

Georgia State Board of Professional Geologists Meeting
November 15, 2023
Open Session Minutes

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held on **Wednesday, November 15, 2023** via Webex

Board Members:

Mr. Edward Rooks, PG, Webex
Dr. Pamela Gore, PG, Webex
Mr. Kurt Hausner, PG, Webex
Ms. Allison Keefer, PG, Chairperson, Webex

Board Members Absent:

None

Staff Members:

Ms. Laurie Elander, Executive Director, Webex
Ms. Ava Walker, Licensure Analyst, Webex
Ms. Logan Wilson, Board Support Specialist, Webex
Ms. Ashley Foust, Licensure Supervisor, Webex

Attorney General:

Mr. Brian Pelon, Assistant Attorney General, Webex

Call to Order:

Chairperson Ms. Allison Keefer established a quorum was present at 9:37 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

Mr. Edward Rooks made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Dr. Pamela Gore seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Open Session Minutes:

Chairperson Ms. Allison Keefer presented a draft of the Open Session minutes from August 16, 2023. Dr. Pamela Gore made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Edward Rooks seconded that motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

The Board briefly spoke regarding appointments for new Geologist Board members.

2024 Board Meeting Dates:

February 21, 2024
May 1, 2024
August 28, 2024
November 13, 2024

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Chairperson Ms. Allison Keefer made a motion for the Board to accept the 2024 Board meeting dates. Mr. Kurt Hausner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2024 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson:

Dr. Pamela Gore made a motion for Ms. Allison Keefer to serve as Chairperson for 2024. Mr. Kurt Hausner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Ms. Allison Keefer made a motion for Mr. Edward Rooks to serve as Vice Chairperson for 2024. Mr. Kurt Hausner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Ms. Allison Keefer gave Executive Director Laurie Elander permission to sign on her behalf.

Mr. Kurt Hausner briefly discussed renewals for PG.

Executive Session:

Mr. Edward Rooks made a motion to enter Executive Session at 9:53 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k), 43-1-19(h), and 50-14-3, to deliberate on applications and investigative matters and to receive investigative reports. Dr. Pamela Gore seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

The Executive Session of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists meeting was closed at 10:03 a.m. and Chairperson Allison Keefer declared the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists to be “open” pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 *et seq.* No votes were taken in Executive Session.

Open Session

Approval of Executive Session Minutes:

Chairperson Ms. Allison Keefer presented a draft of the Executive Session minutes from August 16, 2023. Mr. Edward Rooks made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Kurt Hausner seconded that motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Licenses Issued August 14, 2023 through November 13, 2023:

Mr. Edward Rooks made a motion for the Board to accept the list of licenses issued from August 16, 2023 – November 13, 2023. Dr. Pamela Gore seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

license No	Licensee
PG002431	Brad Alan Woodard
PG002432	David Barton Smelser

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PG002433	Andrew D. Stahl
PG002434	Richard Lynn DeMille
PG002435	Joseph Andrew Lancaster
PG002436	Collin Scott Nowalk
PG002437	Kevin Charles O'Toole
PG002438	David Anders Stedje

Mr. Edward Rooks made a motion for the Board to accept the reinstatement list. Dr. Pamela Gore seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Brian Vick Flaherty	PG001350
Bronnie Anderson Hartman	PG001724
Christopher Mark Roth	PG001882
Crystal R Cain	PG002138
Griffin Lawrence Gatschet	PG001977
Jeffrey Scott Richardson	PG001945
Robert R Thompson, III	PG001889

Applications:

No Applications were presented at this time.

Complaints:

No Complaints were presented at this time.

Attorney General Report:

No cases were presented at this time.

Executive Director Report:

There was no Executive Director report as this time.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, at 10:10 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists is scheduled for February 21, 2024, via Webex.


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Minutes recorded by:

Ms. Logan Wilson, Board Support Specialist

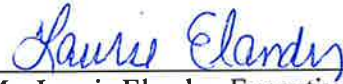
Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Ms. Laurie Elander, Executive Director



Ms. Elizabeth Keefe, Chairperson

Signed by Laurie Elander with expressed
permission of Elizabeth Keefe



Ms. Laurie Elander, Executive Director

Minutes Approved On: Wednesday, February 21, 2024

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AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specified exemptions relied upon. O.C.G. A. 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meetings in question.

Comes Elizabeth Keefer, the Board Chair identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and subject to penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On February 21, 2024, this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of members present voted to close the meeting or a portion hereof of the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.
4. The legal authority for closure of this meeting was: O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k).
5. The subjects discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are as follows:

Applications and other personal information submitted by the applicants, information, Favorable or unfavorable, submitted by a reference source concerning an applicant; and Deliberations of the Board with respect to an application, an examination, a complaint, an Investigation, or a disciplinary proceeding.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Elizabeth Keefer
PRESIDING OFFICER

Signed by Laurie Elander on behalf of Elizabeth Keefer with expressed permission

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th
Day of APRIL 2024
Deborah A. Horton
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: JAN. 18, 2025

