

**Georgia State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water & Wastewater Treatment
Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts
Teleconference Board Meeting Minutes – April 23, 2025
Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA 31217**

Members Present:

- Debbie Wright
- Kenny Green
- Gil Shearouse
- Asmita Patel
- Kartik Bhatt

Others Present:

- Brad Coman, Executive Director
- Melanie Foster, Licensing Supervisor
- Kristin Mitchell, Board Support Specialist
- Ashley Burley, Licensing Analyst
- Sam Smith, Assistant Attorney General

Members Absent:

- Margaret Doss

Note: Visitors are excused during Executive Session unless scheduled for a personal appearance.

Gil Shearouse, acting 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:

Debbie Wright moved, Kartik Bhatt seconded, and the Board voted to approve the April 23, 2025, meeting agenda.

Minutes:

Kartik Bhatt moved, Asmita Patel seconded, and the Board voted to approve the February 26, 2025, Open Session and Executive Session minutes.

Ratification List:

Licenses Issued through 2/24/2025 – 4/20/2025 (Total – 182):

License #	Licensee	License #	Licensee
WL014903	Christina Jones	WWID032336	Frank A Tamasi III
W4-002926	Justin Alexander	WW1-015495	Christopher Adrian McClain
WW3-018629	Colby Bryar Jones	WW3-018630	Christopher Shawn Doubilet
WD017365	John Lock	WWCE000105	George Ajy
WD017364	Nicholas Shelton	WD017369	Joshua Ramos
WW1-015494	Robert Christopher King	WL014904	Aaron Fox
WWC034086	Edward Hall Jr	W4-002929	Tobie Cross
WD017366	Sharmal Phillip	WWID032337	Tobie Cross
WD017367	Matthew Whitechurch	WD017370	Brandon West
W4-002927	Terry Lee Johnson III	W3-017423	Emily Jane Murphy
WWC034087	Meaghan Louise Wisenbaugh	WW3-018632	Samuel Isaac Banks
WWC034088	Gabriel Brown	W3-017424	Benjamin Martin
WD017368	Luis Demaria	W2-015573	Jason Clark Nix
WWC034089	Tarhonne Boyd	W2-015574	Jacob Cody McKittrick
W4-002928	Corey Daniel Butler	WW2-015731	Levi Streeter Dyer

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WW3-018633	Dawn Flury	WW1-015500	Sebastian Rafael Rincones Plaza
WWID032338	Martin Paul Weiler	WD017372	Michael Anthony Dixson
WD017371	Jody Arnold Wilkes	W4-002932	Ronnie Hugh Wynn
WW3-018634	Jennifer N Bass	WD017373	Daniel Lee Haney
W2-015575	Robert Dwayne Clark Jr.	WD017374	Braydon Lee Honea
WWC034090	Austin Galbreath	WD017375	Chaze Joseph Smith
WW3-018635	Jonathan M McKinney	WD017376	Bradley Christian Farmer
W2-015576	Seth Coberly Miller	WWC034096	Jerrett Thomas Owens
WW4-000224	Anthony George Benavidez	WW3-018643	Priscila Cruz
W2-015577	Anthony Lin	W2-015578	Derek Wayne Holliday
WWC034091	Michael Herdt	WW2-015733	NATHAN Harold DAHL
WW3-018636	Stephen Timothy Bacon	WW3-018644	Ameer Rafeek
WW1-015496	Chaison Davis	WW1-015501	Mark Jeremy Huggard
WW3-018637	Anthony Legendre	WW4-000225	Jordan Lee Gogan
W3-017425	Tyler Emery West	W2-015579	Aylissa St John
WW3-018638	Michael Coveleskie	WW2-015734	Louie Lee
WL014905	Jacob Loveless	W3-017429	Alexander Butler
WW3-018639	Langdon Roberts	WW1-015503	Ryan M Vedrode
WWL015079	Richard Tuten	WW2-015735	Zyn Diego Liang
W3-017426	Anthony Tywon Hughes	WL014908	Caleb Wayne Lovell
W4-002930	Charles Allen Davis	W2-015580	Shelby Nicole Martin
WW3-018640	Jordy J O'Neli	WW1-015504	Branden Christopher
W3-017427	Caleb William Geist	W1-015052	Connor Troy Head
WWC034092	Alan Jerome Crider	W3-017430	Justin Key
WWC034093	Jeremy Edward Harris	W3-017431	James Phillip Malcom Jr.
WW3-018641	Synrick Emmanuel Dorsett Jr	WWL015080	Meaghan Louise Wisenbaugh
W4-002931	Richard Lawrence Jones	WW3-018645	Bradley James Smith
W3-017428	Christopher Tyler Knowland	W2-015581	Mitchell A Daniel
WW1-015497	Jon Brown	W2-015582	Larry Isaiah Welch
WL014906	Joseph Eli Dutton	WW1-015505	Christen Marie Wood
WW2-015732	Timothy Bradley Channell	WWL015081	Stacy S. Mullings
WW1-015498	Anthony George Benavidez	WW2-015736	Clint Troy Goode
WL014907	Dylan Nix	WL014909	Eric Daniel Hester
WW1-015499	Nathan Callison	WL014910	Breya Castle
WW3-018642	Luke Meador	WW1-015506	Tony Duffy
WWC034094	Matt Bradley Black Jr	WL014911	Trent Allen Williams
WWC034095	Allen Vance Enlow	WWC034097	Troy Andrew Busby

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WW3-018646	William Cody Parris	WL014914	Emma Woodall
W2-015583	Brandon Maurice Thomas	WW2-015739	Johnathan Glenn Roberts
WW3-018647	Marcus Rhodes	WW3-018659	Phil Guntle
WD017377	Wesly Davidson	W3-017435	William Spani
WW3-018648	Benjamin Keith Henderson	WL014915	Benjamin Martin
WW3-018649	Dalton Laney	W1-015054	Cade Appleby Lancaster
WW3-018650	Lauren Wilder	WW1-015511	Matthew Steven Scroggins
WW2-015737	Joel Clay Mundy	WW1-015512	Terry Eugene Overby
WW1-015507	Gail Rebecca Mackey	WW1-015513	James Borton
WW2-015738	Jed William Smith	WWC034099	Brandon West
WW3-018651	Teryn C Jackson	WW2-015740	Dylan Lee Redman
WL014912	David James Apperson	WW3-018660	Matthew Scott Ehling
WW1-015508	Kathryn Crestani	WW1-015514	sokna sim
WWC034098	Tazmon Jade Finney	WW3-018661	Cody John Howard
W2-015584	Laura Wilder	WWC034100	Jose Virgilio Bujanda
WD017378	John Thomas Albea	WD017381	James Hunter Goodwin
WW3-018652	Jefferson Lee Pendergrass	W3-017436	Tate Owen Murphy
W3-017432	Marco Carvajal-Rodriguez	W3-017437	Michael Christopher Hollaway
WW1-015509	Michael D Boven	W3-017438	James Mike Nichols III
W3-017433	Joshua Jake Clanton	WW2-015741	Jonathan Greg Waits
W3-017434	Nickolus Hoeft	WL014916	Tarik Acevedo Gonzalez
WW3-018653	Dominic DeVonne Martin	WD017382	Caleb Williams
WW1-015510	Douglas Paul Goins	W3-017439	Dylan Gravitt
WW3-018654	Charles Ross asher	WW2-015742	Samuel Layton Wellborn
WD017379	Michael James Allen	WWC034101	Chance Campbell
WW3-018655	Jason Dean McLeod	W4-002934	Charles Luther Foster
WW3-018656	William Haberstroh	WD017383	Juan Jose Torres
WWL015082	Katie Lynn Mulkey	WW3-018662	Shannon Elizabeth Queen
WD017380	Jesse Lamar Emmett	WD017384	Bryson McKenzie Cagle
W2-015585	Jeremy Jay Mulkey	WD017385	Joseph Clay Parker
WW3-018657	Ethan Skipper	WW2-015743	Axel Daniel Nava
W1-015053	Armando Alvarez-Hernandez	WW4-000226	Kimberly Kilpatrick
WWL015083	Tionna Carter	WL014917	Jason Sears
WL014913	Kyle Alexander Reece	WW2-015744	Clayton Tate Pierce
W4-002933	Timothy Eugene Brown	WD017387	William Earl Whaley
W2-015586	Kiara Collins	W4-002935	Charles Jordan Hancock Jr.
WW3-018658	Austin Galbreath	WL014918	Jeffery Erik Coleman

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WWL015084	Kristen Tracy	W3-017440	Jae Garcia
WW3-018663	Augustus Vershawn Murray	W4-002936	Gregory Jermaine Isom

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

Debbie Wright moved, Kartik Bhatt seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:10 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, Gil Shearouse, acting Chair, declared the meeting to be “open” at 10:25 a.m. pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq.

OPEN SESSION

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

Applications:

4219397 – Harrison Wilson – Wastewater Industrial Operator – Approve education in lieu of coursework.

4164086 – S.R. – Water Distribution Operator – Approve with a public Consent Agreement with probation to run concurrent with confinement and subsequent criminal probation.

4225729 – Chandler Bell – Water Distribution Operator – Approve.

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, Kenny Green 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
Krebs Engineering, Inc.	Newnan Station Social and Workshop - Workshop	2 MS
North Georgia Water Resources Partnership	North Georgia Water Resources Partnership - Lecture	4 MS
Clayton County Water Authority	First Aid CPR AED Training - Lecture	6 MS
Clayton County Water Authority	Defensive Driving - Lecture	6 MS

OTHER BUSINESS:

Docketed Orders – Kenny Green moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted to accept the docketed orders as presented:

Type	Licensee	License/Application #	Docket #	City
Consent Agreement	Bruce Wayne Jennings	4215713	2025-0220	Hinesville
Consent Agreement	Dustin Shane Wellington	4162621	2025-0289	Leesburg

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Executive Director’s Report:

The Board reviewed the Executive Director’s report, which provided the Board with data relevant to the applications received, pass rates for exams, and active licenses for calendar year 2024. Kenny Green moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to accept the Executive Director’s Report.

Remote Proctoring:

The Board discussed the process of remote proctoring for examinations required by the Board and administered by PSI. Kenny Green moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to table discussion until the next Board meeting.

Updated WPI Exams:

Water Professionals Internation (WPI) recently launched updated certification exams designed to set a new benchmark in professional standards and ensure excellence in the water industry, including the introduction of a scaled scoring system. Kenny Green moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to table discussion until the next meeting for the Board to create a committee to review the updated exams to determine if the Board should adopt the updated exams or maintain the current exams.

Endorsement Eligibility Discussion:

The Board reviewed and discussed creating a matrix of requirements for certification by state to be posted to the Board’s website to allow applicants to better understand the equivalency in this state for a certification that they hold in another state in an effort to ensure that applicants are submitting correct Endorsement/Reciprocity applications. The Board noted that a national equivalency matrix does not currently exist and noted concern that any matrix published make clear that the Board uses the matrix as a guideline and does guarantee issuance of a certification as the board reviews applications on a case-by-case basis. Kenny Green moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to table discussion until the next Board meeting.

There being no further business, Gil Shearouse, acting Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 11:24 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, June 25, 2025, at 10:00 am.

Minutes recorded by: Kristin Mitchell, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brad Coman, Executive Director

Minutes approved on: June 25, 2025.


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 April 23, 2025, 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.

Albert B Shearouse

PRESIDING OFFICER

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

This 23rd day of A p r i l, 2025

Renea L Gray

