



North Carolina Board of Licensed Soil Scientists

Minutes – October 14, 2024

NC Farm Bureau, 5301 Glenwood Ave, Raleigh, NC 27612

Meeting Minutes:

Present: Jason Hall, Russ Davis, Karen Wallace (by phone), Carl Crozier, Harry Knight, and Elizabeth Taylor. Not present: Walker Ferguson, Eric Hill, and Justin Milstein. Guests present: Dr. Josh Heitman, Dr. Mike Vepraskas, and Dr. Aziz Amoozegar

Jason Hall called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Reading of the Ethics Statement by Chairman Hall.

Drs. Josh Heitman, Mike Vepraskas, and Aziz Amoozegar presented a proposal for a procedure by which professors may be licensed as Soil Scientists by the Board. The Board reviewed and discussed the proposal and whether faculty may be licensed with teaching tenure substituted for the exam and completion of the PhD exam. Mr. Hall will follow up with the Attorney's office.

Minutes - After a motion by Russ Davis and a second by Carl Crozier, the minutes of the March 27, 2024, meeting were approved by the Board. After a motion by Harry Knight and a second by Russ Davis, the minutes of the April 17, 2024, meeting were approved by the Board. After a motion by Harry Knight and a second by Jason Hall, the minutes of the July 23, 2024, meeting were approved by the Board.

Financial Report –Russ Davis and Elizabeth Taylor presented the current financials and the Board discussed the same, including the new fee schedule and number of licensee renewals. After a motion by Mr. Knight and a second by Mr. Hall the financial Report was accepted and approved by the Board.

Harry Knight made a motion to go into closed session, second by Carl Crozier. Motion carried.

While in closed session a discussion was held on Applications for In-Training Status. After discussion, Jason Hall made a motion to exit the closed session with a second by Harry Knight. All in favor.

Carl Crozier made a motion to approve Andrew Cornelius's application for in-training status, second by Harry Knight. Motion carried.

Harry Knight made a motion to approve Patrick Downing's application for in-training status, second by Carl Crozier. Motion carried.

Harry Knight made a motion to approve Jacob Ward's application for in-training status pending receipt of the two acceptable references, second by Carl Crozier. Motion carried.

Board Update - Carl Crozier and Karen Wallace have both been appointed for additional terms. Eric Hill's term is expired and awaiting new appointment. Ms. Taylor will follow up with Governor's Office.

Next meeting will be held March 20, 2025, at 11:00 am, at the NC Farm Bureau.

Jason Hall **made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Carl Crozier. Motion carried.**
Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Taylor