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PFEC Open

Professional Foresters Examining Committee Meeting Minutes

Held: February 25, 2026

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Members Present:

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

Staff Participating:

- Dan Stapleton, Assistant Executive Officer, Licensing
- Deniele Casarubbia, Staff Services Analyst, Licensing
- Mazonika Kemp, Records Administrator
- Katherine Cook, Attorney
- Jane VanSusteren, Regulations Coordinator

**Call to Order
Adjourn to Closed Session
Reconvene from Closed Session**

Report on Closed Session Items

The committee approved the meeting minutes from the January 2026 closed session. They also approved the RPF exam applicants. Lastly, the committee reviewed the draft of the April 2026 exam. The closed session was adjourned.

Review of Draft January 2026 PFEC Open Session Meeting Minutes

It was requested to amend the meeting minutes with the following changes:

- Include Snyder as the member who seconded the motion for item 10, Discussion of Application Fee and Fee Range Changes.

Member Snyder moves to approve the minutes with the amendments.

Member Poburko seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

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

The motion passes unanimously.

Review Board Staff edits to Licensing Amendments 2025

The committee continued the discussion on proposals to standardize qualifying forestry work experience. Board of Forestry’s Regulations Coordinator, Jane Van Susteren, assisted with the discussion along with Katherine Cook, Attorney.

Member Poburko moved to approve the licensing Amendments, 2025.

Member Lindler seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

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

The motion passes unanimously.

Discussion of PFEC Priorities 2026

E.O. Stapleton revealed the priority items that have been discussed or completed. He opened the floor to propose any additional items for consideration.

The following additional priority items were requested:

- Review of the application structure for the RPF exam
- Requirement preparations for APF
- Investigations of unlicensed practice
- Review of the Professional Foresters Law
- Voluntary submissions of new exam questions and a corresponding answer key

Public Forum

None

Meeting Adjourned