment** – Board Member Colleen O'Neill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m. Board Member Patrick Kenney seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously. Next Board Meeting will be held on May 30, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.