

Georgia State Board of Professional Geologists

Board Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2024

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Professional Geologists met on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 via Webex.

<p><u>Board Members Present:</u> Allison Keefer, PG, Chairman Edward Rooks, PG, Vice-Chairman Pamela Gore, PG Kurt Hausner PG Maurizio Centis, PG</p> <p><u>Attorney General Representative present:</u> Craig Pake, Assistant Attorney General</p>	<p><u>Board Staff Present:</u> Laurie Elander, Executive Director Iris Waller, Licensing Supervisor Thishilyn Stubbs, Board Support Specialist Ava Walker, Licensing Analyst</p> <p><u>Visitors:</u> None</p>
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Open Session:

At 9:39 a.m., Allison Keefer, Chairman established that there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Kurt Hausner made a motion for the Board to accept the agenda as presented. Pamela Gore seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Allison Keefer, Chairman presented a draft of the August 28, 2024 meeting minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Kurt Hausner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Maurizio Centis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Allison Keefer, Chairman presented a draft of the September 25, 2024 meeting minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Maurizio Centis made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Kurt Hausner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Licenses Issued:

Edward Rooks, Vice-Chairman made a motion, Pamela Gore seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the licenses issued and reinstated between August 23, 2024, and November 6, 2024, in accordance with the Board Rules and Policies.

Issued

License Number	Licensee
PG002461	Samuel Reed Walker
PG002462	Paul Gilbert
PG002463	Tiziana Angioni
PG002464	Matthew Ryan Sadler
PG002465	Jake S Berry

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PG002466	Austin Lantz Caughey
PG002467	Jonathan Michael Skaggs
PG002468	Bradley Martin Edwards
PG002469	Konner William Horton
PG002470	Spencer Moroni Burr
PG002471	Riley Lucas Blais
PG002472	Cody Jesse Shell
PG002473	Clara Rose Rucker
PG002474	Christopher Daniel Crevello
PG002475	Chandler McGuire Hosey
PG002476	Peter Paul Karashay

Election of President and Vice- President:

Kurt Hausner made a motion for the Board to elect current Vice-Chairman Edward Rooks as Chairman for the year of 2025. Maurizio Centis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Edward Rooks made a motion for the Board to elect Kurt Hausner as Vice-Chairman for the year of 2025. Pamela Gore seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2025 Proposed Meeting Dates:

Maurizio Centis made a motion for the Board to approve the 2025 Board Meeting Dates, Vice-Chairman Edward Rooks seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2025 Board Meeting Dates:

- February 19,2025
- June 25,2025
- August 20, 2025
- November 5,2025

ASBOG Request for Proposal:

Maurizio Centis made a motion to have Executive Director Laurie Elander to draft a legal memo to be sent to the Attorney General’s office, PLB legal department for referral to contract for exams. Vice-Chairman Edward Rooks seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session:

Kurt Hausner moved, Pamela Gore seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:04 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications and to hear the Attorney General’s Report.

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At the conclusion of Executive Session, Allison Keefer, Chairman 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.*, at 10:48 a.m. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

Open Session:

Edward Rooks, Vice-Chairman moved, Maurizio Centis seconded, and the motion was carried by the Board to ratify the following recommendations made during Executive Session:

Executive Session Minutes:

Approved the August 28,2024, Executive Session Board minutes as presented.

Approved the September 25,2024, Executive Session Board minutes as presented

Applications:

3069177: Approve pending passing part 2 of the examination

3155352: Approve pending passing part 2 of the examination

3161459: Approve

3167046: Approved to take part 1 of the examination but not part 2 of the examination. This is not an approval for licensure.

3167564: Approve

3170268: Approve

3172794: Approve

3173445: Approve

3175687: Approve

3175689: Denied

3167898: Approved

3153240: Approved to take part 1 of the examination but not part 2 of the examination. This is not an approval for licensure.

Attorney General Report

Craig Pake gave the Attorney General’s report during executive session. The Board voted to accept the report as presented

Executive Director Report

The Board reviewed the Executive Director’s report, which provided the Board with statistical data relevant to the processing of applications and complaints/compliance matters.

Other Business:

There being no further business, at 11:03 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists is scheduled for February 19, 2025, via Webex.

Minutes recorded by:

Thishilyn Stubbs, Board Support Specialist

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Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Laurie Elander, Executive Director

Edward Rooks

Edward Rooks, Chairman

Signed with by Laurie Elander with expressed
permission of Edward Rooks

Laurie Elander

Laurie Elander, Executive Director

These minutes were approved on: Wednesday, February 19, 2025

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF BIBB

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 Edward Rooks 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 19, 2025, 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.

Edward Rooks

PRESIDING OFFICER

Edward Rooks

Signed by Laurie Elander with expressed permission of Edward Rooks

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th
Day of March, 25.
Wanda M Jaffe
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 04-16-27

