

**DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION  
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION  
221 State Street Augusta, ME 04330**

**BOARD OF LICENSURE OF FORESTERS  
MINUTES OF IN PERSON BOARD MEETING  
May 25, 2023**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>
John Ackley, Chair	Catherine Pendergast, Director
Sarah Medina	Elizabeth Stivers, Assistant Attorney General
Keith Kanoti	Regina Ritchie, Professional Licensing Supervisor
Steve Pelletier	Shara Chesley, Office Specialist I
Theodore Shina, Complaint Officer	Jen Maddox, Office Specialist I
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	

**Location:**  
221 State Street, Augusta

**Start: 9:02 a.m.**

**End: 10:57 a.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, John Ackley at 9:02 a.m.

**AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

None .

**MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Shina and seconded by Kanoti to approve the January 26, 2023 minutes. Ackley, Medina, Kanoti, and Shina voted in the affirmative. Pelletier abstained.

**PROPOSED RULEMAKING: Chapter 70: Qualifications for a Forester License, Chapter 70-A: Licensure by Endorsement and Chapter 100: Code of Ethics**

**Public Hearing**

**COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS**

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A motion was made by Medina and seconded by Pelletier to offer a consent agreement with a warning. Motion withdrawn by Medina.

A motion was made by Ackley to offer a consent agreement with a warning. No second. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Medina and seconded by Pelletier to dismiss the complaint with a letter of guidance. Ackley, Medina, Kanoti, and Pelletier voted in the affirmative. Shina abstained.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Board discussed the possibility of the Forest Service requiring licensed foresters to report discipline to the Board and directed AAG Stivers to look into the matter.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

A member of the public made comments regarding the rule review discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Pelletier and seconded by Medina to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 a.m. Unanimous.