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DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL & FINANCIAL REGULATION
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION
BOARD OF LICENSURE OF FORESTERS



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Commissioner

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Public Board Meeting
September 24, 2026
Agenda

Location: 76 Northern Ave. Gardiner ME 04345

Room: Central Conference Room

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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<https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/board-licensure-foresters/home/board-meeting-information>

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ADJUDICATORY HEARING**
2025-FOR-20548 Joachim Maier
- III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL**
- IV. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**
Review and approve July 23, 2026, minutes.
- V. PROPOSED DISMISSALS**
None
- VI. PROPOSED CONSENT AGREEMENTS**
None
- VII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**
 - Application for licensure as Forester

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VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Under this item, the Board will offer an opportunity to members of the public in attendance to comment on any public matter under the jurisdiction of the Board, except for any open application or complaint. While the Board cannot take action on any issues presented, the Board will listen to comments and may ask staff to place the issue on a subsequent agenda. At the discretion of the Board Chair, a time limit on comments may be set.

IX. MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting is currently scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2027.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes of the Maine Board of Licensure of Foresters Meeting
July 23, 2026

MEMBERS' PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
John Ackley, Chairperson	Catherine Pendergast, Director
Theodore Shina, Complaint Officer	Suzanne Burke, Assistant Attorney General
Harold Burnett	Shara Chesley, Office Specialist 1
Joseph Dembeck	Heidi Lincoln, Office Specialist 1
MEMBERS ABSENT	
Keith Kanoti- Vice Chairperson	

Location: 76 Northern Ave Gardiner ME 04345 **Start:** 9:00 a.m. **End:** 9:54 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Ackley at 9:00 a.m.

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

A motion was made by Dembeck and seconded by Burnett to add a Request for a continuing education deferment to the agenda. Unanimous.

III. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

A motion was made by Shina and seconded by Dembeck to approve the minutes of May 28, 2026. Minutes. Unanimous.

IV. COMPLAINT/HEARING PROCESS PRESENTATION BY AAG SUZANNE BURKE

AAG Suzanne Burkner presented a Power Point presentation on the hearing process.

V. PROPOSED DISMISSALS

None.

VI. PROPOSED CONSENT AGREEMENTS

None.

VII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Rulemaking Reconsideration Memo.

At their May 28, 2026 meeting the Board voted to initiate the rulemaking process and put proposed changes to Chapter 40: Qualifications for Intern License out for public comment. The purpose of the proposed rule changes was to update references incorporated in the rule. Staff discussed with the Board that Society of American Foresters (SAF) is currently in the process of a comprehensive Accreditation Handbook update which they expect to be completed no later than March 2027. The board discussed waiting for rulemaking until they could reference the 2027 edition of the SAF Accreditation Handbook.

A motion was made by Burnett and seconded by Ackley to rescind their prior vote to initiate rulemaking and address rulemaking again when the 2027 SAF Accreditation Handbook is finalized. Unanimous.

- **Request for Continuing Education Deferment.**

The Board discussed a request for a continuing education deferment from a Forester currently on Military Deployment. A motion was made by Burnett and seconded by Ackley to grant the deferment of licensee's continuing education for his 2026 license renewal until December 31, 2027. Unanimous.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IX. MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2026.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dembeck and seconded by Shina to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 a.m. Unanimous.