

Georgia Board of Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators
Board Meeting – August 24, 2016
Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217

Members Present:

- Margaret Doss, Chair (via teleconference)
- Stanley Tate, Vice-Chair (via teleconference)
- Tony Rojas
- Eric Osborne
- Kim Hembree (via teleconference)
- Kenny Green (via teleconference)

Staff Members Present:

- La Trena Tyler-Jones, Executive Director
- Sandy Barboza, Board Support Specialist
- Amantha Lovett, Licensing Analyst
- Sonya Williams, Senior Staff Attorney
- Betsy Cohen, Asst. Attorney General (via teleconference)

Note: Visitors are excused during Executive Session unless scheduled for a personal appearance.

OPEN SESSION:

Margaret Doss, Chair, noted a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m., and declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§50-14-1 et seq.

Agenda:

The Board reviewed the Agenda for the August 24, 2016 meeting. Stanley Tate moved, Tony Rojas seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

Minutes:

After review of the previous meeting’s minutes, Stanley Tate moved, Eric Osborne seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve June 29, 2016 Open Meeting minutes and the Executive Session minutes.

Licenses Issued Report:

The Board reviewed the following Report of Licenses Issued: 06-28-2016 thru 08-19-2016 (Total – 150):

License #	Licensee
W1-014754	Dusty Ronald McCallum
W1-014755	Craig Alexander Hinton
W1-014756	Talon Greniger Arsenault
W1-014757	David L Pitocchelli
W1-014758	Robert Copeland Bishop
W1-014759	Fred Douglas Andrews, III
W2-015111	Wesley Robert Simpson
W2-015112	David Van Cummings
W2-015113	Travis Bernard Bogans
W3-016359	Robert A Pendleton
W3-016360	Michael Dewayne Rawlings
W3-016361	Patrick Shawn Garrity
W3-016362	Charles L McHenry
W3-016363	Wesley Franklin Harbuck

License #	Licensee
W3-016364	Brandon Scott Powell
W3-016365	Allan Dean English
W3-016366	Carol Ann Osborne
W3-016367	Kelly H Jarriel
W3-016368	Jason Darrell Greene
W3-016369	John Robert Setters
W3-016370	Christopher Chad Hawsey
W3-016371	Curtis S McCray
W3-016372	Jimmie Lee Watkins, Jr
W3-016373	James Albert Greenwalt
W3-016374	Sean Daniel Kidd
W3-016375	Ashleigh Greta Barth-Aasen
W3-016376	Zachary Wade Hughes
W3-016377	Christina Marie Patterson

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W3-016378	Brian Scott Buffington
W3-016379	Mark Lee Smith
W3-016380	Hunter Lee Martin
W3-016381	Frankie Anthony Salas
W3-016382	Laurie Amanda Segers
W3-016383	Randall Heath Lee
W3-016384	Donna Joan Price
W3-016385	James Chapman Cupo
W3-016386	Elizabeth E Kinney
W4-002601	Joshua David Gordy
W4-002602	William Douglas Hair, Jr.
W4-002603	Julia Ruth Schrader
W4-002604	James Mark Bird
W4-002605	Steven Edward Palk
W4-002606	Christopher Blair Nixon
W4-002607	Ben Gerald Farmer
W4-002608	Eddie Lewis Baker
W4-002609	Charles Michael Cook
W4-002610	James Thomas Boyett, Jr
WD016206	Jesse Pullins, Jr
WD016207	Anthony Robert Arcuri
WD016208	James Matt Tallant
WD016209	Scott Lee Yarbrough
WD016210	Jason Paul Williams
WD016211	Branford E Thompson, Jr
WD016212	Kevin Kersey
WD016213	Buffie Anetra Johnson
WD016214	Jeffrey Paul Herrin
WD016215	Travis Kyle Yockachonis
WD016216	Wesley Keith Evans
WD016217	Alex Encarnacion
WD016218	Larry Chad Clemmons
WD016219	David William Long
WD016220	Chad David Hendrix
WD016221	George Malcom Winfrey
WD016222	Jeremy Wayne Henson
WD016223	Jonathan Fitzgearld Hayes
WD016224	Angela Marie Corbin

License #	Licensee
WD016225	Timothy Steve Mcwaters
WD016226	Simeon Salvador Solomero, Jr
WL014536	Timothy Adam Goins
WL014537	Christopher Brad Wilson
WL014538	Jacob Craig Robinson
WL014539	William Willard Gardiner
WL014540	Justin Tyler Chipman
WL014541	Benjamin Joseph Willis
WW1-015138	Mark Andrew Filer
WW1-015139	Jocelyn Zaneta Hunt
WW1-015140	Robert William Schmitt
WW1-015141	Allen Dale Miller
WW1-015142	Johnny Enrique Guardiola
WW1-015143	Vince Joseph Hall
WW1-015144	Richard Earl Jones
WW1-015145	Luis Leopoldo Castellanos
WW1-015146	Kenneth Harold Weiner
WW1-015147	Richard Paul Hill
WW1-015148	Samuel Higgins Rawlins
WW1-015149	Jason Dean Morse
WW2-015256	Omari Akida Smalls
WW2-015257	Ronald Hollis Hale
WW2-015258	Jack Michael Nelson
WW2-015259	Jessica Allen Debenedictis
WW2-015260	Robert Ellis Hadden, Jr
WW2-015261	Jane Nmn Probadora
WW2-015262	Nathan Tyler Wright
WW2-015263	Darius Leshun Wiley, Sr
WW2-015264	Matthew Dwayne Collins
WW2-015265	Keith J Spooner
WW2-015266	Tyler Emery West
WW2-015267	Christopher Wren Goodwin
WW2-015268	George Steven Rice
WW2-015269	Christopher Lee Holbrook
WW2-015270	Christopher Matthew Gay
WW2-015271	Ned Forrest Nobles
WW2-015272	Antonia Le'Mont Fox
WW2-015273	Trinity Lee Dean

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WW3-017473	Eric Robert Furey
WW3-017474	Nathaniel Douglas Johnson
WW3-017475	George Alan Cagle
WW3-017476	Wade Andrew Nelson
WW3-017477	John Fitzgerald Bennett
WW3-017478	Devin C Moon
WW3-017481	Michael Anthony Poole
WW3-017482	Daniel Robert Crandall
WW3-017483	Donald Cody Jackson
WW3-017484	Felipe Alejandro Cuellar
WW3-017485	Zanetta Lashelle Justice
WW3-017486	Danielle Marie Kuntz
WW3-017487	Rodney Lee Harrell
WW3-017488	Aaron Christopher Krueger
WW3-017489	Jeremey Gant Dowdy
WW3-017490	Joseph Edward Drolet
WW3-017491	Christopher Todd Crowe
WW3-017492	Travis Lee Sims
WW3-017493	David Miles
WW3-017494	John Jeffery Price
WW3-017495	Darvean Katree Herron
WW3-017496	Barbara Susann Stepp
WWC033046	Timothy Dave Daniel

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WWC033047	Arkiethon Lloytt Harden
WWC033048	Arre M Kennedy
WWC033049	Don Eugene McCullars
WWC033050	Marlo Lyons
WWC033051	Jeremy Ellis Craig
WWC033052	Donald Hal Williams
WWC033053	Kevin Wayne Roberts
WWC033054	Gary Eli Steagald
WWC033055	Justin Eugene Anderson
WWC033056	Collier Rudolph Smith
WWC033057	Paul Mathias Sutton
WWC033058	Justin Gardner
WWC033059	Anthony L Johnson
WWC033060	Darrell E Sims
WWC033061	Joseph Radell Spears
WWC033062	Robert Andrew Lindsay
WWC033063	George Bradly Holtsinger
WWL014706	Steven Frank Shillcutt
WWL014707	Marcus James Keck
WWL014708	Peyton Grant Clark
WWL014709	Jason A Helton
WWL014710	Bindu S. Patel
WWL014711	Dennis Lamar Scott

Stanley Tate moved, Tony Rojas seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to ratify the licenses issued by application and reinstatement that were issued in accordance with Board Rules and Policies.

Sonya Williams addressed the Board regarding Open Records Requests policies (590-3-1.07). Stanley Tate moved, Tony Rojas seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to continue considering each request on a case by case basis rather than crating a policy for addressing requests.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Eric Osborne moved, Stanley Tate seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to into enter Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(h) and 43-51, for the purpose of conducting applicant interviews, and discussing and reviewing applications, complaints, and the Attorney General’s report.

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At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Chair declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

OPEN SESSION:

Appointments:

2626120 – J.M.W. – Eric Osborne moved, Kenny Green seconded and the Board voted unanimously to deny licensure - degree not acceptable. Will be required to retake exam.

2553793 – E.K. – Eric Osborne moved, Kenny Green seconded and the Board voted unanimously to uphold the previous denial of licensure. Will be required to retake the exam.

2613058 – A.A. – Tony Rojas moved, Eric Osborne seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve licensure, additional documents required were received.

Applications:

Eric Osborne moved, Tony Rojas seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to ratify the following recommendations made during Executive Session:

2627335 – R.A.R. – Tabled for a letter from probation officer. Upon receipt refer to the Attorney General to issue license by consent order with probation to run concurrent with probationary period.

No Application # – Charles Best – Presented education to be used in lieu of experience for application purposes - approved.

2630292 – A.P.T – License denied for insufficient class work.

2630134 – Jeffrey Brooks Fulton – License approved with degree in lieu of training.

2630201 – A.D.W. – License denied for inadequate job description.

2631841 – Lisa Ann Eury – License approved.

2627828 – R.J.R. – Reinstatement denied – must retake exam.

2633307 – C.R.N. – tabled for letter from probation officer; if probation is complete issue license, otherwise refer to the Attorney General to issue with a consent order to run concurrent with probation.

2631416 – J.G. – License denied for inadequate job description and training.

Complaints:

Kenny Green moved, Kim Hembree seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to ratify the following recommendations made during Executive Session:

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WW160009 – tabled - refer to Investigations.

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WW170001 - tabled – refer to Investigations.

WW150003 - tabled - Investigative interview has been scheduled for September 15, 2016.

Attorney General’s Report – B. Cohen:

Kenny Green moved, Eric Osborne seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Attorney General’s report as presented.

- 1.) A.E. An appointment for an interview has been established for September 15, 2016 at the Attorney General’s Office in Atlanta.
- 2.) Responded via memo on August 23, 2016 to Board’s request for opinion on the Board’s authority to charge fees for training and Continuing Education providers. Closed.
- 3.) J.F. License active; closed.
- 4.) N.J. Consent Agreement for Certification docketed; closed.

Continuing Education:

Eric Osborne moved, Tony Rojas seconded, and the motion was carried by the Board to accept the Continuing Education Committee recommendations for initial applications of 21 courses submitted for approval and 22 renewal applications. Of the courses reviewed, 41 were approved, 1 was tabled for additional information, and 1 was denied for lack of content.

Continuing Education Applications and Results:

Program Provider/Sponsor	Course Title	Points Approved
American Water Works Association (AWWA)	2016 Water Infrastructure Conference (WIC16)	12
American Water Works Association (AWWA)	EFCN AWWA WEBINAR Are Your Rates to High	1
American Water Works Association (AWWA)	EFCN AWWA WEBINAR Determining the Risk: Asset Management Risk	1
Brenntag Mid-South Inc.	Chlorine Safety and Emergency Response	2
Burnett Lime Company, Inc.	Alternatives in pH Adjustment	2
Chattahoochee Technical College	Intro to Wastewater Treatment	BAS40 – 4 WW
Chattahoochee Technical College	Intro to Water Treatment Processes	BAS 40 – 4 W
Chattahoochee Technical College	Water Distribution	4
City of Covington Fire Department	SCBA Use and Maintenance	4
City of Covington Fire Department	AHA Heartsaver CPR,AED, and First Aid	4
Cobb County Marietta Water Authority	Fundamental Review for Operators and Laboratory Analysts	6

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Columbia County Water Utility	National Safety Council Lift Truck Operator	4
Environmental Business Specialists LLC	Industrial Activated Sludge Seminar	12
Evoqua Water Technologies	Odor and Corrosion Control for Wastewater Systems	2
Georgia Utility Training Academy	Accident Investigation	6
Georgia Utility Training Academy	Basic Wastewater Treatment	BAS 40 – 12 WW
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Georgia Utility Training Academy	Valve & Hydrant Repair	6
Georgia Utility Training Academy	Wastewater Collection System Math	6
Georgia Utility Training Academy	Wastewater Treatment Math	6
Georgia Utility Training Academy	Water Distribution Math	6
Georgia Utility Training Academy	Water Treatment Math	6
Georgia Utility Training Academy	Confined Space Entry & Program Development	6
Georgia Utility Training Academy	Operation & Maintenance of Wastewater Collection Systems	BAS 27 – 12 WW
Georgia Utility Training Academy	Water Distribution System Operation & Maintenance	BAS 27 – 12 WW
Georgia Utility Training Academy	Distribution Sampling	6
Georgia Utility Training Academy	Pump Station Operation & Maintenance	6
Georgia Utility Training Academy	Wastewater Operator Review	6
Georgia Utility Training Academy	Water Operator Review	6
Georgia Water & Wastewater Institute (GWWI)	Water Utility Inspection Part 1	ADV 12 - 12 W-WW
Georgia Water & Wastewater Institute (GWWI)	Wastewater Math Part 1	2
Georgia Water & Wastewater Institute (GWWI)	Laboratory Quality Assurance	2
Georgia Water & Wastewater Institute (GWWI)	Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair	6
Georgia Water & Wastewater Institute (GWWI)	Basic Water Hydraulics for Treatment Operators	6
Georgia Water & Wastewater Institute (GWWI)	Drinking Water Treatment Process Control	6
Georgia Water & Wastewater Institute (GWWI)	Handling Water Quality Complaints	6
Georgia Water & Wastewater Institute (GWWI)	Laboratory Analysis of Nitrogen	6

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Program Provider/Sponsor	Course Title	Points Approved
Hach Company	Drinking Water Process Instrumentation	6
Houston Industrial Training Institute	Basic Centrifugal Pump Hydraulics	2
Municipal Safety Services	Multiple Courses	Tabled for applications
TRINSEO (previously Styron LLC)	Wastewater Operations Training	6
DeKalb County Watershed Management	Water Wastewater Expo	Denied for lack of content

Other Business:

The Attorney General's provided advice regarding a Continuing Education provider fee. The Board will take the advice into consideration, along with proposed revisions to current rules governing the process and administration of Continuing Education Provider applications; to be reviewed at the next meeting,

The Board discussed HB 952.

Petition for Rule Waiver Request(s)

1.) Davis, Terry – 50-13-9

Kenny Green moved, Tony Rojas seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for waiver of Board Rule 50-13-9.

2.) Altman, Alan - 50-13-9

Applicant was able to obtain the necessary documents for licensure and the rule waiver was not needed.

The next meeting of the Georgia Board of Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators will be held Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Professional Licensing Boards office.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Sandy Barboza, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by: La Trenda Tyler-Jones, Executive Director

Minutes approved on: 10/26/2016

Margaret Doss
Margaret Doss, Chair
with express permission by
LaTrenda Tyler-Jones, Executive Director

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Attachment

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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 Margaret Doss, 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 August 24, 2016 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 subjects 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.

PRESIDING OFFICER

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME
This 24th day of August, 2016
Deborah A. Horton

Notary Public

