

**Georgia State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water & Wastewater Treatment
Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts
Board Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2023
Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA 31217**

Members Present:

- Margaret Doss, Chair *
- Gil Shearouse
- Debbie Wright
- Kartik Bhatt
- 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:

- Kenny Green, Vice Chair

* *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 10:00 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 February 15, 2023 Agenda.

Minutes:

Kartik Bhatt moved, Gil Shearouse seconded, and the Board voted to approve the December 15, 2022 Board Meeting’s Open Session and Executive Session minutes.

Ratification List:

Licenses Issued through 12/12/2022 – 2/12/2023 (Total – 126):

License #	Licensee
W1-014977	Zachary Tristan Yawn
W1-014978	Eric Samuel Duncan
W1-014979	Matthew Benjamin Joyce
W2-015442	Caleb Coker King
W2-015443	Kenneth Jordan Bailey
W2-015444	Devonna Fitten
W2-015445	Jacob Deshun Cranford
W2-015446	Lauren Megan Ochoa
W3-017053	Trace Mitchell Jeffers
W3-017054	Talisha Janee' Carnell
W3-017055	Arlie Weber
W3-017056	Joseph Andrew Ford
W3-017057	Timothy Napier Nelson
W3-017058	Jordan Darsey
W3-017059	Jarred Burch

License #	Licensee
W3-017060	Daniel Vazquez
W3-017061	Johnnie Lee Richardson, Jr.
W3-017062	Gregory Bryce Atcheson
W3-017063	Timothy Caylan Sallas
W3-017064	Dalton Milner
W3-017065	Cade Appleby Lancaster
W3-017066	Brian Mark Wightman
W3-017067	Joseph Daniel Hollingsworth
W3-017068	Alejandro Vila Rodriguez
W3-017069	Mark Victor Konick
W3-017070	Katie Lynn Mulkey
W3-017071	Miguel Angel Maztache, Jr
W3-017072	Joshua M Williams
W3-017073	Oscar Gonzalez
W3-017074	Desham Keith Alves

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W3-017075	Benjamin East
W3-017076	Shelby Nicole Martin
W3-017077	Conner Lee Hill
W3-017078	Caleb Lee Hefner
W3-017079	Matthew Lee Halsup
W3-017080	Tenorazel Estelle La'Rue Williams
W3-017081	Sarah Kay Key
W3-017082	Hollie Stager
W4-002868	Jackson Randall Parham
W4-002869	William Edward Hawthorne
W4-002870	Christopher Judson Waters
W4-002871	Ricky Jamison Smolik
W4-002872	Richard Daughtry
W4-002873	Katherine Kelly Moody
W4-002874	Morgan Leigh Willett
W4-002875	Conner Andrew Thomas
WD017045	William Joseph Overby
WD017046	Frankie Lynch
WD017047	Tristan Elijah Boone
WD017048	Zachary Brooks Byrd
WD017049	Jonathan Taylor Massey
WD017050	Brandon Phillip Stark
WD017051	Jeremiah Daniel Owensby
WD017052	Chadell Taylor
WD017053	Andrew Jason Schmieder
WD017054	Rodriquez Deterrio Jones
WD017055	Austin Blake Chaffin
WD017056	Preston Lane McClure
WD017057	Adam Ruark
WD017058	Jeremy Edward Harris
WD017059	Matthew Steven Scroggins
WD017060	Scott Jason McDougald
WD017061	William Henry King, III
WD017062	Charles Andrew Willoughby, III
WD017063	Robert Ingram
WL014781	Kelly Renea Jackson
WL014782	Antonio Jones

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WL014783	James Andrew Jackson
WL014784	Karlee Elizabeth Beech
WL014785	Caleb Lee Hefner
WW1-015395	Juan Diego Garcia
WW1-015396	Jordan Dean Collins
WW1-015397	Jonathan Joseph Heyland
WW1-015398	Alex Paul Barlow
WW2-015591	Kevin Tyler Gable
WW2-015592	Santino Anthony Genova
WW2-015593	Colson Luther Barnes
WW2-015594	Patryk Darrin McLaughlin
WW2-015595	Edward Dannsah Appiah, Jr
WW2-015596	Patrick O'niel Martin
WW2-015597	William Richards Kendrick, Jr.
WW2-015598	Austin Timothy Duncan
WW2-015599	Damien Kristian Rose
WW3-018320	Garry Carnell Purdie, Jr.
WW3-018321	Olivia Kathleen Bolling
WW3-018322	Kenneth Lee Reaves, Jr.
WW3-018323	Jeffery Wayne Cronic, Jr.
WW3-018324	Riley Nichols
WW3-018325	Justin Ryan Watson
WW3-018326	Adarion Tyree Robertson
WW3-018327	Robert Eugene Goble, III
WW3-018328	Kacie Greer
WW3-018329	Edward Charles Blake
WW3-018330	Cameron A Godfrey
WW3-018331	Richard Todd Wylie
WW3-018332	Tony Shane Hanley
WW3-018333	Charles Dennis Bradshaw, Jr.
WW3-018334	Stephen Michael Davis
WW3-018335	Robin Michael Tanaka Blitch
WW3-018336	Benjiro Marking Benson
WW3-018337	Austin Ryan Lorentzen
WW3-018338	Terrance Davontae Campbell
WW3-018339	David Andrew Williams
WW4-000218	Brandon Michael Rogers

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WWC033758	Vena Malinda Bacchus-Lynch
WWC033759	Julian Devonte Daggett
WWC033760	Anthony Guerra
WWC033761	John A Davis
WWC033762	Daniel T. Paulos
WWC033763	Brandon Stanley
WWC033764	Kentrell Deon Walker
WWC033765	Brandon Alexander Powell
WWC033766	Charles Andrew Willoughby, III
WWC033767	Samuel Isaac Banks
WWC033768	Robert Ingram
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License #	Licensee
WWC033769	Rasheedah Oliver
WWC033770	Larry Damon Jackson
WWC033771	Robert Gregory Pruitt
WWC033772	Kenneth Olmstead
WWID032292	Jasmine Lashae Harris
WWL014982	Matthew James Buffington
WWL014983	Cameron Christian Barber
WWL014984	Zachary Collin Crews
WWL014985	Madison Doty Crosby
WWL014986	Benjamin Michael Faulk
WWL014987	Jason Alan Hester

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.

CE Broker Presentation:

Catherine Como, Account Executive with CE Broker, presented to the Board, addressing the services that CE Broker provides, which would provide Board staff with a digital method to access CE documents, allow CE Providers a platform to submit completion records, and provide all licensees free accounts to digitally report, manage, monitor, and submit proof of CE completion in accordance with Board requirements for renewal. Kartik Bhatt moved, Gil Shearouse seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to proceed with implementing the use of CE Broker’s services.

WPI Presentation:

Tom Healy, Vice President of Water Professionals International (WPI), formerly Association of Boards of Certification (ABC), and WPI Senior Program Manager, Kelly McCord, met with the Board to present on remote proctoring and web-based testing options for the precertification exams required by the Board. Kartik Bhatt moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to pursue remote proctoring for all exams when available by WPI/PSI, which WPI anticipates will be later this year.

The Board, who currently uses the WPI Wastewater Operator and Water Operator 2 exams for the Board’s Class 3 certifications, also discussed forming two committees to review WPI’s Wastewater Operator 1 and 2 exams and Water Operator 1 and 2 exams in an effort to determine which exams would be most appropriate for Georgia applicants to be Class 3 Operators. Debbie Wright moved, Gil Shearouse seconded, and the Board unanimously voted for the Board chair to set committees to review both sets of exams.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Kim Hembree moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 12:30 p.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.

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At the conclusion of Executive Session, Margaret Doss, Chair, declared the meeting to be “open” at 12:36 p.m. pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq.

OPEN SESSION:

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

Applications:

3045511 – Nicholas Shay Horton – Wastewater Collections System Operator – Approve request to lift probation, and approve for Wastewater Collections System Operator certification.

3063004 / 3063005 – Edward C. Smith – Water Operator Class I and Wastewater Operator Class I by Endorsement – Approved.

3063230 – Rasheedah Oliver – Wastewater Collection System Operator – Approved.

3064299 – Joshua Laughlin – Water Laboratory Analyst – Approved.

3070168 / 3070171 – Douglas Edwin Lollis II – Wastewater Operator Class II and Wastewater Industrial Operator by Endorsement – Approved.

3067981 – R.W.O – Water Operator Class I – Approve with a Public Consent Agreement to include probation to run concurrent with criminal probation.

3075696 – Kruti Nandkishor Shah – Water Operator Class 1 – 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:

Kim Hembree 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
TPC Training	Water Distribution Operations – Lecture	12 W
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Smith and Loveless, Inc	Wet Well Mounted Lift Station Course – Workshop	2 WW
CEU Plan	Basic Time Management Skills for Utility Professionals – Online	1 MS
CEU Plan	Advanced - Time Management Techniques for Utility Supervisors – Online	1 MS
CEU Plan	Atomic Theory – Online	2 W/WW
CEU Plan	Atomic Bonding – Online	3 W/WW
CEU Plan	Safety and Chemical Basics – Online	2 W/WW
CEU Plan	Math Applications for Chemistry – Online	2 W/WW
CEU Plan	Hazardous Materials – Basic Need-to-Know for Water & Wastewater Operators – Online	4 W/WW

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Program Provider/Sponsor	Course Title / Notes	Results / Points
CEU Plan	Your Responsibilities with the Regulatory Agency – Online	1 W/WW
IB Environmental	Lead Service Lines: What's Required for Completing Your Inventory – Live Webinar	1 MS
IB Environmental	Tools for Locating & Managing Septic Systems Within Your Service Area – Live Webinar	1 MS
American Concrete Pipe Association	Wastewater Collection Systems - Field Pipe Fundamentals – Design, Installation, Inspection – Lecture	6 WW
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	PFAS Water Treatment Workshop – Lecture	6 W/WW
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	PFAS Water Treatment Workshop – Live Webinar	6 W/WW
Eco-Tech Inc	On-Site Hypochlorite Generation Operations and Benefits – Workshop	3 W/WW
Dekalb County Government, Department of Watershed Management	DC Department of Watershed Management Water Wastewater Interactive Expo s – Workshop	6 W/WW
Southern Ionics Inc	A Brief Overview of Wastewater Treatment – Lecture	1 WW
Southern Ionics Inc	PHOS-SORB and Aluminum Based Chemicals for Economical Phosphorus Capture –Lecture	1 WW

OTHER BUSINESS:

Board Election:

Gil Shearouse moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to re-elect Margaret Doss as Chair and Kenny Green as Vice Chair.

Class IIIG Update:

The Board discussed updates on the development of the new Class III Groundwater Operator subclass and precertification exam, as well as the precertification education requirements. Gil Shearouse moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to accept a 40-hour basic water course, to meet the course requirement for the Class III Groundwater Operator certification, through the end of the course renewal period of January 31, 2024. After which, the Board will reevaluate. Pursuant to Board Rule 750-3-.04(b), the Board intends to require a 40-hour basic groundwater operator course for this subclass once the courses have been developed and approved by the Board.

There being no further business, Margaret Doss, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.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, April 19, 2023, 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: April 19, 2023.


Margaret Doss, Chair


Brad Coman, Executive Director