

**Georgia Board of Water & Wastewater
Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts
Board Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2017 - via Teleconference**

The Georgia Board of Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts met on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, to conduct the business of the Board.

Members Present:

- Margaret Doss, Chair
- Kenny Green
- Eric Osborne
- Stanley Tate, Vice-Chair

Staff Members Present:

- La Trena Tyler-Jones, Executive Director
- Sandy Barboza, Board Support Specialist
- Amantha Lovett, Licensing Analyst

Members Absent:

- Kim Hembree
- Tony Rojas

Call to Order: Margaret Doss, Chair, noted a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.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.

OPEN SESSION:

The Board reviewed the information provided on the proposed Pilot Exam Program for ABC Testing Services in conjunction with PSI. After discussing benefits and concerns related to the launch of the proposed program, Stanley Tate moved, Kenny Green seconded and the Board voted to approve participation in the pilot program. Margaret Doss will send information to Georgia associations. La Trena Tyler-Jones will post information to the Secretary of State’s website.

After a brief discussion regarding possibly changing the April 26, 2017 meeting date due to the Chair being unable to participate on that day, the Board agreed to leave it scheduled as is, April 26, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. via teleconference.

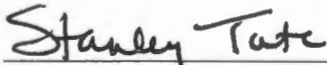
The Board reviewed the information from the January Rules Review meeting about a pilot program for continuing education providers and course approvals. Details to be established include provider fee, ability to audit, reserving the right to revoke approved status, annual reporting submitted by providers, procedures for assigned course credit established by the Board, and the numbering system to be used. Kenny Green moved, Eric Osborne seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations and to begin the program.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.


Minutes recorded by: Sandy Barboza, Board Support Specialist

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

Minutes approved on: 4/26/17



Margaret Doss, Chair ~~Stanley Tate~~
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La Trena Tyler-Jones, Executive Director



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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 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 **March 28, 2017** 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.

Margaret Doss
PRESIDING OFFICER

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

This 28th day of March, 2017

Deborah A. Horton

Notary Public

with express permission by
LaTrenda Tyler-Jones, Executive Director

