

**STATE OF MARYLAND
BOARD OF FORESTERS
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2019**

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

**MEMBERS
IN ATTENDANCE:** Michael Huneke-Chair
John Markovich-Vice Chair
Wade Dorsey
Daniel Rider
Jill Rhyne-Grey

MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

**DLLR OFFICIALS
/STAFF:** Shanai Jordan, Executive Director
Christopher Dorsey, Assistant Executive Director
Matthew Lawrence, Assistant Attorney General
Alicia Coar, Administrative Specialist

The October 21, 2019 meeting of the Maryland Board of Foresters was called to order at 10:13 a.m.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Huneke informed the Board that there are three seats on the board that are vacant.

Upon a motion **(I)** by Ms. Rhyne-Grey, seconded by Mr. Rider, the approval of the Chairman's report was unanimously accepted.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Jordan asked for the help of the Board members with filling the vacant seats on the Board as several members have been holding over for a long period of time. Mr. Rider informed the Board that he will reach out to a candidate that he thinks will be interested and a good fit for the Board.

Upon a motion **(II)** by Mr. Markovich, seconded by Mr. Rider, the approval of the Executive Director's report was unanimously accepted.

License Applications

Counsel reminded the Board that all license applications must be reviewed by the Board in a closed session to protect the privacy of individual applicants in accordance with Gen. Prov. Art., Md. Ann. Code, § 3-305. Counsel explained that even when no members of the public are present to observe the proceedings of a public body, such as the Board, it must, in compliance with law, convene in a closed meeting when considering confidential material or matters and maintain minutes that set forth the facts of the matters considered, the reasons for the Board's determination(s), and the tally of vote(s) on each matter. Counsel further explained that the business meeting minutes should also reflect that the Board met in a closed session, the reason therefore, along with a description of the business discussed, without revealing confidential or privileged information, along with each vote the Board took during the closed session, and start and end times of the session.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion (III) by Mr. Dorsey, seconded by Mr. Markovich, and unanimously carried, the State Board of Foresters entered into a closed session at 10:20 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 Gen. Prov. Art., Md. Ann. 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 three (3) license applications.

OR-01, upon a motion (IV) by Ms. Rhyne-Grey, and seconded by Mr. Markovich, the Board unanimously voted to approve the license application of an individual who demonstrated the required educational and pre-license work experience in compliance with Bus. Occ. & Prof. Art., Md. Ann. Code, §§ 7-101(c)(3)(ii) and 7-304(b) and provided the requisite professional references in accordance with COMAR 09.29.1.02.

OR-02, upon a motion (V) by Mr. Rider, and seconded by Mr. Dorsey, the Board unanimously voted to deny the license application of an individual who, after a lengthy discussion, the Board found had been unable to demonstrate the required educational experience, including completion of a 4-year curriculum in forestry from a college or university that is approved by the Board or accredited by the Society of American Foresters, pursuant to Bus. Occ. & Prof. Art., Md. Ann. Code, § 7-304(b). Additionally, the Board found that the applicant failed to demonstrate the requisite work experience, pursuant to §§ 7-101(c), which the Board found constituted gardening and arboriculture. The applicant also lacked three professional references from foresters required pursuant to COMAR 09.29.01.02. The Board concluded that the applicant's work experience and references demonstrated experience in gardening and arboriculture rather than forestry in accordance with Bus. Occ. & Prof. Art., Md. Ann. Code, § 7-101(c)(3)(ii).

OR-03, upon a motion (VI) by Mr. Markovich, and seconded by Mr. Rider, the Board unanimously voted to approve the license application of an individual who demonstrated the

required educational and pre-license work experience in compliance with Bus. Occ. & Prof. Art., Md. Ann. Code, §§ 7-101(c)(3)(ii) and 7-304(b) and provided the requisite professional references in accordance with COMAR 09.29.1.02.

The Board reconvened its business meeting at 11:00 a.m. Upon a motion (VII) made by Ms. Rhyne-Grey, seconded by Mr. Markovich, and unanimously carried that the Board accept the decisions rendered in the closed session.

New Business

Ms. Jordan informed the Board of the meeting days for the 2020.

January 27, 2020
April 13, 2020
July 27, 2020
October 26, 2020

Upon Motion (VIII) by Mr. Markovich, and seconded by Mr. Dorsey, the Board unanimously accepted the 2020 board meeting dates.

Old Business

No Old Business Report

Complaint Committee Report

No Complaint Committee Report.

Counsel's Report

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, upon a motion (IX) by Mr. Markovich and seconded by Ms. Rhyne-Grey, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

January 27, 2020 - 500 North Calvert Street, Third Floor Conference Room, 10:00 AM

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Date