

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts was held on Thursday, July 17, 2003, at the Office of the Division Director, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia in Conference Room 102.

Members of the Board in attendance were:

John C. Dean  
Margaret Doss, Vice Chairman  
Harry J. Jue  
Robert L. Tant, Chairman

Also attending were:

Darren Mickler, Executive Director of Engineers and Land Surveyors Board  
Colleen Roehm, Applications Specialist  
Tracy Baxter, GWWI  
Fred Finley, GRWA  
Rodney Godfrey, Gwinnett DPU  
George V. New, Renewal Applicant  
Eric Townsend, Dalton Utilities

Board members Stephen Bradshaw and Peter F. Zorbanos were not in attendance.

Chairman Tant called the meeting to order at 9:35 am and established that a quorum was present.

Mr. Jue moved, Ms. Doss seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2003 Board meeting.

Chairman Tant recognized the visitors who attended the Board Meeting.

### **Correspondence and Items of Information:**

1. The Board reviewed and approved the licenses issued since the last list was reviewed:

#### **Water Class 1**

License Number	Name	Date Issued	Method
W1-014254	Cheek, Dwight David	06/03/03	Examination
W1-014255	Houston, Ira	06/03/03	Examination
W1-014256	Howard, Terry Eugene	06/03/03	Examination
W1-014257	Norby, Robert Eugene	06/03/03	Examination
W1-014258	Castleberry, Vickie B.	06/27/03	Examination
W1-014259	Swenson, Steven W.	06/27/03	Endorsement - IA

**Water Class 1 Reinstatement**

License Number	Name	Date Reinstated
W1-014035	Boyd, Robert Scott	06/27/03

**Water Class 2**

License Number	Name	Date Issued	Method
W2-104389	Buchanan, Ronald G.	06/03/03	Examination
W2-104390	Gary, April M.	06/03/03	Examination
W2-104391	Jones, Thelonious Anthony	06/03/03	Examination
W2-104392	Magno, Thomas Henry	06/03/03	Examination
W2-104393	Ramos-Garay, Eligio Salvador	06/03/03	Examination
W2-104394	Burton, Derek Jefferson	06/27/03	Examination
W2-104395	Durden, Victor Emanuel	06/27/03	Examination
W2-104396	Paul, Robert A.	06/27/03	Examination

**Water Class 3**

License Number	Name	Date Issued	Method
W3-014962	Barnes, Jason Wayne	06/03/03	Examination
W3-014963	Carter, Robert Craig	06/03/03	Examination
W3-014964	Demps, Thedartis Montez	06/03/03	Examination
W3-014965	Green, Victor Henry	06/03/03	Examination
W3-014966	Gunter, Tracy Shane	06/03/03	Examination
W3-014967	Gustin, Theodore A.	06/03/03	Examination
W3-014968	Legendre, John Daniel	06/03/03	Examination
W3-014969	Long, Rocky Edward	06/03/03	Examination
W3-014970	Morris, Fyrth Kevin	06/03/03	Examination
W3-014971	Moser, Robert John	06/03/03	Examination
W3-014972	Outman, James W.	06/03/03	Examination
W3-014973	Oxford, David A.	06/03/03	Examination
W3-014974	Headley, Boyd Wayne	06/27/03	Examination
W3-014975	Trella, Robert Marshall	06/27/03	Examination

**Water Class 3 Reinstatement**

License Number	Name	Date Reinstated
W3-006203	Lee, Adolphus	06/03/03

**Water Class 4**

License Number	Name	Date Issued	Method
W4-001709	Brooks, Furman Edward	06/03/03	Examination
W4-001710	Bryan, Adam Christopher	06/03/03	Examination
W4-001711	Cheek, Frank Lafayette	06/03/03	Examination
W4-001712	Futch, Marvin Lee	06/03/03	Examination
W4-001713	Gordon Jr., William Jesse	06/03/03	Examination
W4-001714	Kirby, George W.	06/03/03	Examination
W4-001715	Lamb, Joel W.	06/03/03	Examination
W4-001716	Mannen, Charles F.	06/03/03	Examination
W4-001717	Spencer, Donald Samuel	06/03/03	Examination
W4-001718	Williams, Harriett Grant	06/03/03	Examination
W4-001719	Belinc, Andy John	06/27/03	Examination
W4-001720	Hughes, William Marcus	06/27/03	Examination
W4-001721	Johnson, Stanley Maurice	06/27/03	Examination
W4-001722	Marshall, Bette Brown	06/27/03	Examination
W4-001723	Peters, Earl W.	06/27/03	Examination

**Water Class 4 Reinstatement**

License Number	Name	Date Reinstated
W4-000874	Tatum, Robert H.	06/03/03

**Water Distribution Operator**

License Number	Name	Date Issued	Method
WD014499	Blake, Thomas C.	06/03/03	Examination
WD014500	Clark, Christopher C.	06/03/03	Examination
WD014501	Jones, Bobby Jason	06/03/03	Examination
WD014502	Kiser, Daryl Lamont	06/03/03	Examination
WD014503	Little Jr., Theotis	06/03/03	Examination
WD014504	McCormick, Ralph Howell	06/03/03	Examination
WD014505	Neal, Robert E.	06/03/03	Examination
WD014506	Williams, Brian Lamont	06/03/03	Examination
WD014507	Buchanan, Lance J.	06/27/03	Examination
WD014508	Cook, Paul Evans	06/27/03	Examination
WD014509	Rann, Charles Dewayne	06/27/03	Examination
WD014510	Swenson, Steven W.	06/27/03	Endorsement – IA

**Water Distribution Operator Reinstatement**

License Number	Name	Date Reinstated
WD013987	Grant Jr., Kenneth B.	06/27/03
WD014060	Redd Jr., Johnny Charles	06/03/03
WD014243	Boyd, Robert Scott	06/27/03

**Water Laboratory Analyst**

License Number	Name	Date Issued	Method
WL014139	Jackson Rodney Ferdon	06/03/03	Examination
WL014140	Miller, Timothy	06/03/03	Examination
WL014141	Tolbert, Joann S.	06/27/03	Examination

**Wastewater Class 1**

License Number	Name	Date Issued	Method
WW1-014441	Barrentine, Steve Walton	06/03/03	Examination
WW1-014442	Beall, John Harold	06/03/03	Examination
WW1-014443	Berg, Guy Allen	06/03/03	Examination
WW1-014444	Campbell, Gavin Douglas	06/03/03	Examination
WW1-014445	Kilby, Kent Scott	06/03/03	Examination
WW1-014446	Knight, Tommy Ernest	06/03/03	Examination
WW1-014447	Miller, James Alexander	06/03/03	Examination
WW1-014448	Stanley, Felicia Ann	06/03/03	Examination
WW1-014449	Carter, Maxwell H.	06/27/03	Examination
WW1-014450	Matte, Richard K.	06/27/03	Endorsement – LA
WW1-014451	Matthews, Samuel R.	06/27/03	Examination
WW1-014452	Peek, Jeffrey Cox	06/27/03	Examination
WW1-014453	Shirley, Michael L.	06/27/03	Examination
WW1-014454	Theobald, Daniel L.	06/27/03	Endorsement – SC

**Wastewater Class 2**

License Number	Name	Date Issued	Method
WW2-014420	Anderson, Rodney Lee	06/03/03	Examination
WW2-014421	Bowen, Lee Richard	06/03/03	Examination
WW2-014422	Gray, Guy Curtis	06/03/03	Examination
WW2-014423	Hebert, Julie Marie	06/03/03	Examination
WW2-014424	Hill, James Crockett	06/03/03	Examination
WW2-014425	Miller, Kevin	06/03/03	Examination
WW2-014426	Rogers, Gabriel Alexander	06/03/03	Examination
WW2-014427	Trousdale, Robert Dean	06/03/03	Examination
WW2-014428	Leggette, James Olin	06/04/03	Examination
WW2-014429	Bell, Garry E.	06/27/03	Endorsement – MS

**Wastewater Class 3**

License Number	Name	Date Issued	Method
WW3-015444	Awbrey Jr., Thomas A.	06/03/03	Examination
WW3-015445	Brantley, David Wayne	06/03/03	Examination
WW3-015446	Brown, Brandon Scott	06/03/03	Examination
WW3-015447	Campbell, Robert Alan	06/03/03	Examination
WW3-015448	Davis, Charles Wayne	06/03/03	Examination
WW3-015449	Durrence, Linda Gail	06/03/03	Examination
WW3-015450	Herbick, Robert Steven	06/03/03	Examination
WW3-015451	Kiser, Daryl Lamont	06/03/03	Examination
WW3-015452	Lake, Andre A.	06/03/03	Examination
WW3-015453	Mason IV, Burt King	06/03/03	Examination
WW3-015454	Shuler, Eric Lamar	06/03/03	Examination
WW3-015455	Thacker, Brian Keith	06/03/03	Examination
WW3-015456	Thorton, Brian Keith	06/03/03	Examination
WW3-015457	Tumblin, Jacquelyn T.	06/03/03	Examination
WW3-015458	Waldron, Joey Roger	06/03/03	Examination
WW3-015459	Williamson Jr., Howard Eugene	06/03/03	Examination
WW3-015460	Wingate, Matthew T.	06/03/03	Examination
WW3-015461	Bokey, William Curtis	06/27/03	Examination
WW3-015462	Hounshell, Maxine C.	06/27/03	Examination
WW3-015463	Swader, Onome Agori-Iwe	06/27/03	Examination
WW3-015464	Trella, Robert Marshall	06/27/03	Examination

**Wastewater Collection System Operator**

License Number	Name	Date Issued	Method
WWC031812	Hadden, Robert Ellis	06/03/03	Examination
WWC031813	Hilley, Kenneth E.	06/03/03	Examination
WWC031814	Martinez, Jason Kalani	06/03/03	Examination
WWC031815	Mauldin, Lisa Renee	06/03/03	Examination
WWC031816	Scarborough Jr., Ellis Riley	06/03/03	Examination
WWC031817	Timms, Lee Scott	06/03/03	Examination
WWC031818	Ellsworth, Michael Jack	06/27/03	Examination

**Wastewater Industrial Operator**

License Number	Name	Date Issued	Method
WWID031884	Cothran, Terry Joe	06/03/03	Examination
WWID031885	Jarrard, Marty J.	06/03/03	Examination
WWID031886	Neal, Cheryl Denise	06/03/03	Examination

**Wastewater Industrial Operator Reinstatement**

License Number	Name	Date Reinstated
WWID031654	Hudson, Gilbert Benjamin	06/03/03

**Wastewater Laboratory Analyst**

License Number	Name	Date Issued	Method
WWL014312	Arrey, Stephen Akum	06/03/03	Examination
WWL014313	Compton, Mary Kim	06/03/03	Examination

2. Email dated June 18, 2003 from Larry L. Waters, DEQ Technical Services, regarding wastewater land application permits.

The Board does not have jurisdiction over this matter. The Board forwarded Mr. Waters email to EPD, Peter Zorbanos.

3. The Board discussed and responded to an email received July 10, 2003, from ABC requesting the Board to complete a survey from South Dakota regarding their Operator Certification Program.

**Executive Director Report – Mr. Mickler discussed/reported the following:**

1. Reported on the Executive Directors meeting with the Division Director regarding the Professional Licensing Board Division workload demands versus the Budget restraints.
2. Reminded the Board that a work schedule to conduct the audits EPA has requested on Board procedures needs to be set up.

Mr. Dean moved, Ms. Doss seconded, and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session**, in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2 (k) and 43-1-19 (h) to deliberate on applications and investigative matters. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Board members Dean, Doss, Jue, and Tant. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to act on these matters and to continue with the public session.

**Applications:**

1. Applicant Interview 10:00 am – 10:15 am; Yesa M. Jabavu – Appealing the Board’s previous rulings requiring him to re-take/pass the Water Operator Class 1 exam based on his failure to apply for a Water Operator Class 1 certificate within six months after passing the exam.

Ms. Doss moved, Mr. Dean seconded, and the Board voted to approve Mr. Jabavu for a Water Operator Class 1 Certificate without having to re-take/pass the Water Operator Class 1 exam.

2. The following applications for certification were presented to the Board and the Board approved the following actions:

The Board **approved** the following applicant for **Reinstatement of Certification** as a Water Class 1 Operator:

Robert Franklin Presnal – W1-013906

The Board **approved** the following applicant for **Certification** as a Water Class 2 Operator:

Benny Joe Sweat

The Board **approved** the following applicants for **Certification** as Water Class 3 Operators:

James David Dudley  
Jerry Lee Hulsey  
David Allen Ross Jr.  
Seaborn Clay Street  
Roger J. Wren

The Board **disapproved** the following applicant for **Certification** as a Water Class 3 Operator:

Troy Wade Smith

The Board **approved** the following applicant for **Certification** as a Water Class 4 Operator:

Troy Wade Smith

The Board **approved** the following applicants for **Certification** as Water Distribution System Operators:

Ricky A. Cain  
Harry Lamb Evans  
Larry Gooch

The Board **approved** the following applicant for **Certification** as a Water Laboratory Analyst:

Shiva P. Vuppula

The Board **approved** the following applicant for **Reinstatement of Certification** as a Water Laboratory Analyst:

Robert Franklin Presnal – WL013478

The Board **disapproved** the following applicant for **Certification by Endorsement** as a Wastewater Class 1 Operator:

Gregory B. White

The Board **approved** the following applicants for **Certification** as Wastewater Class 2 Operators:

James Christopher Bond  
Michelle Edwards

The Board **approved** the following applicants for **Certification** as Wastewater Class 3 Operators:

Harry Lamb Evans  
Jody William Morrell  
Shane Tyrel Pritchard  
Stephen A. Strozso  
Charlie James Thornton  
Preston Eugene Young - Pending receipt of a detailed job description

The Board **disapproved** the following applicant for **Certification** as a Wastewater Class 3 Operator:

Eric Glenn Helms

The Board **approved** the following applicants for **Certification** as Wastewater Collection System Operators:

Charles Roland Brewer  
Ricky A. Cain

The Board **approved** the following applicants for **Certification** as Wastewater Industrial Operators:

Timothy Scott Bradley  
James D. Griffing

The Board **approved** the following applicants for **Certification** as Wastewater Laboratory Analysts:

Maurice Lyroie Braddy  
Dennis Reed Pirkle

3. The Board received a letter dated July 10, 2003, from Mark Hardnett requesting the Board to waive the requirement of training and experience for a Water Distribution System Operator and a Wastewater Industrial Operator Certificate based on his training and experience acquired during active duty in the Navy.

The Board **disapproved** the request for a waiver of the training and experience requirements for a Water Distribution System Operator and a Wastewater Industrial Operator Certificate due to the information received did not indicate experience or training that were relevant to industrial wastewater treatment or distribution system operation.

- Email dated June 18, 2003, from Margaret Doss regarding Endorsement applicants from other states when their passing exam score is lower than the state of Georgia's passing exam score of 70.

The Board determined that if an applicant exam score is 70 or higher then they will be eligible for endorsement.

### **Renewal Applications:**

- Licensee Interview 10:15 am – 10:30 am; George V. New – W3-014814

Ms. Doss moved, Mr. Dean seconded, and the Board approved Mr. New for renewal.

- The following applications for renewal were presented to the Board and the Board approved the following actions:

The Board **approved** the following licensees for Renewal:

Name	License Number
Wilkins, David Bakari	W2-014344
Thomason, Christopher Hartley	W3-014933 WW3-015288
Hargett, Jack D.	W3-014649 WL014072 WW4-000090
Walker, Calvin Everett	W3-007893
Palmer, Shane	W4-000782
Sanner, Timothy D.	W4-001419
Stone, Allen Lamar	WW1-014321
Madden, David Ashley	WW3-014676 WWL014035
Roberts, Ralph Michael	WW3-014439
Richardson, Stephaie Annette	WW4-000099
Williams, Robert Lewis	WWL007970

The Board **disapproved** the following licensees for Renewal:

Name	License Number
Arnold, William Thomas*	WWID031410

\*Due to military duty when CE can be obtained the Board will allow renewal without applying  
Reinstatement Board Rule Chapter 750-7-.02

The Board **approved** the following request for a waiver of the CE requirements:

Name	License Number
Newman, Pierce Ray	W2-014138
Crews, Tassie Mae	W4-000726

The Board **disapproved** the following request for a waiver of the renewal fees and CE requirements. However, they did **approve** to provide an extension date of December 31, 2003 to obtain 18 CE points and to waive the \$50 late renewal fee:

Name	License Number
Sefzik, June*	W1-013867 WL012806 WW3-013768 WWL013908

The Board **approved** the following request for a waiver of the \$50 late renewal fee:

Name	License Number
White, Fred L.	WW1-011432

3. Email dated June 30, 2003, from Margaret Doss regarding how continuing education/re-certification (CE) points would be applied toward the CE requirements for renewal if the training class starts on/before the expiration date of June 30 but ends in July after the expiration date.

The Board determined that if the training course begins on/before June 30 of a renewal year and is being taken to meet the CE requirements, but ends after the expiration date, a licensee will be eligible for renewal if they pay the late renewal fee of \$115.00. Also, the CE points cannot be used for the CE requirements for the next renewal period.

4. The Board received a request from EPA for a copy of a licensee's initial licensure and renewal applications.

Mr. Dean moved, Mr. Tant seconded, and the Board approved for the EPA to have copies of the licensee's applications.

### **Programs:**

1. Approved those eligible. See Attachment A.
2. Ms. Doss moved, Mr. Dean seconded, and the Board voted to re-approve California Sacramento University Training/CE courses that were previously approved by the Board for the same number of hours/points.



## Attachment

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF       BIBB      

### **AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon.

**O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question.**

Comes now Robert L. Tant Sr., the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all over aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On July 17, 2003, this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.

- 4. The legal authority for the closure of this meeting was:

O.C.G.A. 43-1-2 (k); 43-1-19(h)

- 5. The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are:

RECEIPT OF AND DELIBERATIONS REGARDING APPLICATIONS
AND APPLICATION INFORMATION AND DELIBERATIONS
REGARDING INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT MATTERS;
RECEIPT OF THE RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS.

Further the Affiant Sayeth not.

Robert L. Tant Sr.  
PRESIDING OFFICER

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

This 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2003

Colleen Roehm  
Notary Public