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PFEC Open

Professional Foresters Examining Committee Meeting Minutes

Held: August 28, 2025

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Members Present:

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

Staff Participating:

- Dan Stapleton, Assistant Executive Officer, Licensing
- Deniele Casarubbia, Staff Services Analyst, Licensing
- Robert Roth, Attorney

Call to Order

Adjourn to Closed Session

Reconvene from Closed Session

Report on Closed Session Items

The committee approved the meeting minutes from the July 2025 closed session meeting. They also reviewed and approved the October 2025 exam applicants. Lastly, the committee reviewed the draft of the October exam. The closed session was adjourned.

Report of the Executive Officer

Executive Officer Dan Stapleton reported that the recent license fee increases have resulted in approximately \$250,000 in revenue, with expenses totaling around \$214,000. He stated that the fee increases strengthened the budget, and the organization will be in a good position moving forward.

He also announced the appointment of Tony Anderson as the new Executive Officer for the Board of Forestry. Anderson previously served in the Communications department of the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA). He also worked as a governor's liaison at the Oregon Department of Forestry. E.O. Stapleton highlighted that Anderson is very knowledgeable about forestry matters.

Review of Draft July 2025 PFEC Open Session Meeting Minutes

Member Snyder moves to approve the minutes.

Member Poburko seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

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

The motion passes with 3 abstentions.

Update of RPF Exam Format and Technology Use

E.O. Stapleton revealed that applicants were given the option to take the exam on computers at the Natomas location; however, only 18 applicants chose to do so. He stated that he will likely move all of the Shingle Springs applicants to the Natomas location. Additionally, he is currently seeking another proctor.

Update of Current Status on APF Proposal

E.O. Stapleton stated that they withdrew the APF proposal, due to necessary changes. Once necessary adjustments are made, the proposal will be resubmitted.

Discussion of Qualifying Work Experience, RPF Supervision and Exam Fees

The committee discussed proposals to standardize qualifying work experience under an RPF supervisor, and the need to increase the exam application fee.

No action taken.

Public Forum

Y.G. revealed that CLFA has received a workforce development grant to develop the Apprentice Professional Foresters (APF) program. He explained that the idea is to develop a web-based system for delivery of educational materials.

Meeting Adjourned