



## Forester Licensing Board

Minutes March 5th, 2025

DCR –Online Teams Meeting

Forester License Board Meeting – March 5th, 2025

Meeting Opened: 4:00 P.M. Online Teams Meeting

Attendance:

- **Board Members:** M. Mueller, C. Mettey, D. Orwig, J. Parrot, J. Rapp
- **Public:** Peter Church

Public Inquiry:

- None

Minutes of previous meeting:

The Chair (MM) referred members to the minutes of the December 11th, 2024, meeting and requested comments or corrections prior to their approval. A motion was made (MM) and seconded (CM, DO) to accept the December 11th, 2024, minutes. Motion carried with a unanimous vote of the potential voting members present.



## New Applications:

To Review and recommend by the board to the director the new application package(s) submitted by:

- **Austin Williams** - Recommended to the Director for Approval, assigned license number 480.

## Renewal Applications:

The following applications were reviewed and recommended to the director for license renewal (review Table 1).

*Table 1- Renewal Applications Approved at March Meeting*

<b>MFL#</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Expire Date</b>	<b>2025 Cat I</b>	<b>2025 Total</b>	<b>2025 Cat I 3-Year Average</b>	<b>2025 Total 3-Year Average</b>
378	Andrew	Bosse	3/15/2026	13	17	20.67	24.67
431	Kenneth	Canfield	1/13/2026	28.8	32.8	27.58	34.92
459	Thomas	Farrell	1/13/2026	17.5	21.5	20.17	22.17
454	Edward	Fortin	3/12/2026	22.5	22.5	19.83	21.83
453	Ryan	Gumbart	3/12/2026	10	20	10.83	23.83
452	Timothy	Hawley	1/7/2026	28.5	34.5	N/A*	N/A*
428	Charles	Koch	1/13/2026	28	28	27.17	28.17
469	Daniel	Lawrence	1/10/2026	21	34	N/A	N/A
360	Michelle	Matteo	2/8/2026	74	77	53.50	58.17
475	Ry	Patton	3/6/2026	28.5	34.5	N/A	N/A
424	Eric	Radlof	3/12/2026	28	28	28.33	28.33
470	Andrew	Randazzo	1/10/2026	18	22.5	N/A	N/A
405	Richard	Valcourt Jr.	2/23/2026	20	24	18.83	22.83
380	William	Van Doren	3/15/2026	16.5	20.5	16.67	20.5



\*Approved credit value will be adjusted upon receipt of current SAF documentation

Note: MM was the second initials for applicants

*A motion was made (MM) and seconded (CM) to recommend the Renewal license applications to the director. Motion carried with a unanimous vote of members present.*

Licenses Not approved for Renewal / Request more information:

- **None**

Expired/Non-Renewed Licenses:

- **None**

Foresters who have Retired/Non-Renew:

- **None**

Complaints

- **None**

Other Business

- Discussion of Pros vs. Cons of shifting renewal dates to avoid overwhelming onslaught of July renewals (when the majority of Forester's licenses expire).



- Decided Attorney Laura Dietz will investigate FLB policy and regulations to explore options of changing renewal dates. Will meet with Peter Church to go over options at later date.
- Farwell to Board Chair and Private Forester Consultant Representative Mark Mueller. Mark's second term ends as of 3/6/25.
  - Follow-up discussion of appointment of a new board chair to take place at a later date.
- Next meeting is planned for 4:00PM May 7th, 2025, online only.

**Next Meeting will be held online, login instruction will be posted on the agenda.**

Wednesday May 7th, 2025 4:00PM – Online Meetings

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:20PM (A motion was made (MM) and seconded (CM) unanimous approval.**

Cc: Peter Church

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