

**Georgia State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water & Wastewater Treatment
Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts
Teleconference Board Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2023
Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA 31217**

Members Present:

- Margaret Doss, Chair
- Gil Shearouse
- Debbie Wright
- Kenny Green, Vice Chair
- Asmita Patel

Others Present:

- Brad Coman, Executive Director
- Melanie Foster, Licensing Supervisor
- Kristin Mitchell, Board Support Specialist
- Anna Saxton, Licensing Analyst
- Mary Brannen, Assistant Attorney General

Members Absent:

- Kartik Bhatt

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 9:49 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:

The Board welcomed new board member, Asmita Patel, who was recently appointed to the Board by Governor Kemp to replace Kim Hembree. The Board also expressed their sincere appreciation for Kim Hembree for her service as a member of the Board.

Agenda:

Gil Shearouse moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted to approve the October 17, 2023 Agenda.

Minutes:

Gil Shearouse moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted to approve the August 23, 2023 Open Session and Executive Session minutes.

Ratification List:

Licenses Issued through 08/21/2023 – 09/27/2023 (Total – 89):

License #	Licensee
W1-015003	Lesedi Richard Tidd
W1-015004	Joseph Edward Revard
W2-015473	Shane Pennington Lindsey
W2-015474	Jimmie Lee Hampton
W2-015475	Daniel Wayne Bennett
W3-017159	Judith Christine Saccone
W3-017160	Jason Alan Hester
W3-017161	Kevin Joshua Powell
W3-017162	Paul Stephen Scott
W3-017163	Avery John Lundy
W3-017164	Robert Austin Smallwood
W3-017165	Chandler Ervin Hamby

License #	Licensee
W3-017166	Ian Alexander Sloat
W3-017167	Allen Dempsey Parham
W3-017168	Austin R Yates
W3-017169	Ricky Johnson, Jr.
W3-017170	Lisa Henderson
W3-017171	Kevin Ranzy Holland
W3-017172	Ronald Lamar Spraggins
W3-017173	Benjamin Anthony Louis
W3-017174	Hunter F Trefz
W3-017175	Henry Vernon Walls, Jr
W3-017176	Edward Scott Howell
W3-017177	Michael Cedric Berich

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License #	Licensee
W4-002892	Richard Lee Haan
WD017141	Colin Pearse Yarbrough
WD017142	David Hall
WD017143	Chandler Gage Haile
WD017144	Orion David Knight
WD017145	Justin Kelly Lewis
WD017146	Harikrishnan Panthayi
WD017147	Daniel James
WD017148	Kimberly Alexandria White
WD017149	Justin Mitchell
WD017150	Jason Levon Rhodes
WD017151	Samuel Z Nrown
WD017152	Nathan Stewart
WD017153	Eric Leon Bagley
WD017154	Ashaki Barton
WD017155	Lucy Kate Knight
WL014819	William Steven Nimmons, Jr
WL014820	Marlayzha Lafaye Griffin
WL014821	Bryson Clark Jones
WL014822	Malina Moses
WL014823	James Porter McCarthy
WL014824	Johnnie Lee Richardson, Jr.
WL014825	Daniel Wayne Bennett
WL014826	Christian Lynn Mercer
WWI-015426	Matthew James Buffington
WWI-015427	Ian James Rickard
WWI-015428	William Steven Nimmons, Jr.
WWI-015429	Kelly Ann Prescott-McDaniel
WWI-015430	Grason S White
WWI-015431	Purnananda Ramchal
WWI-015432	Garrett Matthew Hayes
WW2-015644	Matthew Erickson
WW2-015645	Levi Hunter Parker

License #	Licensee
WW2-015646	Jimmie Lee Hampton
WW2-015647	Dustin Powell
WW2-015648	Blake Dalton Haynie
WW2-015649	Nathaniel David Greenwood
WW3-018400	Mardricus Sherard Seals
WW3-018401	Morgan Stone Hennessy
WW3-018402	Dustin McKinley
WW3-018403	Julio Baez
WW3-018404	Jorge Eduardo Rodriguez
WW3-018405	Dennis Brandon Fallin
WW3-018406	Kevin Reid Stewart
WW3-018407	Jonathan Nicholas Duggar
WW3-018408	Tanner Ryan Noland
WWC033863	effery Scott Moody
WWC033864	Keith M Smith
WWC033865	Brandon Steve Wingo
WWC033866	Damien Emanuel Foster
WWC033867	Matthew Franklin Lewis
WWC033868	Jacob Butler
WWC033869	Tristan Matthew Fisher
WWC033870	Randy Wammack
WWC033871	Jerry C Jackson
WWC033872	Justin Thomas Grier
WWC033873	Wendell Shane Peacock
WWC033874	Jeremy Chandler Storm
WWC033875	Lucy Kate Knight
WWID032301	Christopher Braaksma
WWL015012	Christopher Bryan Ewing
WWL015013	Austin Ryan Lorentzen
WWL015014	Steven Michael Proctor
WWL015015	Preston Goode Robinson
WWL015016	Andhere Michel Balaban

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.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Gil Shearouse moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 9:50 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 9:51 a.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:

Application:

3112117 – Jimmie Lee Hampton – Water Distribution Operator – Approved by Endorsement.

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:

Debbie Wright moved, Gil Shearouse 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
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 Annual Conference & Expo	12 W/WW
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 AWWA Annual Conference & Expo	12 W
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 Fall Conference & Expo	12 W/WW
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 Spring Conference & Expo	12 W/WW
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 Industrial Conference & Expo	12 W/WW
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 Managers of Small to Medium Water Systems	6 W/WW
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 Tri-State Water Resources Symposium (Confluence Conference)	6 W
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 WEF Annual Conference (WEFTEC)	12 WW
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 Customer Service Workshop	4 W/WW
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 GAWP District Meetings	2 W/WW
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 GAWP Large Utility Executive Forum	6 W/WW
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 Stormwater & Watershed Specialty Conference	6 W/WW
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 Water and Wastewater Mini-Workshops	4 W/WW

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Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 Knowledge Pipeline - Collection System Workshop	4 WW
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 Asset Management Workshop	3 MS
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 Building Blocks of Water Conservation	4 W
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 GA Advanced Water Loss Control Workshop	5 W
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 Backflow Prevention Specialty Workshop	6 W/WW
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 North American Water Loss Conference	12 W
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 Bond Funding Workshop	6 MS
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 Wastewater Treatment Knowledge Reclamations	6 MS
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 GA- Qualified Water Loss Auditor Program (QWLATP)	12 W
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 GAWP Frontline Development- Diversity	2 MS
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 GAWP Frontline Development: Conflict Management- 3 MS	3 MS
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 GAWP Frontline Development: Time Management	2 MS
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 GAWP Frontline Development: Communication	2 MS
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 GAWP Frontline Development. Self-Awareness	2 MS
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 Pump Station Design and Pitfalls	6 W/WW
Georgia Association of Water Professionals	2024-2026 Taste and Odor Workshop	5 W
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
Cobb County Water System	American Heart Association Family and Friends CPR Course - Lecture	2 MS
Cobb County Water System	Back Injury Prevention - Lecture	3 MS
Cobb County Water System	Blood borne Pathogens - Lecture	3 MS
Cobb County Water System	Confined Space Entry Procedures - Lecture/ Workshop	3 MS
Cobb County Water System	Defensive Driving Refresher Training - Online	1 MS
Cobb County Water System	Electrical Subpart S - Lecture	3 MS
Cobb County Water System	Utility Flagger Training - Lecture/ Workshop	4 MS
Cobb County Water System	Forklift Operator - Lecture/ Workshop	4 MS
Cobb County Water System	Loader/Excavator Training - Lecture/ Workshop	4 MS
Cobb County Water System	Lockout/ Tagout: Control of Hazardous Energy -Lecture/Workshop	3 MS
Cobb County Water System	Machine Guarding - Lecture/Workshop	3 MS
Cobb County Water System	National Safety Council Defensive Driving - Lecture	6 MS
Cobb County Water System	Safety Manual Training - Lecture	2 MS
Cobb County Water System	Stop the Bleed - Lecture	1 MS
Cobb County Water System	Trenching and Excavation and Soil Mechanics -Lecture/Workshop	4 MS
Dekalb County Government	Wastewater Collection Systems Vol I & II - Lecture	27 BAS WWC
Dekalb County Government	ATSSA Flagger Training - Lecture	6 MS

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Program Provider/Sponsor	Course Title / Notes	Results / Points
Dekalb County Government	Water Distribution - Lecture	27 BAS WD
Dekalb County Government	Trenching and Excavations -- Lecture	8 MS
Dekalb County Government	Defensive Driving 6 Hour Course - Lecture	6 MS
Dekalb County Government	Confined Space Entry Training - Lecture	8 MS
Dekalb County Government	First Aid/CPR/ AED - Lecture	8 MS
Dekalb County Government	Safety Orientation Day 2 (Annual Requirement) - Online	Approved pending receipt of clarification on length of course.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Docketed Orders:

Debbie Wright moved, Gil Sherouse seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following docketed order as presented:

Type	Name	Application / License #	Docket #	City
Consent Agreement	Allen Minkanic	W3-016573	2023-0889	Columbus

Proposed Meeting Dates:

Debbie Wright moved, Kenny Green seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following meeting dates for 2024:

- February 28, 2024 (in-person)
- April 24, 2024 (teleconference)
- June 26, 2024 (teleconference)
- August 28, 2024 (in-person)
- October 16, 2024 (teleconference)
- December 4, 2024 (teleconference)

There being no further business, Margaret Doss, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 10:17 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 Thursday, December 4, 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: December 14, 2023.


Margaret Doss, Chair


Brad Coman, Executive Director