

**Georgia State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water & Wastewater Treatment
Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts
Teleconference Board Meeting Minutes – December 15, 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
- 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

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 10:01 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:

Gil Shearouse moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted to approve the December 15, 2022 Agenda.

Minutes:

Kartik Bhatt moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted to approve the October 19, 2022 Board Meeting’s Open Session and Executive Session minutes.

Ratification List:

Licenses Issued through 10/17/2022 – 12/11/2022 (Total – 142):

License #	Licensee
W1-014972	Roy Dean Herren
W1-014973	Andrew Michael Acosta
W1-014974	Clayton Allen Brown
W1-014975	Jill Anne Russell
W1-014976	Christian Alexander Shellabarger
W2-015432	Brittney Standridge
W2-015433	Fearon Fred Williams
W2-015434	William Thomas Word
W2-015435	Ernest Alfonzo Fennell
W2-015436	Patrick Haddad
W2-015437	Justin Tyler Chipman
W2-015438	Kenneth Wayne Barber
W2-015439	Dale Thomas Ellis
W2-015440	Christopher Nathan Clay
W2-015441	Michael Dewayne Rawlings
W3-017037	Michael Woods

License #	Licensee
W3-017038	Robby L Drawdy
W3-017039	Victoria Danielle Ramsey
W3-017040	Trevis Randall Deal
W3-017041	Halie Renee Moseley
W3-017042	Paige McQuown
W3-017043	Steven W Franklin
W3-017044	Angelina Yvonne Vega
W3-017045	James Kyle Spooner
W3-017046	Steven Allen
W3-017047	Robert Ian St James
W3-017048	Robert Eugene Goble, III
W3-017049	Michael David Singleton
W3-017050	Ethan Alexander Turner
W3-017051	Hamza Javed
W3-017052	Gregory Coley
W4-002862	Terry Daniel Sowell

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W4-002863	Johnson Charles Bergh
W4-002864	Carl Randell Carpenter
W4-002865	James Allen Jordan
W4-002866	Crystal Jarrard
W4-002867	Cole C Moody
WD017020	Benjamin Thomas Towns
WD017021	Donald James Owen, Jr.
WD017022	Ryan Barry
WD017023	Clinton W Harbin
WD017024	James Daniel Hall
WD017025	John A Davis
WD017026	Jonathan Maurice Taylor
WD017027	Kyle Emmanuelle Moya-Fonseca
WD017028	Portia Bediako Gyamfi
WD017029	Horatio Frederick Bell
WD017030	Raymond Gerald Stowe, Jr.
WD017031	Mark Paul Nooks, Sr.
WD017032	Brandon Steve Wingo
WD017033	Matthew Kelly, Sr.
WD017034	Joshua Elia Osburn
WD017035	Mason Aaron Steadham
WD017036	Justin Lee Bailey
WD017037	Maximillian Alexander Bridgens
WD017038	Nicholas Cornell Daniel
WD017039	Jarrod Deshon Thomas
WD017040	Owen James Kelleher
WD017041	Corey Craig Mize
WD017042	Gerald Wayne Wells, Jr
WD017043	Thomas Paul Sills
WD017044	James Cox
WL014771	Augustus Vershawn Murray
WL014772	Kirsten Walsh
WL014773	Tommy Ray Carl
WL014774	James Dakota Owens
WL014775	Sheri Welsh
WL014776	Ernest Alfonzo Fennell
WL014777	Santino Anthony Genova

License #	Licensee
WL014778	Mark Walker
WL014779	Constance Spain Nelms
WL014780	Ryan Christopher Brinson
WW1-015385	Omari Akida Smalls
WW1-015386	Brandon Stanley
WW1-015387	Jeffrey Allen Felker
WW1-015388	Christopher Shane Segars
WW1-015389	Webster Lee Williams, Jr
WW1-015390	Justin Smith
WW1-015391	Jason Edward Ludlow
WW1-015392	Brandon Norio Rucker
WW1-015393	Clifford Xavier Brown
WW1-015394	Terry Ray Pike, Jr
WW2-015587	Jesse Howard Tibbitt, Jr.
WW2-015588	Juan Diego Garcia
WW2-015589	Alexander Ulysses Edwards
WW2-015590	Atanacio William Delacruz
WW3-018293	David Michael Hill
WW3-018294	Jeremy D Edgeworth
WW3-018295	Charlie Joe Burton
WW3-018296	Jerell Rivers
WW3-018297	Alfonso Rodriguez, Jr.
WW3-018298	Caleb Anthony Jones
WW3-018299	Thomas Jay Robinson
WW3-018300	Christina Nicole Barrows
WW3-018301	Dustin Kane Bailey
WW3-018302	David Todd Durham
WW3-018303	Santino Anthony Genova
WW3-018304	Jack Walker Richardson, Jr
WW3-018305	Jordan Williams
WW3-018306	Victoria Danielle Ramsey
WW3-018307	Brandon Renard Jones, I
WW3-018308	Rebecca Beasley
WW3-018309	Jordan Alexander Watkins
WW3-018310	David McGovern
WW3-018311	Franklynn Lloyd Shears
WW3-018312	Kenneth Michael Swearingen

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WW3-018313	Matthew Erickson
WW3-018314	Caylor Christopher Pratt
WW3-018315	Tyler Justice
WW3-018316	William Marion Nolan
WW3-018317	Christopher Michael Pounds
WW3-018318	William Neal Arnold
WW3-018319	Kenneth David Dreisbach
WW4-000217	Ben Tyler Berryhill
WWC033745	Fernando Guadalupe
WWC033746	Ricky Erwin
WWC033747	Dwight David Wyatt, Sr.
WWC033748	Ricky Brian Harness
WWC033749	Raymond Lewis
WWC033750	Brittany Akins
WWC033751	Corey Thomas Poythress
WWC033752	Ozell Hayes, III
WWC033753	Steven David Swinney
WWC033754	Jimmy Paul Eaves

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WWC033755	Brandon Lamar Newton
WWC033756	Mitchell Blake Berry
WWC033757	Thomas Paul Sills
WWID032289	Brandon Michael LaVey
WWID032290	Jeremiah Wayne Gosdin
WWID032291	Victor Manuel Gutierrez Abundis
WWL014970	Matthew Scott
WWL014971	Mickey Bryan Bell
WWL014972	Donald Lee Sorrells
WWL014973	James Curtis Chapman
WWL014974	Justin Blake Hall
WWL014975	Taylor James Jones
WWL014976	Joseph Eli Dutton
WWL014977	Edward Strohl
WWL014978	James Jasper Wingo, Jr
WWL014979	Zackery Lee Porter
WWL014980	Kristen Chaim Donahue
WWL014981	Austin Timothy Duncan

Kenny Green 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, Kenny Green seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:02 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(h) and 43-51, for the purpose of reviewing applications and hearing the Attorney General’s report.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Margaret Doss, Chair, declared the meeting to be “open” at 10:05 a.m. pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq.

OPEN SESSION:

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

Applications:

3052847 – Kenneth Lee Reaves, Jr. – Wastewater Operator Class III – Approved.

3043902 – Kentrell Deon Walker – Wastewater Collection System Operator – Approved.

3062014 – Frankie Lynch – Water Distribution Operator – Approved.

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3060661 – J.A.H. – Request for testing accommodations for application for Wastewater Collection System Operator – Approved.

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:

Kartik Bhatt moved, Debbie Wright 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
Veolia North America	Collection System Basic Math - Online	1 WW
Veolia North America	Collection System Equipment O&M - Online	3 WW
Veolia North America	Collection System Hydraulics - Online	1WW
Veolia North America	Collection System Lift Station O&M - Online	2 WW
Veolia North America	Collection System Math - Online	1 WW
Veolia North America	Collection System Monitoring, Evaluation & Adjustment - Online	1 WW
Veolia North America	Collection System Operation, Maintenance & Restoration - Online	2 WW
Veolia North America	Collection System Pumps & Motors - Online	2 WW
Veolia North America	Collection System Safety, Security & Administrative Procedures - Online	2 MS
Veolia North America	Introduction to Wastewater Treatment - Online	2 WW
Veolia North America	Wastewater Activated Sludge Process - Online	5 WW
Veolia North America	Wastewater Biological Treatment - Online	1 WW
Veolia North America	Wastewater Characteristics - Online	1 WW
Veolia North America	Wastewater Fixed Film Treatment - Online	4 WW
Veolia North America	Wastewater A Nutrient Removal - Online	3 WW
Veolia North America	Wastewater Preliminary Treatment - Online	2 WW
Veolia North America	Wastewater Primary Treatment - Online	3 WW
Veolia North America	Wastewater Treatment Basic Math - Online	1 WW
Veolia North America	Wastewater Treatment Disinfection - Online	6 WW
Veolia North America	Wastewater Treatment Math & Theory - Online	2 WW
Veolia North America	Wastewater Treatment Ponds - Online	3 WW
Veolia North America	Wastewater Solids Process Review - Online	1 WW
Veolia North America	Water Distribution Administrative Procedures & Public Interaction - Online	1 MS
Veolia North America	Water Distribution Basic Math Concepts - Online	1 W
Veolia North America	Water Distribution Chemical Application (Part A & B) - Online	4 W
Veolia North America	Water Distribution Hydraulics - Online	1 W
Veolia North America	Introduction to Water Distribution - Online	2 W
Veolia North America	Water Distribution Math - Online	1 W
Veolia North America	Water Distribution Meters & Gauges - Online	1 W
Veolia North America	Water Distribution Piping - Online	1 W

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Veolia North America	Water Distribution Pumps & Motors - Online	2 W
Veolia North America	Water Distribution Safety & Security - Online	2 MS
Veolia North America	Water Distribution System Components - Online	4 W
Underground Solutions, Inc	General Capabilities Fusible PVC & Flexible Fabric Reinforced Pipe - Lecture	1 WW
Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc	Module 4 Operator Course - Online	1 MS
Prime Power Services Inc	The Fundamentals of Power Generation – Lecture	2 MS
Prime Power Services Inc	Electrical Safety – Lecture	2 MS
Prime Power Services Inc	Generator Triage – Lecture	2 MS
Prime Power Services Inc	Interpreting Fuel, Oil, and Coolant - Lecture	2 MS
U.S. EPA Water Infrastructure and Cybersecurity Resilience Division (WICRD)	Very Small Drinking Water and Wastewater System Resilience CEU Program – Lecture	3 W/WW
Dekalb County Government Department of Watershed Management	Dekalb County Department of Watershed Management Water Wastewater Interactive Expo - Workshop	3 W/WW

OTHER BUSINESS:

Docketed Orders:

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

Type	Name	Application / License #	Docket #	City
Consent Agreement	Horatio Bell	3031654	2022-1559	Buchanan
Consent Agreement	Justin Smith	3052853	2022-1633	Sylvester

WPI Testing Proposal:

At the October 19, 2022 meeting the Board met with representatives from GRWA and heard their concerns about exam pass rates. The Board asked that staff reach out to WPI to inquire about other methods for administering the exam (paper, web-based, etc.). The Board reviewed the proposal from WPI, which included information on required infrastructure, security, pricing, and benefits. The Board unanimously voted to schedule a time at the Board’s February 15, 2023 meeting for WPI to give a presentation on web-based testing.

There being no further business, Margaret Doss, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 11:53 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, February 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

Minutes recorded by: Kristin Mitchell, Board Support Specialist
 Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brad Coman, Executive Director
 Minutes approved on: February 15, 2023.


 Margaret Doss, Chair


 Brad Coman, Executive Director