

**Georgia State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water & Wastewater Treatment
Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts Board Meeting Minutes – August 28, 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
- Justin Cotton, Assistant Attorney General

* 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 10:06 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, Kartik Bhatt seconded, and the Board voted to approve the August 28, 2024, Agenda as presented.

Minutes:

Kartik Bhatt moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 26, 2024, Open Session and Executive Session minutes.

Ratification List:

Licenses Issued through 06/24/2024 – 08/25/2024 (Total – 197):

License #	Licensee
WL014860	Phillip Deric Jones
WW2-015667	Jesse Rodriguez
WWC033940	Charlie P McCarter III
WWC033941	Colton James Gardner
WW3-018496	Benjamin Ray Hughes
WW3-018497	Thomas Kimball Abbott
W2-015516	William Edward Zieburtz
WW2-015668	Cody Marshall Grant
WW2-015669	Travis Johnathan Konopka
WW2-015670	Cade Appleby Lancaster
WWCE000091	Krysten Fox
W1-015023	Kenneth Wayne Barber
W2-015517	Jennifer Robin Lumley
WWCE000092	Kelly Comstock
WWCE000093	Bill Gintert
WWCE000094	William Craven
WWCE000095	Paul Bredwell
W3-017278	Brian Austin Cole

License #	Licensee
WWC033943	Samuel Z Brown
WWL015040	Rachael Gonzalez
WWCE000096	Angela Walker
WWID032311	Christopher Kavimani
WD017239	Thomas Issac Parker
W2-015518	Chris Barnett Sr
WW1-015459	William Rogers
W3-017279	Brandon Robert Franklin
WWC033944	Coren Mitchell
W3-017280	Ryan Darden McCroskey
W3-017281	Michael Anthony Burchett
WW2-015671	George Levar Stevens
WW2-015672	William Payton Dorsey
WW1-015460	Levi Hunter Parker
WW1-015461	Jackson Kane Rivers
WW3-018498	Hannah Elizabeth Cherry
WWC033945	Daniel Fraire
WW3-018499	Stephen Harold Orton

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WW3-018500	Portia Bediako Gyamfi
WWC033946	Joseph Carl Weathers
W2-015519	Derrick Ray Frady
WWC033947	Joseph Andrew Nutt
WD017240	Shane Corgan Harper
W3-017282	Kyle Alexander Reece
WL014861	Rachael Gonzalez
WD017241	Terry Kyle Dorris
W3-017283	Daniel Zachary Sirmans
WW3-018501	Stephen Wade Harbin
WW2-015673	Jordan Williams
WW1-015462	Andrew Mitchell Green
WL014862	Jenna Rene Evans
W3-017284	Dermus LaFayette Strozier II
WW1-015463	Kevin Jeffrey Barnett
WD017242	Corey Lee Housley
WD017243	Brandon Robert Vint
WD017244	Justin Digby
WW2-015674	Ashley Nicole Lynch
W3-017286	Luis Demaria
W3-017285	Marshall Lynn Britt
WL014863	Michael Emily Walker
WWC033948	Reginald Tyrone Oxford Jr
W4-002905	Wesley Allen Crump
WWC033949	Ronnie Sullivan
W3-017287	Antonio Thomas
WW1-015464	Jason Humphrey
WWC033950	Robert Brennan Lewis
W3-017288	Ryan Jefferson Lawson
W3-017289	Auxana Marie Malmgren
WD017245	Reco Tyrone Robertson
W2-015520	Oscar Gonzalez
WW3-018502	Heather Nicole Vaughan
WWL015041	Jasmyne Armani Asberry
WW3-018503	Kyle Jeffrey Chastain
WW3-018504	Jasmine Ikejiani
WD017246	Eugene Humphery
WW3-018505	Thomas A Pace

License #	Licensee
WW1-015465	Loren Ross Herod
WW1-015466	Mark Stan Dudziak
WW1-015467	Riley Cameron Nichols
W1-015024	Carter Sheheane
WD017247	Michael James Gwin
W2-015521	Erica Nicole Cato
WWC033951	Austin Ryan Lorentzen
WWC033952	Auxana Marie Malmgren
WWC033953	Zachary Ryan Wheat
W3-017290	Joseph Carrannaugh Jones
WWC033954	James Holbrooks
WL014864	Robert William Reading
WWL015042	Tyricia Walker
WD017248	Agnieszka Justyna Beck
WW3-018506	India Celeste Nelson-Alexand
WD017249	Michael Scott Thomson
WWL015043	Kyra Morris
W2-015522	Justin Allen Shattles
W3-017291	Payton Wesley Kent
W3-017292	Robrert Paul Nedley
W2-015523	Errol Flynn Wilson
WW2-015675	Chaison Davis
WL014865	Elizabeth Morgan Baker
WWC033955	William Alexander Brackin
WWC033956	Christopher Clark Shook
W2-015524	Clinton W Harbin
WW2-015676	Bradley Eugene Schaefer
WD017250	Andrew J Kelly
WL014866	Shereka Maddox
WWC033957	Nicholas Lewis
WW3-018507	Christopher Glenn Stitche
W4-002906	Jonathan Wesley Pope
WW3-018508	Ezekiel Choice Brown
WWID032312	Ling Liu
WWL015044	Suzannah Nicole Eubanks
WWL015045	Cindy Le Nguyen
W3-017293	Micah Isaiah Beavers
WWL015046	Curtis Roscoe Vann

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WD017251	Wendell Shane Peacock
WWID032313	John Trevor Johnson
WW3-018509	Steven Victor Wydra
W3-017294	Matthew Emory Wesley
WD017252	Baron Saussy Jr
WD017253	Nathaniel Campbell
WL014867	Kyra Morris
WW2-015677	Matthew Steven Scroggins
W3-017295	Brian Rancifer
WD017254	Zachary Caleb Pitts
W3-017296	Donald Ray Finney Jr.
WWC033958	Eric William White
WW3-018510	Jeffrey Benjamin Garcia II
WWC033959	Steven Eberhart
W3-017297	Marvin Joseph Miles
WW3-018511	Keylin Avellaneda
W3-017298	Corey Palmer Fern
W3-017299	James Jacobs
WD017255	Jesse Randall Seabolt
WD017256	Gerald Joseph Shaw Jr
WD017257	Jason Thanh Ha
W1-015025	Jason Thanh Ha
WWID032314	Joseph Bernath
WW3-018512	Robert Thomas Shirley
W3-017300	Emmanuel Lamar McBurnett
WWC033960	Kenneth Alsobrook
WD017258	Jacob Douglas Weeks
WWID032315	Mark Richard Cummings
WD017259	Matthew Grove
WW3-018513	Gyeong Min Yoo
WW2-015678	Colton Levi Surman
W3-017301	Aylissa St John
W3-017302	Deanta Chatman
W3-017303	John Daryl McCorkle
W3-017304	Mitchell A Daniel
WD017260	Jackson Terrell Prickett
W4-002907	Tyler Jason Bachman
WW1-015468	Nicholas John Dillon

License #	Licensee
WW1-015469	Nickolus Hoeft
WW2-015679	Terrance Davontae Campbell
WD017261	Steven Eberhart
WWID032316	Hank William Conrady
WW3-018514	Jenna Rene Evans
W1-015026	Cylas Wayne Thompson
WL014868	David Wayne Foster
WWC033961	Juan Jose Barbosa
WW2-015681	Patrick Joseph Simmons
W4-002908	Sheleigh Worthy
W4-002909	Daniel James Howard
WWC033962	Lucas Herbert Hammock
W2-015525	Garrett Matthew Hayes
W3-017305	Brett Cornelis Dowdy
WW3-018515	Qeteria Jeanne Stephens
WW3-018516	Larry Isaiah Welch
WD017262	Rodney Carey
WW3-018517	Brett Anthony Wellman
W3-017306	Brad Adrian Lloyd
WL014869	Stephanie Matta
W3-017307	Brett Anthony Wellman
W1-015027	Jeremy Carol Collett
W3-017308	Jeremiah Daniel Owensby
WW2-015682	Devin Dwayne Davis
WWID032317	Lora Brittany Howard
WWC033963	Bryan Deon Jones
WW3-018518	Kristian Doss
WD017263	James Wyatt Tuggle
WW1-015470	Kevin James Crews
WW3-018519	Isiah Rich
WWC033964	Matthew James Buffington
W4-002910	Kenya Lea Poston
WW3-018520	Dominic Pierre Wilder-Finch
WWC033965	Noah Gregory Pfaff
WWC033966	Jesse Daniel Gentry
WWC033967	Daniel Teran
WW2-015683	David Todd Durham
WD017264	Michael Shane Daniel

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W3-017309	Bryson Clark Jones
W4-002911	Carson Lee Rice
W2-015526	Mark Daniel Cady
WWC033968	Nicholas Schroth
W3-017310	Brandon Maurice Thomas

License #	Licensee
WWC033969	William Hales Daniel
WD017265	Seth Franklin Erwin
WD017266	Ty Henry Smith
WD017267	Monte S. Moraitakis

Kenny Green moved, Gil Shearouse 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

Kenny Green moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:13 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 11:04 a.m. pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq.

OPEN SESSION

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

Applications:

4112940 – J.W.F. – Water Laboratory Analyst – Approve pending receipt of official transcripts.

4091847 – K.A.L. – Water Distribution Operator – Approved with a public Consent Agreement to include probation to run concurrent with criminal probation.

4103319 – Jessica Jager-Dingfeld – Wastewater Operator Class II – Approve education in lieu of coursework and experience.

4116663 – C.M. – Wastewater Operator Class II – Approved with a public Consent Agreement to include probation to run concurrent with criminal probation.

4128906 – Angelina Vega – Water Operator Class 1 – Approve education in lieu of experience.

4126393 – B.D. – Water Distribution Operator – Approve with a public Consent Agreement to include probation to run concurrent with criminal probation.

4084134 – B.D. – Wastewater Collect System Operator – Approve with a public Consent Agreement to include probation to run concurrent with criminal probation.

4020459 – N.A.R. – Water Distribution Operator – Approved with a public Consent Agreement to include probation to run concurrent with criminal probation.

4128944 – Sarah Martin – Water Operator Class II – Approve education in lieu of coursework and experience.

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4129652 – A.W. – Water Laboratory Analyst – Approved with a public Consent Agreement to include probation to run concurrent with criminal probation.

4107833 – S.M. – Wastewater Operator Class III – Approved with a public Consent Agreement to include probation to run concurrent with criminal probation.

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.

The Board reviewed the memorandum of authority for proposed amendments to Board Rules 750-3-.04, 750-4-.01, and 750-4-.02. The Board voted to post the proposed amendments and scheduling a rules hearing.

Executive Session Other Business

PSI Candidate Incident Report – A.C. – Applicant cannot be made eligible to retake exam for a minimum of 5 years from last attempt.

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:

Program Provider/Sponsor	Course Title / Notes	Results / Points
Georgia Utility Contractors Association, Inc.	Competent Person Confined Space Entry - Lecture	4 MS
Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.	Module 7 Operator Course – Online	4 WW
Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.	Module 8 Operator Course – Online	6 MS
Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.	Module 10 Operator Course – Online	2 MS
Henry County Water Authority	2024 HCWA Fall CE Symposium - Lecture	6 W/WW
Georgia Rural Water Association	Zero to 101 Automatic Control Valves – Workshop – Live Webinar	3 W/WW
Industrial Chemicals Inc.	Activated Sludge Concepts - Live in-person training or hybrid	6 WW
Industrial Chemicals Inc.	Activated Sludge Biological Nutrient Removal - Live in-person training or hybrid	6 WW
Industrial Chemicals Inc.	Sludge Thickening and Dewatering - Live in-person training or hybrid	6 WW
Clayton County Water Authority	CCWA Mini-Conference of Water Utility Training	6 W/WW
Clayton County Water Authority	Confined Space Entry Training	6 MS
Clayton County Water Authority	ATSSA Flagger Certification Training	6 MS

OTHER BUSINESS:

Docketed Orders:

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

Type	Licensee/Applicant	License/Application #	Docket #	City
Consent Agreement	Robert Rankins	WW240010	2024-0583	Mableton

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Correspondence:

The Board reviewed and discussed a request for a translator for an exam. The Board noted that this request does not qualify for ADA test accommodations for communication disabilities, and the Board is unable to approve the request given the functional issues inherent in trying to conduct a secure examination with an English-speaking only proctor. Kenny Green moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted that they are unable to approve the request for a translator or exam in any language other than English.

Continuing Education Discussion:

The Board discussed the current process for approving Education Providers and their courses. Kenny Green moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted that Continuing Education courses from providers Georgia Rural Water Association (GRWA), Georgia Water Wastewater Institute (GWWI), and Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP) can be approved by staff going forward without Board review, but applications for Basic and Advanced courses for these providers will still require Board review.

There being no further business, Margaret Doss, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 11:53 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 16, 2024, 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 16, 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 October 16, 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.

Margaret E. Doss

PRESIDING OFFICER

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

This 16th day of October, 2024

Renae L. Gray

Notary Public

