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Professional Foresters Examining Committee Meeting Minutes

Held: August 28, 2026

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Members Present:

- Frank Mulhair, Chair
- Yana Valachovic
- Dan Sendek
- James Hawkins
- David Lile
- Jason Poburko
- Bill Snyder
- Christian Eggleton

Staff Participating:

- Dan Stapleton, Executive Officer, Licensing
- Deniele Casarubbia, Licensing Analyst
- Mazonika Kemp, Records Administrator
- Delia Rojas, Attorney
- Y.G. Gentry, Expert Examiner/Grader
- Doug Piirto, 2027 Expert Examiner

Call to Order and Roll Call
Adjourn to Closed Session
Reconvene from Closed Session

Report on Closed Session

In closed session, the PFEC reviewed and approved the minutes. The October exam applicants were also reviewed and approved. The PFEC also reviewed the October 2026 exam draft and reviewed one complaint.

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Review of Draft July 2026 PFEC Open Session Meeting Minutes

Member Poburko moves to approve the minutes.
Member Valachovic seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Yana Valachovic	Aye
Dan Sendek	Aye
James Hawkins	Aye
David Lile	Abstain
Jason Poburko	Aye
Bill Snyder	Aye
Christian Eggleton	Abstain
Frank Mulhair, Chair	Aye

The motion passes with two abstentions.

Discussion of Continuing Education for RPF's

The PFEC continued its discussion on continuing education.

Member Poburko moves to table the topic.
Member Snyder seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Yana Valachovic	Aye
Dan Sendek	Aye
James Hawkins	Aye
David Lile	Aye
Jason Poburko	Aye
Bill Snyder	Aye
Christian Eggleton	Aye
Frank Mulhair, Chair	Aye

The motion passes unanimously.

Discussion of Exam Format

Attorney Delia Rojas revealed that the Board does have statutory authority to make a two-part exam process. She stated that under PRC 759, it gives the Board the ability to adopt regulations that are reasonably necessary to carry out the exam or exams.

Public Forum

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Doug Piirto inquired on whether the exam format changes would be implemented for 2027 exams.

Meeting Adjourned

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