



Forester Licensing Board

Minutes May 7th, 2025

DCR –Online Teams Meeting

Forester License Board Meeting – May 7th, 2025

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

Attendance:

- **Board Members:** C. Mettey, D. Orwig, J. Parrot, J. Rapp, A. Brown
- **Public:** Peter Church, Christopher Casadei, Nathan Tyler, Thomas Eagle Jr.

Public Inquiry:

- None

Minutes of previous meeting:

The Chair (JP) referred members to the minutes of the March 5, 2025, meeting and requested comments or corrections prior to their approval. A motion was made (JP) and seconded (CM) to accept the March 5, 2025, minutes. Motion carried with a unanimous vote of the voting members present.

New Applications:

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

- **Christopher J. Casadei** - Recommended to the director for approval, assigned license number 483.
- **Thomas R. Eagle Jr.** - Recommended to the director for approval, assigned license number 482.
- **Robert Tarasuk** - Recommended to the director for approval, assigned license number 295.
- **Nathan A. Tyler** - Recommended to the director for approval, assigned license number 481.

Renewal Applications:

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

Table 1- Renewal Applications Approved at May Meeting

MFL#	First Name	Last Name	Expire Date	2025 Cat I	2025 Total	2025 Cat I 3-Year Average	2025 Total 3-Year Average
385	Audrey	Barker-Plotkin	4/10/2026	25	27	17.83	24.5
460	Alex	Barrett	5/12/2026	11.5	11.5	19.5	20.17

328	Brian	Bower	7/1/2026	20	22	20	21.33
461	Adam	Brown	5/12/2026	22.5	22.5	20.83	24.5
433	Fletcher	Clark	4/8/2026	27	27	22	26.67
476	Gabrielle	Hardyn	5/8/2026	36	36	N/A	N/A
477	Christopher	Hinz	5/8/2026	18	21.5	N/A	N/A
354	Thomas	Jenkins	4/14/2026	14	23	12.33	22.67
134	Michael	Labossiere	4/10/2026	15.5	23.5	13.67	22.67
478	Jeffery	Larkin	5/8/2026	23	43	N/A	N/A
441	Jacob	Macko	5/11/2026	24.75	25.25	24.83	28.83
422	Kate	Marquis	5/1/2026	18.5	22.5	19	25.83
327	Gary	Moulton	4/10/2026	19	23	18.33	22.33
392	Jonathan	Parrott Ph.D.	4/10/2026	10	28	12	32.17
414	John	Randall	3/28/2026	15	25	17.33	23.33
200	James	Rassman	5/12/2026	10	20	18.33	28.5
471	H Russell	Richardson	5/10/2026	15.25	28.25	N/A	N/A
211	Keith	Ross	4/10/2026	17	32	N/A	N/A
365	Thomas	Ryan	3/24/2026	16	28	22.5	37.5
362	Kevin	Scherer	4/28/2026	16.5	20.5	16.58	20.58

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

documentation

Note: JP & DO was the second initials for applicants

A motion was made (JP) 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 number of MA licensed foresters now vs. historical totals.

Need to compare number of licensed foresters now, 5 years ago, 10 years ago and 20 years ago to look for trends. Are the numbers increasing or decreasing?
- Welcome to our new board member Adam Brown who is filling the seat for private forester consultant.
- Next meeting is planned for 4:00PM July 9th, 2025, this will be a hybrid meeting, both online and in person at the DCR Amherst Field Office.

Next Meeting will be a hybrid meeting held in person at the DCR Amherst Field Office located at 40 Cold Storage Drive, Amherst, MA 01004 and online, login instruction will be posted on the agenda.

Wednesday July 9th, 2025, 4:00PM – Hybrid Meeting in person & online

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30PM (A motion was made (JP) and seconded (CM)

unanimous approval.

Cc: Peter Church

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