

Georgia State Board of Examiners for the Certification of Water and Wastewater Treatment  
Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts  
Board Meeting (Teleconference)  
August 21, 2014

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Examiners for the Certification of Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts was held on August 21, 2014 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division's office at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA via Teleconference. Margaret Doss, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.

A quorum was established with members present being: Margaret Doss, Chair; Bill Defino, Stanley Tate, Tony Rojas and Eric Osborne.

Others present were as follows: Steve Lindsey, Executive Director, Amantha Lovett, Board Support Specialist, and Amelia Baker, Assistant Attorney General.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Stanley Tate moved, Eric Osborne seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Minutes of the June 26, 2014 Board meeting.

Tony Rojas moved, Stanley Tate seconded, and the Board voted to approve to the Executive Session Minutes of the June 26, 2014 Board meeting.

**Applications:**

Stanley Tate moved, Bill Defino seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the licenses presented as issued since the June 26, 2014 meeting.

No	Licensee	Profession
W1-014648	MacPherson, Susan H	Water/Wastewater Board
W1-014649	McDaniel, Coty Alan	Water/Wastewater Board
W1-014650	Mathis, Adam Christian	Water/Wastewater Board
W1-014651	Munroe, John Kell, Jr.	Water/Wastewater Board
W1-014652	Fanning, Joel Greg	Water/Wastewater Board
W1-014653	Barnes, Jason Wayne	Water/Wastewater Board
W1-014654	Maine, William Eino	Water/Wastewater Board
W1-014655	Smith, Louis Terence	Water/Wastewater Board
W1-014656	Jorgensen, John	Water/Wastewater Board
W2-014999	McCallum, Dusty Ronald	Water/Wastewater Board
W2-015000	Martin, Steven William	Water/Wastewater Board
W2-015001	Wallace, Mark Anthony, Jr.	Water/Wastewater Board
W2-015002	Hannah, Rashad Stanley	Water/Wastewater Board
W2-015003	Dolbeer, Steven Mark	Water/Wastewater Board
W2-015004	Keith, Sharla Marie	Water/Wastewater Board
W2-015005	Robinson, Michael Blake	Water/Wastewater Board
W2-015006	Houle, Chanel Theodore, III	Water/Wastewater Board
W2-015007	Frost, Robert Walter	Water/Wastewater Board

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W2-015008	Franklin, Randy Carl	Water/Wastewater Board
W3-016155	Patelski, Steven John	Water/Wastewater Board
W3-016156	Wilson, James David	Water/Wastewater Board
W3-016157	Gordon, Roger Cloyd	Water/Wastewater Board
W3-016158	Warner, Matthew Eugene	Water/Wastewater Board
W3-016159	Patterson, William Mark	Water/Wastewater Board
W3-016160	Minyard, Robert Adam	Water/Wastewater Board
W3-016161	Floyd, John Matthew	Water/Wastewater Board
W3-016162	Godfrey, Thomas Andrew	Water/Wastewater Board
W3-016163	Steverson, Joel Lamar	Water/Wastewater Board
W3-016164	Swiger, Clifton Gates	Water/Wastewater Board
W3-016165	Zeigler, Jeb Stuart	Water/Wastewater Board
W3-016166	Dozier, Matthew Craig	Water/Wastewater Board
W3-016167	Bearden, Stanley Clyde	Water/Wastewater Board
W3-016168	Keithley, George Howard	Water/Wastewater Board
W3-016169	Gilmer, Steven G	Water/Wastewater Board
W3-016170	Sadler, Andrew Johnson, III	Water/Wastewater Board
W4-002496	Herlihy, Daniel M	Water/Wastewater Board
W4-002497	Smith, Christopher Todd, Sr.	Water/Wastewater Board
W4-002498	Ward, Chris Randall	Water/Wastewater Board
W4-002499	GREENWAY, JAMES JARRIEL	Water/Wastewater Board
W4-002500	Wright, Josh Lee	Water/Wastewater Board
W4-002501	Henderson, Jerry A	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015877	houston, warren samuel	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015878	Galbreath, Paul Evans	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015879	Polvi, Jacob Michael	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015880	Stone, David Shayne	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015881	Johnson, Derrick Leon	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015882	Griffith, Christopher Fred	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015883	Collins, Darryl	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015884	Jester, Reginald Bernard	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015885	Dozier, Craig Lynn	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015886	Schlageter, Paul Francis	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015887	Blount, Joe K	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015888	Coleman, Justin Michael	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015889	Drake, Jonathan Wiley	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015890	Towery, Derek Eugene	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015891	Keith, Sharla Marie	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015892	Stowers, Gregory Michael	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015893	Walker, Charles Michael	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015894	Geiger, Weston Hugh	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015895	Dillon, Matthew Scott	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015896	Harris, Brandy Oliver	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015897	McEntire, Jeremy Kyle	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015898	Scarbrough, Brannndon Earl	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015899	Kilpatrick, Clinton Lee	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015900	deyton, david luke	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015901	Stanko, Justin daniel	Water/Wastewater Board

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WD015902	Clarke, Hickbal Ockieve	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015903	Hansard, Webb Nathaniel	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015904	Dixon, Daryl Lee	Water/Wastewater Board
WD015905	Simmons, Matthew Lee	Water/Wastewater Board
WL014465	Jackson, Daniel Lee	Water/Wastewater Board
WL014466	Burbage, Jordan Troy	Water/Wastewater Board
WL014467	Parks, John David, III	Water/Wastewater Board
WL014468	Hughes, Kenneth Eugene, Jr	Water/Wastewater Board
WL014469	Fontenot, Rodger Dale	Water/Wastewater Board
WW1-015021	MacPherson, Susan H	Water/Wastewater Board
WW1-015022	Rosenbaum, Hashaan Malik	Water/Wastewater Board
WW1-015023	Tankersley, Eddie Norman	Water/Wastewater Board
WW1-015024	Battiste, Jermaine Leanord	Water/Wastewater Board
WW1-015025	Willis, Benjamin Joseph	Water/Wastewater Board
WW1-015026	Doughty, Jonathan Patrick	Water/Wastewater Board
WW1-015027	Partin, Donald Scott	Water/Wastewater Board
WW1-015028	Kee, Thomas Irvin, III	Water/Wastewater Board
WW2-015099	Gable, Keri Lynn	Water/Wastewater Board
WW2-015100	Clarke, Kent D	Water/Wastewater Board
WW2-015101	Marsh, Ray Anthony	Water/Wastewater Board
WW2-015102	Taff, Robert Brooks	Water/Wastewater Board
WW2-015103	Williams, Bennie Lee	Water/Wastewater Board
WW2-015104	Smith, Jeffrey Ryan	Water/Wastewater Board
WW2-015105	Jones, David Edward	Water/Wastewater Board
WW2-015106	Watson, Cody Blake	Water/Wastewater Board
WW2-015107	Jenkins, Jimmy Lee	Water/Wastewater Board
WW2-015108	Martin, Brandon Lewis	Water/Wastewater Board
WW2-015109	Williams, Bryan Danelle	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017091	Johnson, Timothy Paul	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017092	Locke, Jeremy Lamar	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017093	Collins, Matthew Dwayne	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017094	Thompson, Cylas Wayne	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017095	Basadre, Trenton Jose	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017096	Teague, Matt	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017097	Baird, David Lee	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017098	Keeton, Timothy Jerome	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017099	cline, patricia brown	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017100	Lanning, Bruce Jackson	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017101	Lackey, Brian Todd	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017102	Flores, Jeison	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017103	Florence, Raynard NMN	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017104	Kinsey, Jason Nathaniel	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017105	defore, anthony robert	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017106	Ricketts, Jamie Luther	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017107	Bryant, Jeff W	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017108	Shaw, Cheryl Ann	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017109	Delk, Martha Michelle	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017110	Scott, Horace, Jr.	Water/Wastewater Board

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WW3-017111	Frost, Darrel Stephen	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017112	BOLTON, RANDALL SCOTT	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017113	Sills, Jacob Andrew	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017114	Rider, Carl Richard	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017115	Berryman, Joseph Wilson, Jr	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017116	Caspers, Kevin Robert	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017117	Hale, Kenneth Wayne	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017118	Goldsby, Ronald	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017119	Phillips, Danna Slade	Water/Wastewater Board
WW3-017120	king, trenell deseane	Water/Wastewater Board
WW4-000169	Cheatwood, Raymond David	Water/Wastewater Board
WW4-000170	Humphrey, David Brian	Water/Wastewater Board
WW4-000171	Keith, Sharla Marie	Water/Wastewater Board
WWC032783	mcgary, joseph gary	Water/Wastewater Board
WWC032786	Hayes, Autron Santonio	Water/Wastewater Board
WWC032787	Cain, Dennis Lamont	Water/Wastewater Board
WWC032788	Burke, Tobie Lee	Water/Wastewater Board
WWC032789	Miles, Todd Denton	Water/Wastewater Board
WWC032790	Fouche, Edward Joseph	Water/Wastewater Board
WWC032791	Stukes, Jemal Frandell	Water/Wastewater Board
WWC032792	Smith, Edgar Durrand	Water/Wastewater Board
WWC032793	Watson, Benny Joe, Jr	Water/Wastewater Board
WWC032794	Tolen, Ryan Keith	Water/Wastewater Board
WWC032795	Davis, Tevia S	Water/Wastewater Board
WWC032796	Sheffield, Jeffrey Scott	Water/Wastewater Board
WWC032797	Cannell, Michael Stanley	Water/Wastewater Board
WWC032798	Estrada, Eric Alexander	Water/Wastewater Board
WWC032799	Hill, Wayne Anthony, Jr	Water/Wastewater Board
WWC032800	Aye, Stanley James, Sr.	Water/Wastewater Board
WWC032801	Sanchez, Ivan NMN	Water/Wastewater Board
WWC032802	Combs, Brandon Wayne	Water/Wastewater Board
WWC032803	Clarke, Hickbal Ockieve	Water/Wastewater Board
WWC032804	Hood, Benjamin Howard	Water/Wastewater Board
WWC032805	Tapley, Casey Brian	Water/Wastewater Board
WWID032122	Peden, Jeremy Lynn	Water/Wastewater Board
WWID032123	Mathis, Thomas Edward	Water/Wastewater Board
WWL014623	Yang, Yuangen	Water/Wastewater Board
WWL014624	Floyd, James Gregory	Water/Wastewater Board
WWL014625	Brown, Phedra Danielle	Water/Wastewater Board
WWL014626	Tomkiewicz, William J	Water/Wastewater Board
WWL014627	Bowers, Nicholas Ryan	Water/Wastewater Board
WWL014628	Sumner, Justin Barrow	Water/Wastewater Board
WWL014629	Purser, Jesse Andrew	Water/Wastewater Board
WWL014630	Dickerson, Michael Wayne	Water/Wastewater Board
WWL014631	Clore, Shelia Elaine	Water/Wastewater Board
WWL014632	JONES, FELICIA LUVENIA	Water/Wastewater Board
WWL014633	Allen, Justin Emory	Water/Wastewater Board
WWL014634	Caudle, Renard Anthony	Water/Wastewater Board

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**Executive Session:**

Tony Rojas moved to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on applications and complaints, as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2 (k) and 43-1-19 (h). Bill Defino seconded the motion. The motion was carried by Margaret Doss, Chair, Bill Defino, Stanley Tate, Tony Rojas and Eric Osborne. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on the matters discussed and to continue with the public session.

Eric Osborne moved, Bill Defino seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following applications for licensure:

- 2481255                      Jody William Morrell                      WasteWater Lab Analyst
- 2480455                      Sanjay N Patel                                Water Operator Class 4

Eric Osborne moved, Bill Defino seconded, and the Board voted to deny the following application for licensure:

- B T L

Eric Osborne moved, Bill Defino seconded, and the Board voted to table the following application for licensure:

- K T
- D S F
- M L V D

Bill Defino moved, Stanley Tate seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations made during Executive session on the following complaint cases:

WW140002	Eric Osborne, Bill Defino, and Amelia Baker will confer over investigative findings to make recommendations.
WW140003	Close and flag file.

Bill Defino moved, Tony Rojas seconded, and the Board voted as follows on courses submitted for basic and continuing education:

<b><u>Program Provider/Sponsor</u></b>	<b><u>Course Title</u></b>	<b><u>Points Approved</u></b>
AWWA 6666 W. Quincy Avenue	2014 Water Infrastructure Conference	12

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<b>Denver, CO 80235</b> <b>Leah Bang</b> <a href="mailto:Lbang@awwa.org">Lbang@awwa.org</a> <b>303-734-3436</b>		
	GA Water Loss Control Webinar	2
<b>CH2MHill</b> <b>Dede DeMarks</b> <b>1600 Abernathy Rd Ste 1600</b> <b>Atlanta, GA 30346</b> <b>dede.demarks@ch2m.com</b>	Operations & Maintenance of Water Distribution Systems: Basic Course  Water Distribution Systems Workshop	
<b>Clayton County Water Authority</b> <b>1600 Battle Creek Rd</b> <b>Morrow, GA 30260</b> <b>Alaine Mort</b> <b>alaine.mort@ccwa.us</b> <b>770-960-3720</b>	Confined Space Entry and Rescue Safety	Denied
<b>Columbia County Water Utility</b> <b>P.O.Box 204660</b> <b>Martinez, GA 30917</b> <b>Tammy Bell</b> <b>tbell@columbiacountyga.gov</b> <b>706-447-7729</b>	Underground Piping Products	3
<b>Law and Company- Environmental Training Associates</b> <b>100 Arnold Mill Way Suite A</b> <b>Woodstock, GA 30188</b> <b>Donald Niebruegge</b> <b>donald@usencon.com</b> <b>770-592-1477</b>	Advanced Wastewater Topics_Biological	12
	Industrial Wastewater Treatment_Operator Training Course	27 BAS WWID/12 WW

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<b>Paragon Consulting Group Inc.</b> 118 North Expressway Griffin, GA 30223 Jolene Northrop P.E. jnorthrop@pcgeng.com 77-412-7700	Competent Person Confined Space Entry	5
<b>The Water Environment Federation</b> 601 Wythe Street Alexandria, VA 22314 Matthew Jones 703-684-2400 Ext 7090	WEFTEC 2014-87th Annual Conference And Technical Exhibition	12
<b>GA Rural Water</b> brentgrwa@aol.com grwa1@grwa.org	Competent Person Confined Space Entry	5

**Other Business:**

Stanley Tate moved, Tony Rojas seconded, and the Board voted to post the following amendment to Rule 750-3-04:

**750-3-.04 Requirements. Amended.**

In order to be certified in a particular class or category, an applicant must meet requirements as set forth below.

(a) **Current Certification.** Applicants must hold the following certificates before taking an examination for the next level of certification:

CERTIFICATE APPLIED FOR	CURRENT CERTIFICATE
Public Water Supply System Operator	
Class IV	None
Class III	None
Class II	Class III
Class I	Class II

Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator

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Class IV	None
Class III	None
Class II	Class III
Class I	Class II
 Industrial Wastewater Treatment System Operator	 None
 Water or Wastewater Laboratory Analyst	 None
 Water Distribution System Operator	 None
 Wastewater Collection System Operator	 None

(b) **Experience.** 1. ~~Applicants must have completed experience in the actual system operation prior to taking an examination.~~ The amount of experience that is required is dependent upon the applicant's education, as follows:

<u>CERTIFICATE APPLIED FOR</u>	<u>EXPERIENCE</u> With H.S.School Diploma or GED Certificate	<u>EXPERIENCE</u> With Accredited A.S. Degree in Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, or an equivalent Degree	<u>EXPERIENCE</u> With Accredited B.S. Degree in Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, or an equivalent Degree, or a current Class I certificate in another category
 Public Water Supply System Operator			
Class IV	1 month	1 month	1 month
Class III	3 months	3 months	3 months
Class II	24 months	18 months	12 months
Class I	36 months	30 months	24 months
 Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator			
Class IV	1 month	1 month	1 month
Class III	3 months	3 months	3 months
Class II	24 months	18 months	12 months
Class I	36 months	30 months	24 months

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Industrial Wastewater Treatment System Operator	3 months	3 months	3 months
Water or Wastewater Laboratory Analyst	3 months	3 months	3 months
Water Distribution System Operator	3 months	3 months	3 months
Wastewater Collection System Operator	3 months	3 months	3 months

2. For those applicants who have a high school diploma or GED certificate, the Board may consider other factors, including post-secondary education and other training and experience, to determine satisfaction of the experience requirements. Applicants for the following licenses may take the exam before the experience requirement is met, but they shall not apply for the license until they have completed the requisite experience in the actual system operation:

- Public Water Supply System Operator Class IV
- Public Water Supply System Operator Class III
- Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator Class IV
- Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator Class III
- Industrial Wastewater Treatment System Operator
- Water Laboratory Analyst
- Wastewater Laboratory Analyst
- Water Distribution System Operator
- Wastewater Collection System Operator

3. Applicants for the following licenses must have completed experience in the actual system operation prior to taking an examination:

- Public Water Supply System Operator Class II
- Public Water Supply System Operator Class I
- Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator Class II
- Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator Class I

4. For those applicants who have a high school diploma or GED certificate, the Board may consider other factors, including post-secondary education and other training and experience, to determine satisfaction of the experience requirements.

5. Applicants must apply for a certification within 12 months of passing an examination.

**(c) Education.** Every applicant must have earned a minimum of a high school diploma or GED certificate prior to taking the examination and must provide proof of education when he/she submits his/her application for certificate to the Board.

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**(d) Course Work.** Applicants must have completed the required course work prior to taking the examination and provide proof of completion of course work when they submit their application for certificate to the Board. The Board may evaluate, on a case by case basis, post-secondary education to determine satisfaction of the course work requirements.

CERTIFICATE APPLIED FOR	COURSE WORK
Public Water Supply System Operator	
Class IV	6 hours basic water operator course work
Class III	40 hours basic water operator course work
Class II	48 hours advanced water operator course work
Class I	No additional
Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator	
Class IV	6 hours basic waste stabilization pond operator course work
Class III	40 hours basic wastewater operator course work
Class II	48 hours advanced wastewater operator course work
Class I	No additional
Industrial Wastewater Treatment System Operator	27 hours industrial wastewater operator course work
Water Laboratory Analyst	27 hours basic water laboratory course work or Associate Degree or higher in Biology, Environmental Science, Chemistry, or an equivalent degree
Wastewater Laboratory Analyst	27 hours basic wastewater laboratory course work or Associate Degree or higher in Biology, Environmental Science, Chemistry, or

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an equivalent degree

Water Distribution System Operator      27 hours water distribution course work

Wastewater Collection System Operator      27 hours wastewater collection course work

**(e) Examination.** An applicant must pass a written examination in order to receive a certificate.

Stanley Tate moved, Tony Rojas seconded, and the Board voted to post the following amendment to Rule 750-6-02:

**750-6-.02 Renewal of a Certificate.**

(1) An Application for renewal of a certificate must be accompanied by a renewal fee (See Fee Schedule) and attestation of continuing education points accumulated since the last renewal period. The following chart lists the required number of points for each renewal certification ~~through the renewal period of June 30, 2013:~~

~~CERTIFICATION HELD CONTINUING EDUCATION POINTS~~

<del>Class I Operator Water &amp; Wastewater</del>	<del>18</del>
<del>Class II Operator Water &amp; Wastewater</del>	<del>12</del>
<del>Industrial Wastewater Operator</del>	<del>12</del>
<del>Laboratory Analyst Water &amp; Wastewater</del>	<del>12</del>
<del>Class III Operator Water &amp; Wastewater</del>	<del>-6</del>
<del>Water Distribution System Operator</del>	<del>-6</del>
<del>Wastewater Collection System Operator</del>	<del>-6</del>
<del>Class IV Operator Water &amp; Wastewater</del>	<del>-2</del>

~~Beginning on July 1, 2013 and effective for the renewal period of June 30, 2015 and all renewal periods thereafter, the following chart lists the required number of points for each renewal certification:~~

~~CERTIFICATION HELD CONTINUING EDUCATION POINTS~~

<del>Class I Operator Water &amp; Wastewater</del>	<del>24</del>	<del>At least 50% of the points must be in coursework approved for Water, Wastewater, or for both.</del>
<del>Class II Operator Water &amp; Wastewater</del>	<del>18</del>	<del>At least 50% of the points must be in coursework approved for Water, Wastewater, or for both.</del>
<del>Industrial Wastewater</del>	<del>18</del>	<del>At least 50% of the points must be in coursework</del>

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Operator		approved for Water, Wastewater, or for both.
Laboratory Analyst Water & Wastewater	18	At least 50% of the points must be in coursework approved for Water, Wastewater, or for both.
Class III Operator Water & Wastewater	12	At least 50% of the points must be in coursework approved for Water, Wastewater, or for both.
Water Distribution System Operator	12	At least 50% of the points must be in coursework approved for Water, Wastewater, or for both.
Wastewater Collection System Operator	12	At least 50% of the points must be in coursework approved for Water, Wastewater, or for both.
Class IV Operator Water & Wastewater	6	All of the points must be in coursework approved for Water, Wastewater, or for both.

(2) The biennial renewal fee is due and payable by June 30 of odd numbered years. A surcharge will be added for payments, which are received within a three-month penalty period, between July 1 and September 30 of odd-numbered years. (See Fee Schedule) Any continuing education points acquired to renew that certificate during the penalty period may not be used again during the next renewal cycle.

(3) An individual who passes an examination required by the Board for certification is exempt from all continuing education requirements for that certificate for the first renewal period after initial issuance of the certificate.

(4) If more than one continuing education course is needed to equal the required continuing education points to be eligible for a renewal, then the same course cannot be attended more than once to equal the required continuing education points in the same renewal period. However, the same continuing education course can be attended during a different renewal period.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be October 23, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, GA.