

**Georgia State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water & Wastewater Treatment
Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts
Board Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2022
Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA 31217**

Members Present:

Margaret Doss, Chair *
Kenny Green, Vice-Chair *
Debbie Wright
Gil Shearouse
Kim Hembree *

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:

Kartik Bhatt

* *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 10:03 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:

Kim Hembree moved, Gil Shearouse seconded, and the Board voted to approve the October 19, 2022 Agenda.

Minutes:

Gil Shearouse moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted to approve the August 17, 2022 Board Meeting’s Open Session and Executive Session minutes and the September 16, 2022 Exam Development Committee Meeting Minutes.

Ratification List:

Licenses Issued through 8/15/2022 – 10/16/2022 (Total – 130):

License #	Licensee
W1-014967	Allen Jackson Fincher
W1-014968	Lucinda Renee Jones
W1-014969	Dalton Noah Cannon
W1-014970	Matthew Heath Partin
W1-014971	Jay Calvin Wood
W2-015424	Justin Emory Allen
W2-015425	Christian Alexander Shellabarger
W2-015426	Charles Richard Wilson
W2-015427	Aaron Matthias Zimmerman
W2-015428	Jamaal Hawkins
W2-015429	James Lawrence Giles
W2-015430	Emsud Gredejl
W2-015431	Kruti Nandkishor Shah
W3-017021	Joshua Van Horn
W3-017022	Jonathan Michael Barnes

License #	Licensee
W3-017023	William Edward Zieburzt
W3-017024	Burton Wesley Ayres, Jr
W3-017025	Aimee Corrinne Andrews
W3-017026	Buffie Anetra Johnson
W3-017027	Landon McVey Bartlett
W3-017028	Meagan M Lennon
W3-017029	Laura Hicks
W3-017030	Bryan Foley
W3-017031	Paul Muller
W3-017032	Kelly Harbuck
W3-017033	Leonard Chisholm, Jr
W3-017034	Benjamin Fletcher Edwards
W3-017035	Stephen Wade Harbin
W3-017036	Alison Prem
W4-002858	Kristopher Justin Wiley

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W4-002859	Jeffrey Alan Patterson
W4-002860	Trandam Lamar Tittle
W4-002861	William Cory Oppelt, Jr
WD016994	Dakota Brance Grizzle
WD016995	Ricky Dean Grizzle
WD016996	Richard Deodrick Sims
WD016997	Michael Lamar Miles
WD016998	Christopher Glenn Johnson
WD016999	Jonathan Roberto Anell
WD017000	Susan Elizabeth Horne Page
WD017001	Mark Andrew Carnes
WD017002	Larry Isaiah Welch
WD017003	Jeremy Dean VanWinkle
WD017004	Fernando Guadalupe
WD017005	Curtis M Ford, Sr.
WD017006	Clay Allen Moss
WD017007	Larry Phillip Hunter
WD017008	James Dakota Owens
WD017009	Theron Logan Griner
WD017010	Douglas Alan King
WD017011	Raymond Anthony Palcher
WD017012	Matthew Ryan Fitzgerald
WD017013	Zachery David Bowling
WD017014	Thomas Mark Smith
WD017015	Brendan Eric Regan
WD017016	William Virgil Holloway
WD017017	Harry Christopher Davis
WD017018	Justin Allen Shattles
WD017019	William Larry Williams, Jr
WL014766	Leanna Jones Leach
WL014768	Kiara Collins
WL014769	Joseph Aaron Long
WL014770	Preston Goode Robinson
WW1-015380	Thomas Van Bergen
WW1-015381	Kenneth Joseph Keisel
WW1-015382	Erik Lamar Henson
WW1-015383	Brandon Trenton Hughes

License #	Licensee
WW1-015384	Seth O'Brien Pitts
WW2-015582	Seth O'Brien Pitts
WW2-015583	Justin Smith
WW2-015584	John Mitchel Kennington
WW2-015585	Ashley Elizabeth Quick Rusnak
WW2-015586	Christopher Shane Segars
WW3-018275	David Bert Grantham
WW3-018276	Nathan Sayer
WW3-018277	Myles Addison Bramlett
WW3-018278	Brandon Michael Ales
WW3-018279	Taylor James Jones
WW3-018280	Jonathan Edward Byrd
WW3-018281	Aaron Franklin Millican
WW3-018282	Stephen Michael Jewell
WW3-018283	Chandler Johnson
WW3-018284	Ricky Johnson, Jr.
WW3-018285	Tyler Hugh Pollard
WW3-018286	Jason Alan Hester
WW3-018287	Wyatt Justin Franklin
WW3-018288	Fabricio Rafael Rincones
WW3-018289	Colton Levi Surman
WW3-018290	Danny Allen McPherson
WW3-018291	Matthew Charles Minter
WW3-018292	Nathaniel Lee Dorton
WW4-000216	Derek D Burnett
WWC033719	Bradley Fuller
WWC033720	Thomas Michael Rippy
WWC033721	Jarad James Drury
WWC033722	Steven William Jackson
WWC033723	Japelyn Ameche Wilson
WWC033724	Darshaun Montego Johnson
WWC033725	Austin Blake Chaffin
WWC033726	Marvin H Brown
WWC033728	Ryder Hart
WWC033729	Raymond Anthony Palcher
WWC033730	Darrin Transou
WWC033731	Kyle Reece

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WWC033732	Joseph Cleveland Ellison
WWC033733	Larry Jerome Floyd
WWC033734	Jason Levon Goodloe
WWC033735	Jeffery Allen Carroll
WWC033736	Matthew Kelly, Sr.
WWC033737	Landon Heath Kines
WWC033738	Jesse Antoine
WWC033739	Randy Lamar Guy
WWC033740	Nathan Skyler Howard
WWC033741	Rodaine Antonio Mullings
WWC033742	Joseph Chad Orr
WWC033743	Reginal Wayne Hanton
WWC033744	Emmanuel Lamar McBurnett

License #	Licensee
WWID032281	James David Gutierrez
WWID032282	Susan Jane Slaughter
WWID032283	Billy Justin Freeman
WWID032284	Joshua Berris
WWID032285	Julio Gregorio Jerezano Hernandez
WWID032286	Jay Patrick Sullivan
WWID032287	Matthew Alan Frentz
WWID032288	Jake Seres
WWL014965	Trent Allen Williams
WWL014966	Marlayzha Lafaye Griffin
WWL014967	Robert William Reading
WWL014968	Charlie Luther Hester
WWL014969	Cade Appleby Lancaster

Kim Hembree moved, Gil Shearouse 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 10:05 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 10:35 a.m. pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq.

OPEN SESSION:

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

Applications:

3031654 – H.F.B. – Water Distribution Operator – Approved with Public Consent Order to include probation to run concurrent with criminal probation.

3036899 – Alfonso Rodriquez, Jr. – Wastewater Operator Class III – Approved

3041751 – Donald James Owen, Jr. – Water Distribution Operator – Approved.

3044293 – R.C.R. – Water Distribution Operator – Denied – Lack of experience.

3017171 – Dwight David Wyatt, Sr. – Wastewater Collection System Operator – Approved.

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3042764 – L.J.M.M. – Wastewater Operator Class III – Table – Does not qualify for Class III, may reapply for Class IV.

3038106 – D.B.M. - Water Distribution Operator – Denied – Lack of experience.

3043279 – O.A.S. - Wastewater Operator Class I – Approve with Letter of Concern for failure to disclose arrest on renewal application.

3050190 – Ryan Barry - Water Distribution Operator – Approved.

3047615 – Caleb Anthony Jones - Wastewater Operator Class III – Approved.

3052853 – J.G.S. - Wastewater Operator Class I – Approved with Public Consent Order to include probation to run concurrent with criminal probation.

Complaints:

WW220006 – Close – No jurisdiction.

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:

Kenny Green moved, Kim Hembree 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	Module 3 Operator Course - Online	1 W/WW
At Your Pace Online	Pumps Part 1 – Online	2 W/WW
At Your Pace Online	Pumps Part 2 – Online	2 W/WW
At Your Pace Online	Piping Systems Part 1 – Online	2 W/WW
At Your Pace Online	Piping Systems Part 2 – Online	2 W/WW
At Your Pace Online	Introduction to Water Technology – Online	2 W/WW
At Your Pace Online	Wastewater Treatment Processes – Online	2 WW
At Your Pace Online	Maintaining Wastewater Equipment – Online	2 WW
At Your Pace Online	Pump Installation and Overhaul – Online	1 W/WW
At Your Pace Online	Valve Maintenance and Selection – Online	1 W/WW
At Your Pace Online	Water Utility Management – Online	2 MS
At Your Pace Online	Electrical Safety (NFPA 70E 2021) – Online	2 MS
American Water Works Association	OpShow: Practical Ideas for Water & Wastewater Operations – Live Webinar	12 W
Electrical and Hydraulic Solutions LLC	Electrical Basics and Troubleshooting for Non-Electricians	6 W/WW
Environmental Business Specialists	Industrial Wastewater Activated Sludge - Lecture	12 WW
Environmental Business Specialists	Industrial Wastewater Aerated Stabilization Basin - Lecture	12 WW
IB Environmental	2022 Funders’ Forum Workshop: Accessing Funds for Water Projects - Workshop	6 MS
Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority	Developing a Water Loss Control Plan - Workshop	2 W

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Water Environment Federation (WEF)	WEFTEC 2022 - WEF's 95th Annual Technical Exhibition and Conference - Lecture, Workshop, Instructive Tour	12 WW
Environmental Leverage Inc	Biological Wastewater Process Control Seminar - Lecture, Workshop	12 WW
Dalton Utilities	Activated Sludge: Equipment & Facilities – 2 WW – Online	2 WW
Dalton Utilities	Activated Sludge: Process Control – Online	2 WW
Dalton Utilities	Activated Sludge: Process Overview – Online	2 WW
Dalton Utilities	Activated Sludge: Safety Considerations – Online	2 WW
Dalton Utilities	Activated Sludge: Sampling, Analysis and Data Management – Online	2 WW
Dalton Utilities	Activated Sludge: Troubleshooting – Online	2 WW
Dalton Utilities	Basic Water Treatment Module 1 – Online	2 W
Dalton Utilities	Basic Water Treatment Module 2 – Online	2 W
Dalton Utilities	Basic Water Treatment Module 3 – Online	2 W
Dalton Utilities	Basic Water Treatment Module 4 – Online	4 W
Dalton Utilities	Basic Water Treatment Module 5 – Online	2 W
Dalton Utilities	Defensive Driving Course – Online	2 MS
Dalton Utilities	NSC Defensive Driving Course – Lecture	6 MS
Dalton Utilities	NSC First Aid, CPR & AED (Blended – part 1 of 2) – Online	2 MS
Dalton Utilities	NSC First Aid, CPR & AED (Blended – part 2 of 2) – Instructive Tour	1 MS
Dalton Utilities	NSC First Aid, CPR & AED – Lecture	5 MS
DdM Professionals LLC	Fundamentals of Thickening - Gravity & Gravity Belt – Live Webinar	6 W/WW
DdM Professionals LLC	Fundamentals of Taste & Odor Control – Live Webinar	6 W
DdM Professionals LLC	Fundamentals of Thickening - Centrifuge & Rotary Drum – Live Webinar	6 W/WW
DdM Professionals LLC	Fundamentals of Polymer Makeup Systems – Live Webinar	6 W/WW
DdM Professionals LLC	Fundamentals of Dewatering: Centrifuge & Belt Filter Press – Live Webinar	6 W/WW
DdM Professionals LLC	Fundamentals of Dewatering: Screw & Rotary Presses – Live Webinar	6 W/WW
DdM Professionals LLC	Fundamentals of Aeration Systems – Live Webinar	6 WW
DdM Professionals LLC	Fundamentals of Wastewater Sampling – Live Webinar	6 WW
DdM Professionals LLC	Fundamentals of Membrane Filtration Treatment – Live Webinar	6 W
DdM Professionals LLC	Fundamentals of Iron & Manganese Control – Live Webinar	6 W
Georgia Rural Water Association	Packaged Treatment for Surface Water - Workshop	6 W
Georgia Rural Water Association	The Lead and Copper Rule Revisions: A Comprehensive Guide - Online	3 W

OTHER BUSINESS:

Docketed Orders:

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

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Type	Name	Application / License #	Docket #	City
Consent Agreement	Justin Smith	3035368	2022-1298	Sylvester
Consent Agreement	Clay Allen Moss	3020566	2022-1315	Dawsonville

Certificates of Active Supervision:

The Board reviewed approved Certificates of Active Supervision from the Governor for Amendments to Board Rules 750-3-.03, 750-3-.04, 750-5-.01, 750-6-.02, Fee Schedule (750-6-.04), 750-7-.01, and 750-7-.02.

WPI Job Task Analysis:

The Board reviewed correspondence from Water Professionals International (WPI) about a job task analysis that they are requesting that certificate holders complete to ensure standardized examinations remain current and relevant for the industry. On October 10, 2022, Board staff sent an email, with information about the job task analysis and instructions on how to complete, to all Water Operators Classes I-IV, Wastewater Operators Classes I-IV, Water Distribution Operators, and Wastewater Collection System Operators. The survey must be completed by 10/31/22.

Exam Pass Rates:

Rick Jeffares and Jay Matthews from Georgia Rural Water Association (GRWA) appeared before the Board requesting to discuss exam pass rates, specifically for Wastewater Operator Class III. The Board discussed the Job Task Analysis that was recently sent out and asked that Mr. Jeffares and Mr. Matthews encourage their members to complete the survey as the surveys are used to update exams to better ensure that the exams are current and relevant to the duties performed by operators. The Board discussed that the exams offered are national exams not developed by this Board, as well as that the requirements to obtain certification in Georgia, in terms of experience and training, are lesser than the requirements in most other states comparatively. The Board also discussed the ongoing process for creating the new Groundwater Operator Class III subclassification.

2023 Proposed Meeting Dates:

The Board unanimously voted to approve the following meeting dates for 2023:

- February 15, 2023 (in-person)
- April 26, 2023 (teleconference)
- June 21, 2023 (teleconference)
- August 23, 2023 (in-person)
- October 18, 2023 (teleconference)
- December 6, 2023 (teleconference)

Proposed Education Providers Application and Fee Schedule:

The Board reviewed and discussed the updates to Education Provider applications to be rolled out once the required fee is in effect, as well as the updated Fee Schedule to reflect this change. The Board unanimously approved the updated applications and fee schedule.

There being no further business, Margaret Doss, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

The next meeting of the Georgia Board of Examiners for Certification of Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators & Laboratory Analysts will be held on Wednesday, December 15, 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: December 15, 2022


Margaret Doss, Chair


Brad Coman, Executive Director