PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS EXAMINATION COMMITTEE (PFEC)

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Announcement date: February 18, 2022

Scheduled for: February 28, 2022

The February 2022 Professional Foresters Examining Committee (PFEC) meeting will be hosted via teleconference. Registration links for these meetings are available on the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection website (https://bof.fire.ca.gov/) under Webinar Information.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Those requiring further information regarding this meeting notice may contact Dan Stapleton, Assistant Executive Officer – Foresters Licensing, State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA, 94244-2460, (916) 767-2140.

IMPORTANT PFEC MEETING INFORMATION


GoToMeeting

For the February 2022 PFEC meeting, GoToMeeting (www.goto.com) will be used to conduct the meetings over the Internet. Pursuant to Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-1-22, Committee Members will be participating remotely. The public may observe, provide public comment during the public comment periods, and otherwise observe remotely in accordance with Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act as described below. If the GoToMeeting teleconference is interrupted or terminated for any reason and cannot be restored quickly and without the loss of attendees and participating members, the meeting will be terminated and rescheduled. As stated on the Meeting Agenda, Board staff will address teleconference participants prior to normal Board or Committee business to provide guidance on meeting format and stakeholder participation via teleconference.

Submitting A Comment: During the meeting, all participants will be muted by the meeting organizer. Participants will have an option to submit a comment, either by writing your comment or by directly addressing the members verbally. To submit a written comment, select the text balloon at the top right hand side of the screen and type your message into the text window that appears in the
GoToMeeting interface. To submit a comment by verbally addressing the members, select the “Raise Hand” icon on the left-hand side of the GoToMeeting interface. The meeting organizer will call you by name and unmute you, so you can address the Committee members. If you are commenting verbally, please be sure to unmute your phone or device. An example image of the GoToMeeting interface is in Figure 1 and 2 at the end of this agenda. If your comment relates to a particular agenda item, please indicate your request to comment at the beginning of or during the consideration of that agenda item in order to ensure comments relate to the particular agenda item being discussed. If your comment relates to a topic within the Board’s jurisdiction and is not otherwise on the agenda, please indicate your request to comment during the Public Forum period, which will occur at the end of the meeting. The meeting organizer will manage the queue of comments. In addition, please see the section on Submission of Written Materials for information on submitting other written materials.

Audio recordings of the open session PFEC meeting may be preserved and available on the Board’s website. Due to space limitations on its servers, the Board does not preserve video recordings of its Board meetings and/or audio recordings of its committee meetings or workshops.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals who, because of a disability, need special assistance to observe and participate in a State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection or a committee meeting may request assistance by sending an email to Dan Stapleton, Assistant Executive Officer, at dan.stapleton@fire.ca.gov or by calling (916) 767-2140. Requests should be made one week in advance whenever possible. Upon receipt of a request for reasonable modification or accommodation from individuals with disabilities, the Board will swiftly resolve the request consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN MATERIALS
The public is encouraged to comment on any item on the agenda. The PFEC may accept written materials as public comment on agenda items if feasible and if received prior to the deadline below. However, to ensure a public comment is considered by the PFEC during the discussion of the agenda item, please attend the meeting and provide the comment directly to the PFEC, or if the meeting is only being held telephonically or otherwise electronically, please register for the meeting and provide your comment in accordance with the instructions included herein. You may submit your comments by one of the following methods (only one is necessary):

E-mail: publiccomments@bof.ca.gov
Fax: (916) 653-0989

U.S. mail: Attn: PFEC
Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
PO Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460
All written materials shall be due no later than 12:00 p.m. on Friday, February 25, 2022, unless there is a date specified on a specific hearing notice pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with § 11340), Part 1, Division 3, Title 2, of the Government Code). Timely submittal of written materials provides Board staff and PFEC members the opportunity to familiarize themselves with content of written documents. Note that depending on the volume of written materials received, Board staff and PFEC members may not be able to review all materials received prior to the public meeting. Written materials received after the deadline above will not be considered. Written materials submitted may be posted online by Board staff to allow for public inspection.

WHEN WILL MY AGENDA ITEM BE HEARD?
Like the Board, the PFEC begins each session at the time listed on the Meeting Notice and generally considers each agenda item in the sequence listed; however, the PFEC may take any non-hearing agenda item out of order as time permits.

VISUAL PRESENTATIONS
PowerPoint presentations must be provided via electronic mail to publiccomments@bof.ca.gov no later than 12:00 pm Friday, February 25, 2022. All presentations are considered part of the public record. All electronic formats must be Windows PC compatible. Please provide all materials in a format that satisfies the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and applicable Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) in accordance with the Board’s policies to allow posting to the Board’s website. Materials that do not satisfy these requirements will be accepted but will not be posted to the Board’s website.

Figure 1. Participant View of GoToMeeting interface. Everyone is unmuted so you must mute yourself when not talking. GoToMeeting is webcam capable. Before the meeting prepare your webcam settings on your device.
Figure 2. Participant View of GoToMeeting interface after you join the meeting and desire to change your audio connection to a phone.

See the agenda below.
AGENDA

9:00 a.m.  

OPEN SESSION

1 Call to Order
2 Review and approve draft December 2021 and January 2022 PFEC Open Session meeting minutes. Possible action item.
3 Report of the Executive Officer, Foresters Licensing.
4 Update from the ad hoc committee on Apprentice Professional Forester (APF) program by YG gentry, RPF #1526.
5 Update on potential computer examination opportunities by Dan Stapleton, EO.
6 Introduction of proposed alternative pathway for RPF examination and licensing by Robert Little, RPF #2651. Possible action item.
7 Public Forum – The public may address the PFEC on any topic within its jurisdiction not otherwise on the agenda. Submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that all comments will be included in the record before the PFEC.
8 Adjourn to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

1 Review and approve the April 2022 RPF Exam. Possible action item.
2 Review and approve draft December 2021 and January 2022 PFEC Closed Session meeting minutes. Possible action item.
3 Review and approve new applicants for the April 2022 RPF Exam. Possible action item.
4 Discussion of complaint Case 343. Possible action item.

OPEN SESSION

9 Reconvene.
10 Announcement of actions taken in Closed Session.
11 Adjourn PFEC Meeting.