

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 22, 2004, at the Office of the Division Director, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

Members of the Board in attendance were:

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

Also attending were:

Steve Lindsey, Executive Director
Colleen Roehm, Applications Specialist
Robert Renjel, Board Attorney
Fred Finley, GRWA
Gary Hill, Dalton Utilities
Cindy Murphy, SC Environmental Training Center
Eric Townsend, Dalton Utilities

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

Visitors who attended the Board Meeting were acknowledged.

Mr. Renjel was introduced as the new Board Attorney assigned to the Board.

Ms. Doss moved, Mr. Zorbanos seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2004, Board meeting.

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 and to receive an investigative report. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Board members Dean, Doss, Jue, Tant, and Zorbanos. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to act on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Correspondence and Items of Information:

1. Ms. Doss moved, Mr. Dean seconded, and the Board approved the licenses issued since the last list was reviewed:

Water Class 1

License Number	Name	Date Issued	Method
W1-014332	Campagne, Frankie	05/28/04	Examination
W1-014333	Wilson, Aaron Shane	05/28/04	Examination
W1-014334	Lipford, Lawrence Thomas	07/01/04	Examination

Water Class 1 Reinstatement

License Number	Name	Date Reinstated
W1-013442	Treadwell Jr., Glenn	05/28/04
W1-013950	Smith, Garrison	05/28/04

Water Class 2

License Number	Name	Date Issued	Method
W2-014467	Autrey, Rocky G.	05/28/04	Examination
W2-014468	Clark, Jason David	07/01/04	Examination
W2-014469	Tatum, Danny Lamar	07/01/04	Examination

Water Class 3

License Number	Name	Date Issued	Method
W3-015145	Bradley, Stephen Michael	05/28/04	Examination
W3-015146	Brown, Joel E.	05/28/04	Examination
W3-015147	Dennis Sr., Lawrence James	05/28/04	Endorsement - NM
W3-015148	Douglas, Gary A.	05/28/04	Endorsement - FL
W3-015149	Grumbach, Cathy Lorraine	05/28/04	Examination
W3-015150	Lewis Jr., John William	05/28/04	Examination
W3-015151	Patterson, Donald	05/28/04	Examination
W3-015152	Platt, Jeffrey Alan	05/28/04	Examination
W3-015153	Short, Jeffrey Neil	05/28/04	Examination
W3-015154	Chambers, Russell Curtis	07/01/04	Examination
W3-015155	Gonzalez, Geoffrey Garrett	07/01/04	Examination
W3-015156	Parker, William Paul	07/01/04	Examination
W3-015157	Wilburn, Robbins E.	07/01/04	Examination

Water Class 3 Reinstatement

License Number	Name	Date Reinstated
W3-011017	Adams, Raymond S.	07/01/04

Water Class 4

License Number	Name	Date Issued	Method
W4-001797	Weldon, Christopher S.	05/28/04	Examination
W4-001798	Yates, Jennifer Sheridan	07/01/04	Examination

Water Distribution System Operator

License Number	Name	Date Issued	Method
WD014606	Corn, Jonathan Curtis	05/28/04	Examination
WD014607	Nail, Russell Alton	05/28/04	Examination
WD014608	Rewis, Brian Curtis	05/28/04	Examination

Water Distribution System Operator (continued)

License Number	Name	Date Issued	Method
WD014609	Williams, Freddie Lewis	05/28/04	Examination
WD014610	Williams, Marilyn Elaine	05/28/04	Examination
WD014611	Brooks, Erin Augustine	07/01/04	Examination
WD014612	Bryant, William Wesley	07/01/04	Examination
WD014613	Caldwell, John Freeman	07/01/04	Examination
WD014614	Jackson, Corey Damon	07/01/04	Examination
WD014615	Kirven, Tony	07/01/04	Examination
WD014616	Mosley, Jason Daniel	07/01/04	Examination
WD014617	Noaker, Darcy Ann	07/01/04	Examination
WD014618	Ward, Roy Dwayne	07/01/04	Examination

Water Distribution System Operator Reinstatement

License Number	Name	Date Reinstated
WD012918	Pirkle, Billy Stanley	05/28/04

Wastewater Class 1

License Number	Name	Date Issued	Method
WW1-014536	Harville, Richard L.	05/28/04	Endorsement – CA
WW1-014537	Somerville, Anthony B.	05/28/04	Examination
WW1-014538	Cavender, James Webster	07/01/04	Examination
WW1-014539	Hebert, Julie Marie	07/01/04	Examination
WW1-014540	Lee, Raymond V.	07/01/04	Examination
WW1-014541	Leggette, James Olin	07/01/04	Examination
WW1-014542	Pearson III, Erney Keith	07/01/04	Examination
WW1-014543	Price Jr., Thomas Eugene	07/01/04	Examination
WW1-014544	Rogers, Gabriel Alexander	07/01/04	Examination
WW1-014545	Saxton, Gary Neil	07/01/04	Examination
WW1-014546	Shah, Avinash K.	07/01/04	Examination
WW1-014547	Thomas, Connie Garmon	07/01/04	Examination

Wastewater Class 1 Reinstatement

License Number	Name	Date Reinstated
WW1-014148	Smith, Garrison	05/28/04

Wastewater Class 2

License Number	Name	Date Issued	Method
WW2-014517	Dixon, Larry C.	05/28/04	Examination
WW2-014518	Stevens Sr., Juanito Alvin	05/28/04	Examination
WW2-014519	Ward, Richard Francis	05/28/04	Examination
WW2-014520	Arnold Jr., Charles	07/01/04	Examination
WW2-014521	Dang, Ho Phi	07/01/04	Examination
WW2-014522	James, Jeremy Kent	07/01/04	Examination

Wastewater Class 2 Reinstatement

License Number	Name	Date Reinstated
WW2-014062	Treadwell Jr., Glenn	05/28/04

Wastewater Class 3

License Number	Name	Date Issued	Method
WW3-015635	Caldwell, Thomas Patrick	05/28/04	Examination
WW3-015636	Chuplis, Joseph Beckton	05/28/04	Examination
WW3-015637	Cummings, Jeremy Wayne	05/28/04	Examination
WW3-015638	Dennis Sr., Lawrence James	05/28/04	Endorsement - NM
WW3-015639	Handley, Carol E.	05/28/04	Examination
WW3-015640	Houston, Ira	05/28/04	Examination
WW3-015641	Hunt, Charles Ernest	05/28/04	Examination
WW3-015642	Hurley, Terry Eugene	05/28/04	Examination
WW3-015643	Lauderdale, David Alan	05/28/04	Examination
WW3-015644	Lewis, Stephan Michael	05/28/04	Examination
WW3-015645	Lott, Randall Gene	05/28/04	Examination
WW3-015646	Naftel, Brian Keith	05/28/04	Examination
WW3-015647	Paxton, Richard David	05/28/04	Examination
WW3-015648	Ricks, Spencer Wyatt	05/28/04	Examination
WW3-015649	Rogers, John Benjamin	05/28/04	Examination
WW3-015650	Sams, Michael Ray	05/28/04	Examination
WW3-015651	Smarr, Benjamin Kleve	05/28/04	Examination
WW3-015652	Smith, Bryan Alan	05/28/04	Examination
WW3-015653	Somerville, Matthew E.	05/28/04	Examination
WW3-015654	Wright, Richard B.	05/28/04	Examination
WW3-015655	Yawn, Travis Aaron	05/28/04	Examination
WW3-015656	Brooker, James Adam	07/01/04	Examination
WW3-015657	Daniell II, Jonathan Reid	07/01/04	Examination
WW3-015658	Dudziak, Mark Stan	07/01/04	Examination
WW3-015659	Hickok Jr., Guy Frasier	07/01/04	Examination
WW3-015660	Ragan, Eddie L.	07/01/04	Examination
WW3-015661	Troutman, David Todd	07/01/04	Examination

Wastewater Class 3 Reinstatement

License Number	Name	Date Reinstated
WW3-014180	Polk, Randall Lynn	07/01/04
WW3-014351	Oliver, Richard Dean	07/01/04
WW3-015065	Riner, Sam	05/28/04

Wastewater Class 4

License Number	Name	Date Issued	Method
WW4-000111	Hooper, Jeffrey George	05/28/04	Examination
WW4-000112	Stavriotis, Paul A.	05/28/04	Examination

Wastewater Collection System Operator

License Number	Name	Date Issued	Method
WWC031887	Murray, Jimmy Lee	05/28/04	Examination
WWC031888	Sawyer, David	05/28/04	Examination
WWC031889	Appling, Leroy	07/01/04	Examination
WWC031890	Jarrell, Rodney Edward	07/01/04	Examination
WWC031891	Peek Sr., Kimbry L.	07/01/04	Examination

Wastewater Industrial Operator

License Number	Name	Date Issued	Method
WWID031909	Johnson, Kim	05/28/04	Endorsement – CA
WWID031910	Miller, Terry Stevens	05/28/04	Examination

Wastewater Industrial Operator Reinstatement

License Number	Name	Date Reinstated
WWID031452	Draffin, Jason Todd	07/01/04

Wastewater Laboratory Analyst

License Number	Name	Date Issued	Method
WWL014338	Smith, Jack Palmer	05/28/04	Examination
WWL014339	Dalbudak, Cem T.	05/28/04	Examination
WWL014340	Lowe, Jennifer O. I.	05/28/04	Examination
WWL014341	Porter, Christy Whitley	05/28/04	Examination

Wastewater Laboratory Analyst Reinstatement

License Number	Name	Date Reinstated
WWL013274	Polk, Randall Lynn	07/01/04

Correspondence and Items of Information (continued):

2. If an applicant has 2 certificates with an “expired” status and would like to reinstate both certificates with 1 certificate expired for longer than 2 years and 1 certificate expired less than 2 years, would the requirement of having to re-take an exam for the certificate expired longer than 2 years exempt an applicant from having to acquire the CE for the certificate that has been expired less than 2 years?

The Board determined that a re-exam must be taken/passed for all certificates which have been expired longer than 2 years, Board Rule 750-7-.02(3), and that the re-exam will only allow eligibility for that specific certificate to be reinstated.

The Board determined that CE must be obtained for each certificate which has been expired less than 2 years, Board Rule 750-7-.02(2)(b), and that the CE will only allow eligibility for that specific certificate to be reinstated regardless if an applicant is reinstating another certificate which requires re-exam or CE.

3. Letter dated June 2, 2004, from Ed Durham, Clayton County Water Authority Human Resources Director, requesting the Board to determine if their "Meter Reading" position meet the Board experience requirement of a Water Distribution System Operator.

The Board determined that the job description submitted does not meet the Water Distribution System Operator definition of Board Rule 43-51-2(11).

4. Email dated June 11, 2004, from Eric Townsend to Margaret Doss inquiring if an applicant passes a Water Class 3 Operator exam and holds a Wastewater Class 1 Operator certificate, does the exam exempt the licensee from having to acquire the 18 CE points to be eligible for renewal of the Wastewater Class 1 Operator certificate?

The Board deferred this question to the next Board Meeting which is scheduled for September 16, 2004.

5. Ms. Doss thanked the Board Members who responded to her email dated June 17, 2004, requesting them to review/comment on the Need-to-Know criteria for the Georgia Water and Wastewater Laboratory examinations that she will be presenting at the GRWA Fall Conference in October and posted to the Board website.
6. Email dated June 23, 2004, from Danny R. Wayne Sr., Cobb County Water Department Safety and Training Coordinator, inquiring if the Board would approve them using some or all of their previously CE Board approved classes for advanced training hours for a Class 2 certificate instead of an applicant having to take a laboratory and advanced wastewater class. With Margaret's assistance I emailed a response from the Board office.

In an email dated July 6, 2004, the Board replied that it does not approve advanced training hours in increments smaller than 24 hours. However, he could put together a 24 hour advanced wastewater training class and apply for 24 advanced training hours. He was advised when he submitted his application to include a class syllabus and explain how he was going to determine if attendees passed the class.

7. Letter dated July 15, 2004, from Denton Kopietz requesting the Board to determine if his employee's, Leroy Woody, Central High School Honorary Diploma would meet the Board education requirement to be eligible for certification.

The Board determined that there was insufficient information to render a decision and it would need a transcript of the course work taken or a detailed explanation of why he was awarded an honorary diploma before they can consider his question.

8. Email dated July 16, 2004, from Bob Tant to the Board regarding an applicant who holds an expired certificate applying with an application for endorsement instead of applying with an application for reinstatement.

The Board determined if a licensee has an expired Georgia certificate and they hold an active certificate in good standing with another state, an endorsement application should be submitted for the Board to determine if they are eligible for an active certificate via endorsement or reinstatement.

Other Business:

1. Ms. Doss reminded the Board that she will be voting on their behalf on the ABC Board Member ballot.
2. The Board members expressed their concern serving on expired terms.

Course Approval Applications:

Ms. Doss moved, Mr. Jue seconded, and the Board approved those Program Approval Applications that were eligible. See Attachment A.

Investigative Report:

1. Clarence Douglas Floyd – Voluntary Surrender

Mr. Renjel presented to the Board Mr. Floyd's Voluntary Surrender of his Wastewater Class 3 Operator Certificate, WW3-014973, and his Water Class 3 Operator Certificate, W3-014646. Mr. Dean moved, Ms. Doss seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Voluntary Surrenders and close the case.

2. Mr. Dean moved, Ms. Doss seconded, and the Board voted to suspend the below list of licensees for failure to repay student loans, and further move that these suspensions will cease upon receipt by the Joint Secretary of a "Notice of Release" from the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation
 - **Jim E. Vinson II** – Suspended certificate to practice as a Wastewater Class 3 Operator, License No. WW3-015623.
 - **Shannon Larry Callihan** – Suspended certificate to practice as a Water Class 1 Operator, License No. W1-014005.

Applications:

The following was presented to the Board and Ms. Doss moved, Mr. Jue seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following actions:

The Board **approved** the following applicants for **Certification** as Water Class 1 Operators:

Samuel Admassu
Gerald F. Anderson

The Board **disapproved** the following applicant for **Certification** as a Water Class 1 Operator:

John Allen III

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

Carl F. Jones – Pending Additional Information

The Board **approved** a waiver on the **course work** requirement for the following applicant for both Water Class 3 and 2 due to his education and experience:

James E. Amburgey

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

James E. Amburgey
Alan Jerome Crider
Anne Marie Dalton
Herbert Ray Davis

The Board **approved** the following applicant for **Reinstatement** as a Water Class 3 Operator:

Robert John Weeks

The Board **approved** the following applicants for **Certification** as Water Class 4 Operators:

L. B. Giddens
Dean Roy Smith

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

Richard William Lanier

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

Raymond A. Cohen
Stuart Dakaton McCall
Tony Allan NcNeal

The Board **disapproved** the following applicant for **Certification** as a Water Distribution System Operator:

Christopher Daniel Neidlinger

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

Gary Dale Morefield

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

Daniel Allen Duke

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

Larry Dwyane Bradley

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

Andre Pierre Essington
Travis Franklin Fowlder
Mark Richard Grimaldi
Kenneth C. Spurlock

The Board **approved** the following applicant for **Certification** as a Wastewater Collection System Operator:

Brett Rogers Hancock

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

Mac M. Burris
Andrew J. Long

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Minutes Recorded by: Colleen Roehm
Board Secretary

Minutes Reviewed by: Steve Lindsey
Executive Director

Presiding Officer: Robert L. Tant Sr.
Georgia State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts

Division Director: Mollie Fleeman
Professional Licensing Boards Division

Attachment

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**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 22, 2004, 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 22nd day of July, 2004

Colleen Roehm
Notary Public