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PFEC Open Item 3

**Professional Foresters Examining Committee Meeting Minutes**

Held: August 28, 2023

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

- Frank Mulhair, Chair
- Jim Hawkins
- Larry Forero
- Jason Poburko
- Danielle Lindler
- Yana Valachovic
- Bill Snyder
- Chris Eggleton

**Staff Participating:**

- Dan Stapleton, Assistant Executive Officer, Licensing

**Call to Order**

**Approval of the July 2023 PFEC Open Session Meeting Minutes**

**Member Lindler moves to approve the July meeting minutes with amendments for punctuation. Member Snyder seconds the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

Frank Mulhair, Chair	Aye
Bill Snyder	Aye
Larry Forero	Aye
Jason Poburko	Aye
Danielle Lindler	Aye
Yana Valachovic	Aye
Jim Hawkins	Aye
Chris Eggleton	Abstain
Dan Sendek	Not present

**The motion passes with one abstention.**

### **Discussion of Applicant Exam Preparation PFEC Priority #1**

The committee reviewed the language on the proposal for an Apprentice Professional Forester Program. Member Eggleton suggested adding basic requirements for qualifying to enter any approved educational program. As discussed applicants may apply for early examination of core competency through an educational program starting at year four of the seven years required to qualify for the RPF exam. It was suggested to add a new section to 1640.3 as item (b)(3).

No action taken.

### **Discussion of qualifying forestry work experience**

The committee reviewed 14 CCR 1621.1 Qualifying Forestry Work Experiences discussing proposed language that would allow qualifying forestry work experience for arboriculture but only for public safety purposes on forested landscapes. The PFEC also discussed disallowing the existing provision in 1622 (c)(1) for arboriculture which allows for an RPF supervisor only when work is conducted at the planning or supervisory level.

No action taken.

### **Public Forum**

There are no attendees from the public.

**Adjourn to Closed Session  
Reconvene from Closed Session**

### **Report on Closed Session Items**

During closed session, the Committee approved the July meeting minutes.

The Committee also reviewed Case 346 and found the accusations against the RPF were not sustained and issued a confidential letter of concern to the RPF.

**Meeting Adjourned**