

**Georgia State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water & Wastewater Treatment
Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts
Teleconference Board Meeting Minutes – June 26, 2024
Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA 31217**

Members Present:

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

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
- Justin Cotton, Assistant Attorney General

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 10:12 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:

Debbie Wright moved, Kartik Bhatt seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 26, 2024, Agenda as amended.

Minutes:

Kartik Bhatt moved, Gil Shearouse seconded, and the Board voted to approve the April 24, 2024, Open Session and Executive Session minutes.

Ratification List:

Licenses Issued through 04/22/2024 – 06/23/2024 (Total – 172):

License #	Licensee
WW3-018472	Johnathan Glenn Roberts
WW3-018471	Samantha Robyn Harris
WD017227	Joshua Lewis Camp
WL014856	Terry Turner
WW3-018473	Joshua Everett
WWL015035	Sheri Welsh
WWC033918	William Brad Wattenbarger
W2-015510	Katie Jo Valentine
WD017224	Christopher Charles Poteet
W4-002900	Christopher Eugene Shaffer
WWL015029	William Carlisle
W2-015505	Devante Jones
WD017221	Sam Curtis Thomas Jr
WWL015030	Sarah Victoria Scroggs
WD017220	Johnathon House
W3-017248	Caleb Wayne Lovell
WWL015031	Michael Benjamin Cabe

License #	Licensee
WWC033913	Morgan Tyler Goodine
W3-017263	Samuel Cunningham
WW3-018465	gavin mesurac
W4-002901	James Tucker Holland
WW3-018464	Christopher S Thomas
WW3-018468	Giacinto Francesco Mrosco Serene
WW3-018484	Zachary Martin Catolico
W3-017268	Jeremy Jay Mulkey
WWC033929	Ricquavius Hill
WWC033934	Camry Brantley
WL014850	Dorien Patrick Campbell Jr
W3-017249	James Shaun-Patrick Hilton
W3-017251	Matthew Scott Ehling
W3-017252	Dallas Edward Rutland
W3-017254	Laura Wilder
W2-015511	Benjamin Fletcher Edwards
WL014854	Jessica Renee Wheeler

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WWL015033	Thomas Joseph Fazio
WW3-018469	William Davis
WWL015037	Dalton Allen Branch
W2-015512	Scott Burton Waterman
W2-015513	Angelina Yvonne Vega
W3-017257	Jason Dean McLeod
WWC033921	Gregory Harold Coley
W3-017253	Stephen Eric Boyd
W3-017256	Peter Barrett Roberts
WW1-015457	Kenzie Bond Jr.
WW3-018489	Rodney Brian Penney
W4-002904	Eric Daniel Blevins
WW3-018478	Marcus Jerome Brown
WWC033923	Anthony Fuller
WD017238	Adam E Miles Jr
W2-015515	Avery Nathanael Davis
WD017229	Michael Patrick Stonebridge
W3-017274	Dalton Dane Hulsey
WW1-015458	Joseph Eli Dutton
WW1-015454	Courtney Kalil Elder
WWC033938	Stacy Lee Brown Jr
WWC033935	Wyatt Culver
WW1-015455	Jonathan May
WL014859	Robert Lewis Arnold II
WWL015039	Kaela Mercer
WW3-018492	Patrick Fagin
WW3-018480	Tyler Wallace
W1-015021	Jacob Scott Morgan
WW4-000221	Matthew Edward Murray
W3-017259	Nathaniel Kade Poore
WD017237	John Wayne Holland
WD017235	Lucas Herbert Hammock
W3-017260	Terry Franklin Grovola Jr
W3-017264	Erika Jean Winkler
W3-017265	Dashal Clio Nagle
WWC033936	Jason Dewayne Redd
W3-017269	Joshua J Duffield

License #	Licensee
WWC033932	Stephen Holloway
WL014858	Olivia Marena Link
W3-017261	Bradley James Womack
WW3-018483	Jessica Michelle Cox
WW3-018493	Dalton L King
WD017236	William Godbee
WW1-015456	Robin Michael Tanaka Blicht
WW3-018479	Frank Tate Reece
WD017230	Adam Terry Bruce
W3-017270	Jamie Scott Wilson
WW3-018482	Benjamin Nunez
WWC033928	Yahir Ferraro
WWC033933	Najee M Branch
WD017232	Wesley Jeremy Flanagan
W3-017272	Kevin T Fronck
W3-017266	Jason Sears
WW3-018491	Axel Daniel Nava
WW3-018490	Daniel Wayne Bennett
W3-017271	Christopher Jason Nathasingh
WWC033931	James Cox
W4-002903	Carlos Gutierrez
WW3-018481	BOBY THOMAS
WW3-018485	Zachary Ryan Coggins
W1-015020	Jamaal Hawkins
WW3-018486	Jonah Austin Grindle
WD017233	Arthur Rybkin Brechbill
W3-017275	Thomas Dylan Hutchins
WW3-018487	Mitchell Hughes
W1-015022	Timothy Bryan Poe
WL014857	Tristan Matthew Fisher
WW3-018488	Jacob Resnik
WWL015034	Kiara Collins
WW3-018474	Morgan Robert Lively
W3-017255	Jakob Chandler Waldrep
WWID032309	Colby Matthew Carter
WW1-015450	Jammie Ray Cawthon
WD017226	Kenneth Evan Romines

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WD017225	Andrew Joel Haney
WL014853	Wilson Lewis
WWC033917	Jason Jerrod Rouseau
WWC033919	William Lansing Norris
W2-015508	William Joshua Bennett
WW2-015662	Tabitha Ann Winchester
W2-015509	Joseph Seth Glaze
WL014852	Jackson Charles Oren
WWC033911	Michael Wayne Thompson
WWC033914	David Chase Taylor
WWC033915	Casey Scott Nicholson
WL014849	Michael Benjamin Cabe
WW3-018466	Gavin Wayne Gordy
WD017222	Morgan Tyler Goodine
WL014848	Zachary Collin Crews
WWL015032	Yakira Leigh Chapman
W2-015506	Michael Scott Muldoon
WW3-018467	Ryan Scott Chamberlain
WWC033912	Christopher L Kolenda
WL014851	Christopher Wade Harris
W3-017247	Scott Bridges
WWC033930	John Schneider
W2-015507	Jarvis Quinney
W3-017250	Jonathan Lee Douglas
WD017223	Colby Ryan Wheat
WD017234	David Ryan Greathouse
WWC033916	Ethan Chase Day
WWL015038	Jeralyn Cecelia Carmichael
WWID032310	James Stephen Roberson
W4-002902	Taylor Kimbrough
W1-015018	Daniel Wayne Bennett
WWC033920	Javier Pierce

License #	Licensee
WW1-015452	Bill Odell Owens III
WW3-018470	Gary Shane Bagley
W1-015019	Ethan Alexander Turner
WW1-015451	Robert Eugene Goble III
WW2-015664	Christopher James Humbert
WW2-015663	Zachary Alfred Schnoke
W3-017258	Joshua Gregory Brown
WW3-018494	Jed William Smith
WL014855	Paul Stephen Scott
WW3-018476	Thomas Buck Clack
WW3-018477	Ethan Thomas Suding
W3-017273	Larry Isaiah Welch
WW2-015666	Stacy S. Mullings
WW3-018475	Liam Lorenz
WWC033937	Allen Maurice Hardy
WWC033922	Austin Ezra Lane Ansbro
WD017228	Darrell Andrea Stewart II
WWC033924	Stephen Wade Harbin
WW1-015453	Thomas Jordan Brown
W2-015514	Steven Aubrey Huckeba
WW2-015665	Dennis Brandon Fallin
WWL015036	Grace Gardner
WWC033925	Arthur Hanner
W3-017262	Jason McDaniel
W3-017267	Nathan Reese Grier
WWC033927	Sterling Goodman
W3-017277	Aramis Michael Jackson
WD017231	Jason Lee Smith
WWC033926	Angel Ortiz JR
W3-017276	Shane Stewart
WWC033939	Olan Hogan
WW3-018495	Nicolas Rodriguez

Kartik Bhatt 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

Kartik Bhatt moved, Gil Shearouse seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:26 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(h) and 43-51, for the purpose of reviewing applications, complaints, and hearing the Attorney General’s report.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Margaret Doss, Chair, declared the meeting to be “open” at 10:56 a.m. pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq.

OPEN SESSION

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

Applications:

4046377 – R.A.R. – Wastewater Operator Class 2 – Approve with a public Consent Order to include probation to run concurrent with criminal probation.

4004816 – Rachael Gonzalez – Wastewater Laboratory Analyst – Approve education in lieu of coursework.

Complaints:

WW240008 – Close – Lack of information.

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.

Executive Session Other Business

PSI Candidate Incident Report – Interviewed candidate A.H. Approve to remove block on account to allow candidate to retake exam.

Continuing Education:

Kenny Green moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the motion was carried by the Board to accept the Continuing Education Committee’s recommendations as follows:

Program Provider/Sponsor	Course Title / Notes	Results / Points
Goforth Williamson, Inc.	Submersible Lift Station Troubleshooting – Lecture/Workshop/Instructive Tour/Shop Demonstrations	Approved for 6 W/WW
Brown and Caldwell	Pump Station Workshop – Workshop	Approved for 4 WW
North Carolina Pretreatment Consortium	Pretreatment Program Specialist - Grade I – Lecture/Workshop/Instructive Tour	Approved for 12 WW
North Carolina Pretreatment Consortium	Pretreatment Program Specialist - Grade II – Lecture/Workshop	Approved for 12 WW
North Carolina Pretreatment Consortium	Pretreatment Program Specialist - Grade III – Lecture/Workshop	Approved for 12 WW
Krebs Engineering, Inc.	Newnan Station Social & Workshop – Lecture	Approved for 3 W/WW
Pure Technologies U.S. Inc	Optimizing Pipeline Management and Planning Decisions: A Comprehensive Workshop – Workshop	Approved for 3 W/WW
U.S. Poultry & Egg	Wastewater Treatment Operations for Poultry Processing Facilities – Lecture	Approved for 12 WW

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Exam Eligibility Discussion:

The Board discussed changing the exam eligibility requirements for applicants to be made eligible to test by Board staff after the applicant has submitted an application and staff have ensured that the applicant has met all necessary education, training, and experience requirements to being made eligible to test. Kartik Bhatt made a motion for the Board cognizant to draft the appropriate proposed rule amendments between meetings, and for those proposed rule amendments to be referred to the AG's office for a memorandum of authority. Debbie Wright seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Petition for Rule Variance:

Wesley Crump – Variance of Rule 750-3-.04 requiring applicants to have earned a minimum of a high school diploma or GED certificate and provide proof of education when submitting the application for certification to the Board. Kartik Bhatt moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the petition as the Board feels that, due to the applicant's training and experience, the purpose of the underlying statute upon which the rule is based has been achieved, and that strict application of the rule would create a substantial hardship to the applicant.

Request to Lift Probation:

The Board reviewed a request to lift probation for Lester Thompkins (WWC033910). Licensee has complied with all Board requirements. Gil Shearouse moved, Kartik Bhatt seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

Water Treatment Operator III Job Description:

The Board review a proposed job description detailing the duties and responsibilities for a Groundwater Operator Class III, used by staff to determine applicant eligibility. Kartik Bhatt moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the job description.

There being no further business, Margaret Doss, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 11:54 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, August 28, 2024, at 10:00 am. At 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon GA.

Minutes recorded by: Kristin Mitchell, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brad Coman, Executive Director

Minutes approved on: August 28, 2024.


Margaret Doss, Chair


Brad Coman, Executive Director

Attachment

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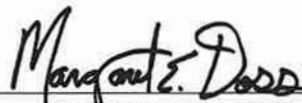
AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF PUBLIC MEETING

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 specific exceptions relied upon. **O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question.**

Comes now Margaret Doss, the presiding officer 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 Examiners for Certification of Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all over aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On June 26, 2024, this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for 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 the closure of this meeting was O.C.G.A. 43-1-2 (k); 43-1-19(h)
5. The subjects discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are: Receipt of and deliberations regarding applications and application information and deliberations regarding investigations and enforcement matters; receipt of the results of investigations.

Further the Affiant Sayeth not.



PRESIDING OFFICER

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

This 26th day of June, 2024



Notary Public

