

**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**

MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
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
MEMBERS ABSENT	

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

2022-FOR-18774

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 Motion withdrawn by Medina.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.