



GA Works Licensing Commission

Initial Meeting
May 15, 2023



Agenda

Introductions

Adoption of Mission Statement and Goals

Discussion

Closing



Introduction

Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger

Director of the Professional Licensing Division
Gabriel Sterling

Representative Leesa Hagan

Representative Brian Prince

Representative Doug Stoner

Representative Steve Tarvin

Senator Mike Dugan

Senator Sheikh Rahman

Senator Sonya Halpern

Senator Larry Walker

Craig Knowles, Board of Massage Therapy

Tripp Mitchell, Board of Private Detectives

Chris Clark, Georgia Chamber of Commerce

Katie Kirkpatrick, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce

Bert Brantley, Savannah Chamber of Commerce





Mission Statement

*“The GA WORKS Licensing Commission
is focused on meeting the needs of a
growing state by reducing bureaucratic
barriers to employment.”*



Goals

- To hear public input about licensing barriers to the workforce.
- To learn about the growth of available jobs in the State of Georgia.
- To find ways to streamline the process for licensing.
- To get rid of unnecessary and redundant licensing requirements without reducing protections for public health, safety, and general welfare.





Current Challenges

- War for Talent
- Healthcare Industry Needs
- Dislocated Workers
- Military Barriers to Work
- Limitations for People with a Criminal Background
- Foreign Trained Professionals





Georgia PLB Licenses

- Current Active Licenses: 570,100
- New Licenses Issued FY23: 40,938
- Renewals Issued FY23: 228,333





Georgia PLB Licenses

From - To	30 days or less		Over 365 days	
March 2021	4733	12.6%	19822	52.8%
May 2023	5854	27.2%	647	3.2%

From - To	0-180 days		181- 365+ days	
March 2021	14506	38.7%	23003	61.3%
May 2023	14237	73.2%	5203	26.8%





Licenses in Georgia

Healthcare 1

Dietitian
Dispensing Opticians
Hearing Aid
Optometry
Prof. Coun./Soc. Work/Marriage
Psychology
Speech Pathology / Audiology

Healthcare 2

Athletic Trainers
Massage Therapy
Occupational Therapy
Physical Therapy
Podiatry
Veterinary Medicine

Healthcare 3

Lactation Consultants
Licensed Practical Nurses
Music Therapy
Registered Professional Nurse





Licenses in Georgia

Trades 1

Architect / Interior Designer

Chiropractic Examiners

Engineers / Land Surveyors

Forester

Geologists

Landscape Architects

Trades 2

Cosmetology and Barbers

Librarians

Used Motor Vehicle Dealer

Used Motor Vehicle Parts

Trades 3

Athlete Agent

Auctioneer Commission

Funeral Service

Long-Term Care Facility Admin

Priv Detective / Sec. Agency

Water/Wastewater Board





Licenses in Georgia

Trades 4

Conditioned Air

Electrical Contractor

Low Voltage

Plumbers

Utility

Residential/General Contractor

Section 8

Immigration Assistance

Trauma Scene Waste Management



Four Functional Areas to Implement Reform

Administrative

Joint Secretary
Rule

Licensing
Board Rule

Statute



New GOALS Rollout

Biggest Administrative change in 2 decades

GOALS: Georgia Online Application & Licensing System

Discovery began in Summer 2022

Three start dates: October 2023

December 2023

March 2024





Adjournment