

Georgia State Board of Professional Geologists

Board Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2025

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Professional Geologists met on Wednesday, July 9, 2025 via Webex.

<u>Board Members Present:</u> Edward Rooks, PG, Chairman Kurt Hausner, PG, Vice-Chairman Allison Keefer, PG Pamela Gore, PG Maurizio Centis, PG John Kittle, Consumer <u>Attorney General Representative present:</u> Craig Pake, Assistant Attorney General	<u>Board Staff Present:</u> Laurie Elander, Executive Director Iris Waller, Licensing Supervisor Thishilyn Stubbs, Board Support Specialist Ava Walker, Licensing Analyst <u>Visitors:</u> William King Peter Galusky Randy Kath
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Open Session:

At 9:32 a.m., Edward Rooks, Chairman established that there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Randy Kath, who is a former Board member and ASBOG member, spoke to the Board on former initiatives of the Board to update the language of the Law and Board Rules. The Board would like to have a sub-committee to review the information presented by Randy Kath. Edward Rooks, Chairmen, Allison Keefer, and Pamela Gore all volunteered to be a part of the sub-committee.

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

Edward Rooks, Chairman presented a draft of the February 19, 2025 meeting minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Kurt Hausner, Vice-Chairmen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Mauri Centis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Licenses Issued:

Kurt Hausner, Vice-Chairmen made a motion, Mauri Centis seconded, and the Board voted to accept the ratify the licenses issued and reinstated between February 17, 2025, and July 6, 2025 in accordance with the Board Rules and Policies with the amendment to remove PG002485 as this license was ratified at the previous meeting.

Issued

License Number	Licensee
PG002490	Leonard W Drago
PG002486	Dalton Curtis Kegley
PG002491	James Joseph Connors

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PG002488	Mark Steven Zellman
PG002487	Jared Davis Walbert
PG002489	Scott Ryan Stromberg
PG002484	Brian Mainor
PG002485	Holden Michael Tracy

Reinstated

License Number	Licensee
PG001395	Brian Hayes
PG002304	William Noland

Executive Session:

Pamela Gore moved, Kurt Hausner Vice-Chairman seconded, and the Board voted to enter Executive Session at 10:16 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.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Edward Rooks, 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 11:24 a.m. No votes were taken in the Executive Session.

Open Session:

Allison Keefer moved, Pamela Gore seconded, and the motion was carried by the Board to ratify the following recommendations made during Executive Session:

Executive Session Minutes:

Approved February 19, 2025, Executive Session Board minutes as presented.

Applications:

3067998: Tabled
 3167046: Approved
 3178951: Approved
 3191091: Approved
 3194997: Approved
 3195208: Approved
 3195610: Approved pending passing the examination.
 3197852: Approved
 3198383: Approved
 3199269: Approved
 3199738: Approved
 3200054: Approved
 3200360: Approved
 3201349: Approved
 3206563: Approved

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3207057: Tabled
3207410: Approved
3207417: Tabled
3208462: Approved
3208587: Approved
3209109: Tabled

Attorney General Report

Craig Pake gave the Attorney General's report during the executive session; there was nothing to report at this time. The Board voted to accept the report as presented

Executive Director's Report

The Board reviewed the Executive Director's report, which provided the Board with an update on the new GOALS system.

There being no further business, at 11:31 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

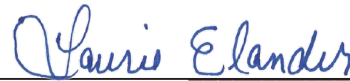
The next Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists is scheduled for August 20, 2025, via Webex at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:
Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Thishilyn Stubbs, Board Support Specialist
Laurie Elander, Executive Director



Edward Rooks, Chairman
Signed with by Laurie Elander with expressed
permission of Edward Rooks



Laurie Elander, Executive Director

These minutes were approved on: Wednesday, August 20, 2025

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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 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 August 20, 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 28
Day of August, 2025
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 11/2/2027

Iris Waller

NOTARY PUBLIC

Bibb County, GEORGIA

My Commission Expires 11/02/2027