Georgia State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts Board Meeting Minutes – June 30, 2022

Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA 31217

Members Present:

Margaret Doss, Chair *
Kenny Green, Vice-Chair *
Debbie Wright
Gil Shearouse
Kartik Bhatt*

Others Present:

Brad Coman, Executive Director Melanie Foster, Licensing Supervisor * Kristin Mitchell, Board Support Specialist Anna Saxton, Licensing Analyst Mary Brannen, Sr. Assistant Attorney General *

*via teleconference

Members Absent:

Kim Hembree

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

Margaret Doss, Chair, noted a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 10:02 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.

OPEN SESSION:

Agenda:

Kartik Bhatt moved, Gil Shearouse seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 30, 2022 Agenda as amended.

Minutes:

Kartik Bhatt moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted to approve the April 27, 2022 Board Meeting minutes.

Ratification List:

Licenses Issued through 4/25/2022 - 6/27/2022 (Total – 150):

License #	Licensee		
W1-014955	Lanny Douglas Allen		
W1-014956	Samuel Higgins Rawlins		
W1-014957	Dalton Adam Kight		
W1-014958	Keith D Thomas		
W1-014959	Michelle Faith Gatti		
W2-015404	Lesedi Richard Tidd		
W2-015405	Marcus Jerome Brown		
W2-015406	John Royce Abbott		
W2-015407	Robert Wayne Odister		
W2-015408	Anthony Bankole Babatunde		
W2-015409	Allyson Elizabeth Bailey		
W2-015410	Zachary Tristan Yawn		
W2-015411	Tony L Braziel		
W2-015412	Joshua Glenn Rasco		
W2-015413	John Randolph Lochridge		

License #	Licensee	
W2-015414	Augustus Vershawn Murray	
W2-015415	William Lee Mathews, III	
W3-016980	Fearon Fred Williams	
W3-016981	Jerek R. Scott	
W3-016982	Rodney Lee Harrell	
W3-016983	Caitlin Roman	
W3-016984	Braden David Coleman	
W3-016985	Chris Barnett, Sr	
W3-016986	Lauren Megan Ochoa	
W3-016987	Garrett Matthew Hayes	
W3-016988	Andreiah Roshel Johnson	
W3-016989	Gavin Lance	
W3-016990	Brandon James Drake	
W3-016991	Tristan Matthew Fisher	
W3-016992	Derrick Ray Frady	

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License #	Licensee	
W3-016993	Jarius Howe	
W3-016994	William Blake Croft	
W3-016995	Paul Allen Howell	
W3-016996	Robert Fulton Pettit	
W3-016997	Bryan Alan McCarty	
W3-016998	James Harold McDonald, III	
W4-002847	April Vandenberg	
W4-002848	Derrick Duane Smith	
W4-002849	Haley Joy Thompson	
WD016951	William Carlisle	
WD016952	Edward Ira Davis	
WD016953	Ebony Jacquelyn Allen	
WD016954	Glenda Ann Perrott	
WD016955	Brian Terry Austin	
WD016956	Tony Dwight Mitchell, Jr.	
WD016957	Jordan Silvey	
WD016958	Baylee Silvey	
WD016959	Michael Jason Cruce	
WD016960	Ronald Earl Scheetz	
WD016961	Jackson Avant	
WD016962	Matthew Clive Bayley	
WD016963	Samuel Aldean Gardner	
WD016964	Dustin S Evans	
WD016965	Ahmed Ibrahim Shengeb	
WD016966	Jacob Craig Robinson	
WD016967	David Schuette	
WD016968	Kayley Reese	
WD016969	Tod Airic Willis	
WD016970	Jacob Owen Ammons	
WD016971	Dylan C Simon	
WD016972	Joshua Patrick McPherson	
WD016973	Donald Sizemore	
WL014752	Matthew Leon Westbrook	
WL014753	Denita M Johnson	
WL014754	Justin Lee Manley	
WL014755	Lexis Cunningham	
WL014756	Jozef Petrak	

License #	Licensee	
WL014757	Darrien Todd Henson	
WL014758	Carter Sheheane	
WL014759	William Walz Flammer	
WL014760	Carmen M Bonal	
WW1-015366	Justin Donald Boykin	
WW1-015367	Aaron Daniel Morrison	
WW1-015368	Jonathan Michael Barnes	
WW1-015369	William Robert Zibilich	
WW1-015370	Matthew H Hatcher	
WW2-015569	Branden Christopher	
WW2-015570	David James Whitaker	
WW2-015571	Hannah Ann Farmer	
WW2-015572	Allan Michael Melton	
WW2-015573	Yakira Leigh Chapman	
WW2-015574	Jacob Summerford	
WW2-015575	Brandon Norio Rucker	
WW2-015576	Jordan Dean Collins	
WW2-015577	Kaitlin Wilson Gibson	
WW3-018231	Justin Blake Hall	
WW3-018232	Michael Joseph Roderick	
WW3-018233	Nick Hoeft	
WW3-018234	Alan Winston Schmidt	
WW3-018235	Adam L Tran	
WW3-018236	Francis Arlin Turner	
WW3-018237	Terry Eugene Overby	
WW3-018238	Caitlin Keene	
WW3-018239	Timothy Bradley Channell	
WW3-018240	Nicholas Alexander LeBaron	
WW3-018241	Eric Bernard Kelsey, Sr.	
WW3-018242	Rudolph Smith, II	
WW3-018243	Thomas Jordan Brown	
WW3-018244	Brian Allen Yoder	
WW3-018245	Dustin Powell	
WW3-018246	Keith D Thomas	
WW3-018247	Kenzie Bond, Jr.	
WW3-018248	Charles William Stewart, Jr.	
WW3-018249	Nicholas John Dillon	

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WW3-018250	Miracle A Johnson	
WW3-018251	Cory Christopher Burge	
WW3-018252	Andrew Alexander DeBerry	
WW3-018253	Zachary Alfred Schnoke	
WW3-018254	Adam Michael Hillis	
WW3-018255	Rodney Lawrence Allen	
WW3-018256	Cole Ostrander	
WW3-018257	Duncan Robert Berry	
WW3-018258	Dionte Montez Ryals	
WW3-018259	Christopher Nossett	
WW3-018260	Mason Dylan Legendre	
WWC033686	Tyler Craig Hale	
WWC033687	Quentin Cainion	
WWC033688	Joshua Emmanuel Bent	
WWC033689	Patrick Juan Person	
WWC033690	Monte S. Moraitakis, Mark	
WWC033691	Brannon William Jackson	
WWC033692	Alton West	
WWC033693	Mark Andrew Carnes	
WWC033694	Allen Chase Melcher	
WWC033695	Christopher Glisson	
WWC033696	Jordan Silvey	
WWC033697	David Shayne Stone	

License #	Licensee	
WWC033698	Thomas Lamar Sweat	
WWC033699	James Travis Hayworth	
WWC033700	Thomas Buck Clack	
WWC033701	Cody Yancey	
WWC033702	John Ean Lee	
WWC033703	Jared Russell Shepard	
WWC033704	Christopher Felton Collum	
WWC033705	Bailey Dean Dunn	
WWC033706	Stephen Glenn Simmons	
WWC033707	Adrian H Nelson	
WWID032273	Michael Charles Thompson	
WWID032274	Steven Mark Dolbeer	
WWID032275	April Vandenberg	
WWID032276	Jordan Thomas Banwart	
WWID032277	Logan Gabriel Stark	
WWL014955	Ryan Vincent Arnold	
WWL014956	Phillip Randall Bassett	
WWL014957	Colton Robert Vaughan	
WWL014958	Leanna Jones Leach	
WWL014959	Nancy Chepketer	
WWL014960	Santino Anthony Genova	
WWL014961	Jordan Davoll	
WWL014962	Kaitlin Wilson Gibson	

Gil Shearouse moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to ratify the licenses issued between meetings by application and reinstatement that were issued in accordance with Board Rules and Policies.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Gil Shearouse moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:03 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(h) and 43-51, for the purpose of reviewing applications, complaints, and hearing the Attorney General's report.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Margaret Doss, Chair, declared the meeting to be "open" at 10:22 a.m. pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq.

OPEN SESSION:

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

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Applications:

3015219 – Robert Andrew Moore – Wastewater Operator Class II – Approved.

3018099 – C.A.L. – Water Operator Class III – Approve with a letter of reservation regarding pending criminal charges.

3028018 - Charles Thomas Hale - Water Operator Class I - Approved.

3027739 – J.S. – Water Operator Class II – Approve with Public Consent Order to include probation to run concurrent with criminal probation.

3019155 - Gregory Robert Hodapp - Water Operator Class I - Approved.

3030648 - O.G. - Water Operator Class III - Table - Needs to complete coursework and retake exam.

Attorney General's Report:

The Board reviewed and accepted the Attorney General's report, which included information on any cases referred for action or requests for advice.

Continuing Education:

Debbie Wright moved, Kartik Bhatt seconded, and the motion was carried by the Board to accept the Continuing Education Committee's recommendations as follows:

Continuing Education Applications and Results:

Program Provider/Sponsor	Course Title / Notes	Results / Points	
Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc	Phase 1 Compliance & Reporting Operator Course Application – Lecture	6 W/WW	
Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc	Module 1 Operator Course – Online/Correspondence	1 W/WW	
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Water Security Division	Tips to Prepare for and Respond to Supply Chain Challenges – Webinar	1 MS	
American Water Works Association	2022 Annual Conference and Exposition – Lecture	Approve for 12 W pending receipt of corrected application.	
American Water Works Association	2022 Pre-Conference Workshop – Lecture	Approve for 6 W pending receipt of corrected application.	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	GAWP Frontline Development: Diversity – Lecture	Deny – Not eligible for renewal. Needs to be submitted for initial approval.	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	GAWP Frontline Development: Conflict Management - Lecture	Deny – Not eligible for renewal. Needs to be submitted for initial approval.	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	GAWP Frontline Development: Time Management – Lecture	Deny – Not eligible for renewal. Needs to be submitted for initial approval. Deny – Not eligible for renewal. Needs to be submitted for initial approval.	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	GAWP Frontline Development: Communication – Lecture		
Krebs Engineering, Inc	Construction Contract Generation and Interpretation: Dissecting and Digesting the Contract General Conditions – Lecture	1 MS	
Krebs Engineering, Inc	Risk and Resilience: A Firsthand Account at a Water Treatment Plant – Lecture	1 MS	
Environmental Business Specialists	Industrial Wastewater Treatment – Workshop	6 WW	
Padgett Risk Consultants LLC	Competent Person Excavations – Lecture	6 MS	

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UF TREEO	Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations Class C & B Training Course-Online – Online	12 WW	
Georgia Rural Water Association	Emerging Contaminants Impacting Water & Wastewater Treatment – Workshop	4 W/WW	
Georgia Rural Water Association	New and Proposed Drinking Water Regs Update – Webinar	6 W	
Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc	Module 2 Operator Course – Online	Deny – Does not meet minimum requirements for length of course.	
Clayton County Water Authority	Competent Person Confined Space Entry Training – Lecture, Workshop, Instructive Tour	6 MS	
DdM Professionals LLC	Class II Wastewater Exam Refresher – Live Webinar	6 WW	
WaterOperator.org	Groundwater and Well Care for Public Water Systems - Online	1 W	

OTHER BUSINESS:

Docketed Orders:

Gil Shearouse moved, Kartik Bhatt seconded, and the Board voted to accept the docketed order as presented:

Type	Name	License #	Docket #	City
Consent Agreement	Robert Wayne Odister	W2-015407	2022-0724	Blythe

Petition for Rule Variance

Taylor Jones – Variance of Rule 750-3-.04(b) requiring applicants for initial certification to have completed Board approved courses prior to taking the examination. Gil Shearouse moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to deny the petition as it did not demonstrate compelling rationale that strict application of the rule would create a unique, substantial hardship to the petitioner.

Education Requirement Discussion

Education providers GAWP, GWWI, and GRWA submitted requests that the Board consider allowing nine-hour instructional days for Basic and Advanced Courses, specifically the 27-hour Basic course. The Board noted that they were unaware of any law or Board Rule preventing nine-hour instructional days but noted that they would continue to review the course applications on a case by case basis.

Groundwater Exam Development Committee

Margaret Doss updated the Board that the Groundwater Exam Development Committee is planned to meet on August 5th to continue work to develop the exam for the new certification sub-category.

There being no further business, Margaret Doss, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

The next meeting of the Georgia Board of Examiners for Certification of Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts will be held on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Kristin Mitchell, Board Support Specialist Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brad Coman, Executive Director

Minutes approved on: August 17, 2022

Brad Coman, Executive Direct