

**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 *

Members Absent:

Kim Hembree

**via teleconference*

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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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.
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	GAWP Frontline Development: Communication – Lecture	Deny – Not eligible for renewal. Needs to be submitted for initial approval.
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


Margaret Doss, Chair


Brad Coman, Executive Direct