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PFEC Open Item 3

Professional Foresters Examining Committee Meeting Minutes

Held: May 24, 2023

OPEN SESSION MINUTES**Members Present:**

- Frank Mulhair, Chair
- Dan Sendek
- James Hawkins
- Christian Eggleton
- Larry Forero
- Jason Poburko
- Danielle Lindler

Staff Participating:

- Dan Stapleton, Assistant Executive Officer, Licensing
- Deniele Casarubbia, Staff Services Analyst, Licensing
- Robert "Bob" Roth, Attorney
- Edith Hannigan, Executive Officer
- Y.G. Gentry, Contracted Expert Grader

Call to Order**Report of the Executive Officer Foresters Licensing**

E.O. Dan Stapleton revealed that he completed outreach by going to Oregon State University, Mt. Hood Community College, and College of the Redwoods. He also revealed that Diane Dealy Neil had people from Ontario Canada Forestry School come out, and she was able to speak to them. E.O. Stapleton stated that he has had individuals calling from Canada lately, and reports that as a positive reflection of the outreach work being done.

E.O. Stapleton reported that there was an appeal on the results of the October 2022 Exam for applicant 7388. He initially scored a 52.5% on Forest Ecology and a 48% on Forest Policy. The applicant reasoned that he misunderstood the questions and that some of his pages were lost. E.O. Stapleton and Edith Hannigan, the Executive Officer for the Board, allowed him to complete a partial examination on

the two subjects alone. Applicant 7388 successfully passed with a 78% on Forest Ecology and an 86% on Forest Policy. The appeal was approved by the Board at the March meeting.

Approval of the February 2023 PFEC Open Session Meeting Minutes

Member Sendek moves to approve the February meeting minutes. Member Poburko seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Dan Sendek	Aye
James Hawkins	Aye
Christian Eggleton	Aye
Larry Forero	Abstain
Jason Poburko	Aye
Danielle Lindler	Aye
Frank Mulhair, Chair	Aye

The motion passes with one abstention.

Discussion of Applicant Exam Preparation PFEC Priority #1

The committee reviewed the language on the proposal for an Apprentice Professional Forester Program. They will continue the discussion at future meetings.

Discussion of Reciprocity

E.O. Stapleton revealed that there has been interest from Foresters from Canada looking to obtain a Forestry License in California. He referenced Title 14 CCR 1611, which states:

“A Professional forester who is licensed in another state which maintains requirements and qualifications which are equal to or superior to those of the State of California may, upon successfully passing a special examination prescribed by the Board and payment of the required fees be registered as a professional forester, provided that said state observes these same Rules of reciprocity.”

He also referenced Title 14 CCR 1640.3, which states:

“The committee shall prepare and administer an examination on the foregoing principles whenever the committee deems it necessary, but not less than twice per year. The special examination which may be administered on the basis of reciprocity to a person licensed in another state

may be limited in scope to those subjects which in the opinion of the committee are unique to the practice of forestry in California.”

E.O. Stapleton will find out what the requirements of Forestry are in British Columbia and will bring the results forward at a future meeting to discuss whether the statute of Reciprocity could apply.

Public Forum

There are no attendees from the public.

Adjourn to Closed Session Reconvene from Closed Session

Report on Closed Session Items

During closed session, the Committee approved the February meeting minutes. The Committee also reviewed Case 346 and the draft of the October 2023 exam. No other action items occurred.

Meeting Adjourned