**STATE OF MARYLAND**

**BOARD OF FORESTERS**

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**April 25, 2022**

**LOCATION:**  via Google Meets

**MEMBERS**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Michael Huneke-Chair

John Markovich-Vice Chair

Anthony DiPaolo

Jill Rhyne-Grey

Brian Knox

Daniel Rider

**DLLR OFFICIALS**

**/STAFF:** Kausar Syed, Deputy Commissioner, Occupational and Professional

Licensing

Christopher Dorsey, Executive Director

Sloane Fried Kinstler, Assistant Attorney General

Michelle Roberts, Administrative Specialist III

The April 25, 2022 meeting of the Maryland Board of Foresters was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

Upon a motion **(I)**, by Mr. Rider and seconded by Ms. Rhyne-Grey, the minutes from the January 24, 2022 Business Meeting, were approved unanimously without amendment.

**Chairman’s Report**

Mr. Huneke had nothing to report at this time.

**Executive Director’s Report**

Executive Director, Christopher Dorsey, introduced Michelle Roberts as the new Board secretary. Mr. Dorsey also informed the Board that meetings can now be held in person at the new O & P offices and suggested that if the Board wanted to hold its next meeting in person they would need to let staff know at least 2 weeks in advance to arrange for parking.

Upon a motion **(II)**,by Mr. Markovich and seconded by Ms. Rhyne-Grey, the Board unanimously approved the Executive Director’s Report.

**Old Business**

**OR-01**

The Board considered a license application previously discussed at the January 2022 meeting for which staff was asked to request that the applicant provide supplemental information about professional references. The Board considered the information the applicant provided and found the references to be complaint with licensing requirements.

By a motion **(III)**,by Mr. Rider and seconded by Mr. DiPaolo, the Board unanimously approved the license application OR-01 originally presented at the January 2022 meeting.

**New Business**

The Board discussed that the convention of the Maryland/Delaware Society of American Foresters would be held in Baltimore and coincides with the 100th anniversary of the Mid-Atlantic Forester Society.

The Board requested that staff update the license application to reflect changes the Board implemented in October 2021 and announced on its website pertaining to the information an applicant must provide for any professional reference who is not a Maryland licensed forester.

Counsel explained that the Board the concept of “sunset” provisions and that the Board was scheduled to terminate on July 1, 2025. Counsel suggested that the Board consider sunset extension legislation for the 2023 session. The Board requested that Mr. Dorsey submit a Legislative Concept proposal to the Secretary of the Dept. of Labor to extend the Forester Board beyond July 1, 2025.

Upon a motion **(IV)**, by Mr. Markovich and seconded by Ms. Rhyne-Grey, the Board voted unanimously to approve that Mr. Dorsey submit the sunset extension proposal.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, upon a motion **(V)** by Mr. Markovich and seconded by Ms. Rhyne-Grey, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

July 25, 2022—Notification of the method of the meeting will be provided beforehand.

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**Signature on file 7/25/2022**

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Chairman Date