

# Georgia State Board of Professional Geologists

## Board Meeting Minutes

### February 19, 2025

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Professional Geologists met on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 via Webex.

<p><u>Board Members Present:</u>  Allison Keefer, PG  Edward Rooks, PG, Chairman  Pamela Gore, PG  Kurt Hausner, PG, Vice-Chairman  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>  Brian</p>
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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.

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

Edward Rooks, Chairman presented a draft of the November 13, 2024 meeting minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Allison Keefer made a motion to approve the minutes with the amendments to add PG behind Maurizio Centis’s name, Kurt Hausner, Vice-Chairman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Licenses Issued:

Allison Keefer made a motion, Kurt Hausner Vice-Chairman seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the licenses issued and reinstated between November 7, 2024, and February 16, 2025, in accordance with the Board Rules and Policies.

Issued

License Number	Licensee
PG002477	Geoffrey Talmadge Gagat
PG002478	Alexander Francis Smith
PG002479	Nathan Marcelo Roncal
PG002480	Thomas A Oshea
PG002481	Stephan Ashley Tyler
PG002482	Emily Purcell Everett
PG002483	Jacob Daniel King

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**Reinstated**

License Number	Licensee
PG002417	Brian James Spillane
PG001689	Charles B Andrews

Edward Rooks, Chairman and Kurt Hausner Vice-Chairman granted Executive Director expressed permission to sign routine board documents on their behalf and would like to be notified in advance before the signing of Consent Orders.

Discussion of Board Rules:

The Board reviewed board rules chapter 265-4 and discussed some possible clean up and updates to the current rules.

Executive Session:

Allison Keefer moved, Kurt Hausner Vice-Chairman seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:08 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 10:26 a.m. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

Open Session:

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

Executive Session Minutes:

Approved the November 13,2024, Executive Session Board minutes with the amendment to add the title Professional Geologist (PG) after Maurizio Centis’s name.

Applications:

- 3067998: Tabled
- 3178287: Approved
- 3179802: Approved
- 3181038: Approved
- 3184018: Approved
- 3184902: Approved
- 3186590: Approved
- 3187091: Approved
- 3187593: Approved
- 3190571: Approved
- 3191197: Approved

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3191449: Approved

Attorney General Report

Craig Pake gave the Attorney General's report during executive session, there was nothing to report at this time. 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.

The board agreed to reschedule the June 25, 2025 board meeting to July 9, 2025 at 9:30 am, none opposed.

Other Business:

There being no further business, at 10:40 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists is scheduled for July 9, 2025, via Webex.

Minutes recorded by:

Thishilyn Stubbs, Board Support Specialist

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, July 9, 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 July 9, 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  
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Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 11/2/2027

Iris Waller  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Bibb County, GEORGIA  
My Commission Expires 11/02/2027