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**Professional Foresters Examining Committee Meeting Minutes**

Held: January 18, 2024

OPEN SESSION MINUTES**Members Present:**

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

Staff Participating:

- Dan Stapleton, Assistant Executive Officer, Licensing
- Deniele Casarubbia, Staff Services Analyst, Licensing
- Robert Roth, Attorney
- George YG Gentry, Expert Grader

Call to Order**Report of the Executive Officer Foresters Licensing**

E.O Stapleton revealed that he received a call from CAL FIRE from the legislative team that the Natural Resources Committee is working on revisions to the Professional Foresters Licensing, and that the APF proposal was included. He has no further details on the revisions.

He also revealed that they were late on getting the exam results and would like to thank Y.G. Gentry for pulling the final results together, along with the graders for their efforts.

Approval of the December 2023 PFEC Open Session Meeting Minutes

**Member Valachovic moves to approve the December meeting minutes.
Member Sendek seconds the motion.**

Roll Call:

Yana Valachovic	Aye
Dan Sendek	Aye
James Hawkins	Aye
Danielle Lindler	Abstain
Larry Forero	Aye
Frank Mulhair	Aye
Larry Forero	Aye
Jason Poburko	Aye
Christian Eggleton	Aye
Frank Mulhair, Chair	Aye

The motion passes with one abstention.

Discussion of Applicant Exam Preparation PFEC Priority #1

The committee worked on developing regulations for the abbreviated exam to include in the Registration of Professional Foresters Rules under Title 14. California Code of Regulations, Chapter 10. Registration of Professional Foresters.

The committee also reviewed an ISOR that E.O. Stapleton developed for the Apprentice Forester Educational Program.

The committee will continue the discussion at the next meeting in February.

Discussion of Qualifying Work Experience PFEC Priority #5

The committee reviewed the discussion to include arboriculture as qualifying work experience with limitations.

The committee will continue the discussion at the next meeting in February.

Public Forum

Frank Losekoot, RPF 2106, introduced himself and his interest in grading the exams in the future.

Danielle Lindler revealed that Benjamin Avery Stone, RPF 3163 and his wife were tragically killed in a car accident on December 29, 2023. She wanted to make it

known that there will be a statement of condolences in the next newsletter to honor their memory.

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

Report on Closed Session Items

During closed session, the Committee approved the January meeting minutes. They also reviewed and approved the results for the RPF exam. The Committee also reviewed the April exam and made edits. No action was taken. The committee also reviewed case 347. No action was taken.

Meeting Adjourned