

**Georgia State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water & Wastewater Treatment
Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts
Board Meeting Minutes – August 23, 2023
Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA 31217**

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

- Brad Coman, Executive Director
- Melanie Foster, Licensing Supervisor
- Kristin Mitchell, Board Support Specialist
- Anna Saxton, Licensing Analyst
- Max Changus, 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 10:03 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:

Gil Shearouse moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted to approve the August 23, 2023 Agenda.

Minutes:

Kim Hembree, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 5, 2023 Open Session and Executive Session minutes.

Ratification List:

Licenses Issued through 06/01/2023 – 08/20/2023 (Total – 200):

License #	Licensee
W1-014996	Anthony Bankole Babatunde
W1-014997	Jason Lee Alamo
W1-014998	Charles Richard Wilson
W1-014999	Augustus Vershawn Murray
W1-015000	Stephen Glenn Stubblefield
W1-015001	Antonio Jones
W1-015002	Robert Laurence Harris
W2-015464	Daniel Joseph Kohler
W2-015465	Connor Troy Head
W2-015466	Judy Kaye Caldwell
W2-015467	Vaughn C Bernard
W2-015468	Kimberly Lynn Murphy
W2-015469	Cory Schenck
W2-015470	Lee Robert Taylor
W2-015471	Clayton Isaac Gasaway

License #	Licensee
W2-015472	Bryan Alan McCarty
W3-017128	Michael Chant Bailey
W3-017129	William Lance Schewe
W3-017130	Jason Clark Nix
W3-017131	Glenn Ivison Conway
W3-017132	James Kent Hanchey
W3-017133	Carlinton Facey
W3-017134	Brandon Stanley
W3-017135	Anthony Jerome Cox
W3-017136	Victor Jerome Johnson
W3-017137	Michael Lloyd Byrd
W3-017138	Clayton Tate Pierce
W3-017139	Ahava Rakell Peters
W3-017140	Jordan Silvey
W3-017141	Cylas Wayne Thompson

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W3-017142	Lillian Christine Webb
W3-017143	David Lewis McLeroy, Sr.
W3-017144	Melvin Arthur Murphy, Jr
W3-017145	Cecil Kaleb Edwards
W3-017146	TerMarion Quintrelvious Hunt
W3-017147	Caleb Zimmerman
W3-017148	Lindsay Horne
W3-017149	Maiyah Travail Goolsby
W3-017150	Anson Derek Willingham
W3-017151	Tyler Lee English
W3-017152	Michael Charles Roper, Jr
W3-017153	Sarah Michelle Martin
W3-017154	Ana Harvil
W3-017155	Kawanis Lakethia Howell
W3-017156	Brian Todd Kelly
W3-017157	Joshua Charles Graddick
W3-017158	Clifton Christopher Kilgore
W4-002884	Drew Spence
W4-002885	Kevin William Rojas Oropel
W4-002886	Nicholas Gross
W4-002887	Cory Thomas Cowart
W4-002888	Deneil Shavon Jackson
W4-002889	David Schuette
W4-002890	Lillie Frances McCullough
W4-002891	James Isaac Sellers
WD017116	John William Chafin
WD017117	Gene N Beaver
WD017118	Wallace Tyler Herren
WD017119	David Cole Thompson
WD017120	Derrick Craig Johnson
WD017121	Zak Pate
WD017122	Carlinton Facey
WD017123	Mitchell Ray Perritt, Jr.
WD017124	Micah Isaiah Beavers
WD017125	Shondu Ashon Finch
WD017126	Brittany Akins
WD017127	Igor M Grinberg

License #	Licensee
WD017128	Ezekiel Lupin
WD017129	Matthew Douglas Wyatt
WD017130	Matthew Griffin
WD017131	Monica Glenn
WD017132	Claude Reaves
WD017133	Michael Scott Cook
WD017134	Marcus Huebner
WD017135	Thomas Michael Rippy
WD017136	James Kiser
WD017137	Johnny W Tolbert
WD017138	Virgil Lewis Willis, Jr.
WD017139	Christopher Clark Shook
WD017140	Jed William Smith
WL014807	Natalie Paige McEver
WL014808	Hetal Chaitanya Bhatt
WL014809	Brandon Stanley
WL014810	James Calvin Daniels
WL014811	Anthony Dewayne Baskin
WL014812	Jennifer Robin Lumley
WL014813	Tyricia Walker
WL014814	Halie Renee Moseley
WL014815	Ahava Rakell Peters
WL014816	Samantha Robyn Harris
WL014817	Joseph Lee Chastain
WL014818	Avery Nathanael Davis
WW1-015412	Timothy Brown
WW1-015413	Amanda Elaine Martin Akins
WW1-015414	John Cappelletti
WW1-015415	Jacob Ryan Forrister
WW1-015416	Mason Dylan Legendre
WW1-015417	Danielle Hines
WW1-015418	Hannah Ann Farmer
WW1-015419	William Richards Kendrick, Jr.
WW1-015420	Patryk Darrin McLaughlin
WW1-015421	Felix Joao Jovel
WW1-015422	Robert Krehl Whitney, Jr.
WW1-015423	Ronald D Leonard

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WW1-015424	Timothy Brett Howard
WW1-015425	Timothy William Pitts
WW2-015624	Matthew Charles Minter
WW2-015625	Richard Cole Gedig
WW2-015626	James Thomas McBurnett
WW2-015627	Kevin Ambrose
WW2-015628	Thomas Jordan Brown
WW2-015629	Jackson Kane Rivers
WW2-015630	Morgan Henry Ham
WW2-015631	Dawson Alexander Bullard
WW2-015632	Kayla Nicole Hansen
WW2-015633	Nickolus Hoeft
WW2-015634	Stephen M Howard
WW2-015635	Timothy Brett Howard
WW2-015636	Billy Trent Edmondson
WW2-015637	Robert Christopher King
WW2-015638	Kevin Jeffrey Barnett
WW2-015639	Kenzie Bond, Jr.
WW2-015640	Riley Nichols
WW2-015641	Jeffrey Andrew Phillips
WW2-015642	Sebastian Rafael Rincones Plaza
WW2-015643	Tyler Storey Crumley
WW3-018377	Hamza Javed
WW3-018378	Derrick Garrison Callihan
WW3-018379	Andrew Clark Crabbe
WW3-018380	Alton Haygood
WW3-018381	Kinsey Trey Savage
WW3-018382	Alejandro Vila Rodriguez
WW3-018383	Seth Broxton Herndon
WW3-018384	William Grant Nicholson
WW3-018385	Keyan Jay LaRiviere
WW3-018386	Jeremiah Cole Hurst
WW3-018387	Michael H McElroy
WW3-018388	Shelby Nicole Martin
WW3-018389	John Winton Jernigan
WW3-018390	David Bradford Amos
WW3-018391	Hunter James Kvistad

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WW3-018392	Austin Harry
WW3-018393	Joseph Henry Thigpen
WW3-018394	Justin Hodges
WW3-018395	Chelsea Layne Spivey
WW3-018396	Samuel Layton Wellborn
WW3-018397	Jonathan Whitlock
WW3-018398	John William Totty
WW3-018399	Scott Ryan Davis
WW4-000219	Joshua Van Horn
WWC033829	Freddy Moises Villamarin
WWC033830	Gerald Wayne Wells, Jr
WWC033831	Charles Ivey Watson, Jr.
WWC033832	Nathan Stewart
WWC033833	Jabril Yusuf Ahmed
WWC033834	Adam Terry Bruce
WWC033835	Claude Reaves
WWC033836	Austin South
WWC033837	Mckenzie Hitt
WWC033838	Michael Scott Cook
WWC033839	Christian Jevon Lee
WWC033840	Jeremy Dean VanWinkle
WWC033841	Alliden Buddy Hughes
WWC033842	Jonathan D Earp
WWC033843	Brain Andrew Gardner
WWC033844	Matthew Oliver Sullivan
WWC033845	James Kiser
WWC033846	Michael Woods
WWC033847	Leonardo Young
WWC033848	Daniel Jackson Smith
WWC033849	Jamie Coverson
WWC033850	Clarence Lavaughn Watson
WWC033851	Joshua Scott Scarborough
WWC033852	Joseph Kyle Burgess
WWC033853	William George England, Sr.
WWC033854	Branson Alan Garland
WWC033855	Deron Onasis Johnson
WWC033856	Done' Antonio Levi

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WWC033857	Darius Lamar Bowen-Lindley
WWC033858	Johnny W Tolbert
WWC033859	Edwin Antonio Adames
WWC033860	Matthew Avery Chini
WWC033861	John Staten Hughes
WWC033862	Austin Dewitt Doyle
WWID032298	Brian Keith Iler
WWID032299	Lillie Frances McCullough
WWID032300	Charles Calvin Haley
WWL014999	Terry Eugene Overby
WWL015000	Robert Eugene Goble, III

License #	Licensee
WWL015001	Shereka Maddox
WWL015002	David McGovern
WWL015003	Christopher James Primo
WWL015004	Jonathan Whitlock
WWL015005	Tyler Jalil Combs
WWL015006	Claire Page Carter
WWL015007	Matthew Steven Scroggins
WWL015008	Stephen Michael Jewell
WWL015009	Samantha Robyn Harris
WWL015010	Edwin Alcides Alvarado
WWL015011	Laura Wilder

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

Kim Hembree moved, Gil Shearouse 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 and hearing the Attorney General’s report.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Margaret Doss, Chair, declared the meeting to be “open” at 10:20 a.m. pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq.

OPEN SESSION

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

Applications:

2752379 – A.T.M. – Renewal of Water Operator Class III – Approve with a Public Consent Agreement to include probation to run concurrent with criminal probation.

3095223 – William Steven Nimmons Jr. – Water Laboratory Analyst – Approve education in lieu of coursework.

2685347 – Michael John Cuthbert – Renewal of Water Distribution Operator – Approved.

3103482 – Marlayzha Lafaye Griffin – Water Laboratory Analyst - Approve education in lieu of coursework.

2637414 – S.F.E. – Wastewater Collection System Operator – Approved with a Letter of Concern for unlicensed practice.

2619879 – Jamar Deante Slaughter – Renewal of Wastewater Operator Class III – 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.

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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
Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc	Module 6 Operator Course – Online	1 W
California State University, Sacramento – Office of Water Programs	Industrial Waste Treatment Volume 1A – Introduction, Safety, Waste Monitoring, and Preliminary Treatment – Correspondence Course	4 WW, 13.5 BAS WW Industrial. Basic Courses cannot receive partial credit – must complete parts A, B, and C to get full credit.
California State University, Sacramento – Office of Water Programs	Industrial Waste Treatment Volume 1B – Physical and Physical-Chemical Treatment and Treatment of Metal Waste streams – Correspondence Course	4 WW, 13.5 BAS WW Industrial. Basic Courses cannot receive partial credit – must complete parts A, B, and C to get full credit.
California State University, Sacramento – Office of Water Programs	Industrial Waste Treatment Volume 1C – Instrumentation and Control and Facility Maintenance – Correspondence Course	4 WW, 13.5 BAS WW Industrial. Basic Courses cannot receive partial credit – must complete parts A, B, and C to get full credit.
Slater Infrastructure Group, LLC	Industrial Wastewater Operator Training –Lecture	27 BAS WW Industrial
Krebs Engineering, Inc	How to Build an Asset Management Program – Lecture	1 W/WW
Krebs Engineering, Inc	Implementation of GAC Filtration to Remove PFAS – Lecture	1 W
The Water Tower	Basic Water and Wastewater Pump Maintenance – Lecture	6 W/WW
The Water Tower	Backflow Assembly Repair and Maintenance Training and Certification – Lecture	12 W/WW
The Water Tower	Introduction to Lift Station Maintenance – Lecture	6 WW
The Water Tower	Water Distributions System Pipes and Valves – Lecture	5 W
The Water Tower	Process Control of Advanced Waste Treatment Plants – Lecture	12WW / 12 ADV WW Operator
The Water Tower	Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester Training and Certification – Lecture	12 W/WW
The Water Tower	Activated Sludge Process Control and Troubleshooting – Lecture	12 WW / 24 ADV WW Operator
The Water Tower	Backflow Re-Certification Review – Lecture	6 W/WW
Eco - Tech	Control Valve Training – Lecture/Workshop	4 W/WW
Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc	Level 3 Wastewater Operator Course – Online	6 WW
IB Environmental	Lead Service Line Inventory & Replacement - Experience from the Great Lakes Area – Live Webinar	1 MS
IB Environmental	Tips on How to Communicate with Your Customers About PFAS & Lead Service Lines – Live Webinar	1 MS
IB Environmental	Technical Assistance Opportunities from the Environmental Finance Centers – Live Webinar	1 MS
IB Environmental	Ask the Funders: A Q&A Panel Discussion with Members of the GA Funders' Forum – Live Webinar	1 MS
120Water	Service Line Inventory Management and Reporting – Live Webinar	1 MS
Georgia Rural Community Assistance Program LLC	Wastewater Operator Training – Live Webinar	6 WW
The Water Tower	National Backflow Prevention Day Celebration – Workshop	5 W/WW

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Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	Safety First: Arc Flash State Submittal – Online	1 MS
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	Safety First: Hazard Communication – Online	1 MS
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	Safety First: Pipe and Street Saws – Online	1 MS
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	Safety First: Slips, Trips, and Falls – Online	1 MS
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	Confined Space State Submittal – Online	1 MS
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	Chemical Safety State Submittal – Online	1 MS
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	Basic Water Training – Online	12 W
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	PPE Personal Protective Equipment – Online	1 MS
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	Applied Math for Operators – Online	2 WW
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	Arc Flash Awareness – Online	1 MS
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	Basic Wastewater Treatment – Online	12 WW, 40 BAS WW
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	Bloodborne Pathogens – Online	2 MS
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	Confined Space Entry – Online	4 MS
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	Disinfection – Online	6 W
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	Excavation Safety Class – Online	2 MS
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	Eye Protection – Online	2 MS
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	Flagging – Lecture	2 MS
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	Defensive Driving – Lecture	3 MS
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	Hand Tool Safety – Online	2 MS
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	High Risk Electrical Safety – Online	1 MS
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	OSHA Hazardous Communication Standard – Online	4 MS
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	NFPA 70E Low Voltage Qualified Person – Online	2 WW
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	OSHA 10 HR Safety Training – Online	6 MS
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	Ozone in Wastewater – Online	3 WW
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	Ozone in Water – Online	3 W
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	Ozone Overview and Safety – Online	3 W/WW

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Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	Pump Theory – Online	12 W/WW
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	Water Distribution Operation and Maintenance – Online	12 W, 27 BAS WD
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	Collection System Operator – Online	12 WW, 27 BAS WWC
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	CPR & First Aid – Lecture	4 MS
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	Back Injury Awareness – Online	1 MS
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	Emergency Response and Security – Online	1 MS
Gwinnett County Department of Water Recourses	GA 811 – GUFPA – Online	1 MS
Douglasville-Douglas County Water and Sewer Authority	Water Distribution Fundamentals – Lecture	Approve 8 W/MS pending receipt of additional information. Gil Shearouse recused.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Docketed Orders:

Gil Shearouse moved, Kartik Bhatt seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following docketed order as presented:

Type	Name	Application / License #	Docket #	City
Consent Agreement	Deneil Jackson	3058145	2023-0668	Portal

WPI Board Elections:

The Board discussed the open election for the incoming Water Professionals International (WPI) Vice Chair, Water Division Director, and At-Large Director. Gil Shearouse moved, Kartik Bhatt seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to approve Margaret Doss, Board Chair, to vote in the election on behalf of the Board as a member board.

There being no further business, Margaret Doss, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 10:52 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, October 17, 2023, at 10:00 am.

Minutes recorded by: Kristin Mitchell, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brad Coman, Executive Director

Minutes approved on: October 17, 2023.


Margaret Doss, Chair


Brad Coman, Executive Director