

Minutes of the Maine Board of Licensure of Foresters Meeting
September 24, 2026

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

Location: 76 Northern Ave Gardiner ME 04345 **Start:** 9:01 a.m. **End:** 2:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Ackley at 9:01 a.m.

II. ADJUDICATORY HEARING

2025-FOR-20548 Joachim Maier

Hearing officer Mark Terison opened the hearing at 9:04 a.m. Joachim (Jake) Maier was present, representing self. AAG Kathryn Horst presented the Board's case.

Ted Shina recused and left the conference room.

Public deliberations were conducted at the close of the hearing.

A motion was made by Ackley and seconded by Burnett that a preponderance of the evidence demonstrated a violation pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 5509-A(2) and 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(2) for misconduct and/or lack of trustworthiness, by agreeing to perform work for a client and not completing it or by agreeing to deadlines and failing to meet them. Unanimous.

Pursuant to 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(2) & (5), for violation of the Code of Ethics:

A motion was made by Ackley and seconded by Burnett that a preponderance of the evidence demonstrated a violation of Board Rule Ch. 100 § 3(1), by failing to act with "loyalty, fidelity, and integrity" in his dealings with a client. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Ackley and seconded by Burnett that a preponderance of the evidence did not demonstrate a violation of Board Rule Ch. 100 § 3(7), by failing to disclose all costs prior to providing services. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Ackley and seconded by Burnett that a preponderance of the evidence demonstrated a violation of Board Rule Ch. 100 § 3(10), by failing to deliver "all work on time and in a complete, accurate and competent manner. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Ackley and seconded by Burnett that a preponderance of the evidence did not demonstrate a violation of Board Rule Ch. 100 § 3(11), by failing to obtain a clear understanding of the client's objectives. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Ackley and seconded by Burnett that a preponderance of the evidence demonstrated a violation of Board Rule Ch. 100 § 3(12), by performing services for which he is not qualified. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Ackley and seconded by Burnett that a preponderance of the evidence demonstrated a violation of Board Rule Ch. 100 § 3(13), by failing to advise the client to hire other specialists when it was in the best interest of the client. Unanimous.

Sanctions

A motion was made by Ackley and seconded by Dembeck to impose a civil penalty of \$5,000 to be submitted within 6 months from the effective date of the decision and order.

A motion was made by Dembeck and seconded by Burnett to allow Chair Ackley to sign the Decision and Order when it is written. Unanimous.

Hearing ended at 2:10 p.m. Recording was stopped.

AAG Burke joined the meeting.
Ted Shina rejoined the meeting.

III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None.

IV. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

A motion was made by Shina and seconded by Burnett to approve the minutes of July 23, 2026. Minutes. Unanimous.

V. PROPOSED DISMISSALS

None.

VI. PROPOSED CONSENT AGREEMENTS

None.

VII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Application for licensure as Forester- A motion was made by Ackley and seconded by Dembeck that the applicant's education and experience meet the requirements for licensure as a forester. Applicant is required to pass Part 1 of the examination.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IX. MEETING SCHEDULE

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ackley and seconded by Shina to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m.
Unanimous.

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