**STATE OF MARYLAND**

**BOARD OF FORESTERS**

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**July 26, 2021**

**LOCATION:**  via Google Meets

**MEMBERS**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** John Markovich-Vice Chair

 Anthony DiPaolo

 Daniel Rider

Jill Rhyne-Grey

**DLLR OFFICIALS**

**/STAFF:** Christopher Dorsey, Assistant Executive Director

Sloane Fried Kinstler, Assistant Attorney General

Alicia Coar, Administrative Specialist

**ABSENT:** Michael Huneke-Chair

Shanai Jordan, Executive Director

Brian Knox

The July 26, 2021 meeting of the Maryland Board of Foresters was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Mr. Markovich.

Upon a motion **(I)** by Ms. Rhyne-Grey, seconded by Mr.DiPaolo, the minutes from the April 26, 2021 business meeting were approved unanimously.

**Chairman’s Report**

Mr. Markovich reported had no report at this time, but he would like to discuss in status of the proposed regulation. Ms. Sloane Kinstler informed the Board that it has been approved and there are several applications to discuss later in the meeting. Mr. Markovich also mentioned that he would like to discuss the status of the proposed regulation in old business.

**Executive Director’s Report**

Mr. Dorsey has reported that the board has two new board members Mr. Anthony DiPaolo and Mr. Brian Knox to the board. Mr. Dorsey also informed the board that we are taking customers into the building appointment only. The question is will the meetings be in person and visible online. Mr. Dorsey informed the Board that we will have online meetings until further notice.

**New Business Report**

Mr. Rider submitted an email to the administrative staff. He would like to have some clarity on reciprocity to Maryland from West Virginia and questions if a West Virginia license would be accepted in Maryland. Mr. Kinstler informed the Board that an individual would have to go through the same process as all other candidates. But Mr. Rider informed the Board that our website states, “Provided that the individual's the previous state of residence grants reciprocal licensing for Maryland residents, an individual who is licensed to practice forestry in another state or country may obtain a license if the individual submits proof of licensure in the other state or country, does not maintain a place of business in Maryland and became a resident of the State within the six months before applying for a Foresters license.” But does West Virginia accept the Maryland license to practice in the state? The Board member requested that Mr. Dorsey to find out if West Virginia accepts Maryland licenses.

**Old Business**

No Old Business Report

**Complaint Committee Report**

No Complaint Committee Report

**Counsel’s Report**

No Counsel’s Report

**License Applications**

There were three license applications to be reviewed by the Board in closed session:

**CLOSED SESSION**

**OR-01**

OR-01: upon a motion **(II)** by Mr. DiPaolo and seconded by Ms. Rhyne-Grey, the Board unanimously voted to approve the license application, as the applicant documented qualifying work experience and provided the requisite professional references.

**OR-02**

OR-02: upon a motion **(III)** by Mr. Rider and seconded by Ms. Rhyne-Grey, the Board unanimously voted to approve the license application, as the applicant documented qualifying work experience and provided the requisite professional references.

**OR-03**

OR-03: upon a motion **(III)** by Ms. Rhyne-Grey and seconded by Mr. Rider, the Board unanimously voted to approve the license application, as the applicant documented qualifying work experience and provided the requisite professional references.

**OR-05**

OR-05: upon a motion by Mr. Rider, seconded by Ms. Rhyne-Grey, the Board voted to deny the license application, with Ms. Rhyne-Grey and Mr. Rider voting to approve the motion and Mr. Markovich abstaining from the vote. The applicant will be invited to resubmit an application if the applicant is able to demonstrate the requisite work experience in forestry in compliance with § 7-101(c).

Upon reconvening the Business Meeting, and motion **(IV)** by Ms. Rhyne-Grey, seconded by Mr. Rider, the Board unanimously approved the findings of the July 26, 2021 closed session.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, upon a motion **(V)** by, seconded by Ms. Rhyne-Grey, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

October 25, 2021 – via Google Meets

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Signature on File October 25, 2021

Chairman Date