

**Georgia State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water & Wastewater Treatment  
Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts  
Teleconference Board Meeting Minutes – June 25, 2025  
Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA 31217**

**Members Present:**

- Margaret Doss, Chair
- Debbie Wright
- Gil Shearouse
- Kenny Green
- Kartik Bhatt

**Others Present:**

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

**Members Absent:**

- Asmita Patel

**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 10:04 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:**

Kartik Bhatt moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 25, 2025, meeting agenda.

**Minutes:**

Kartik Bhatt moved, Gil Shearouse seconded, and the Board voted to approve the April 23, 2025, Open Session and Executive Session minutes.

**Ratification List:**

Licenses Issued through 4/21/2025 – 6/23/2025 (Total – 189):

License #	Licensee	License #	Licensee
W2-015587	Caleb Wayne Lovell	W3-017442	Kenzie Bond Jr.
WW3-018664	Stephen Eric Boyd	W2-015588	Steven Allen
WD017388	Jim ed mullinax	W3-017443	Bryce Moore
W1-015055	Anthony Rankins	WD017391	Edward Blake Church
WWID032339	Harrison Wilson	WWID032341	Gary Michael Manning Jr
WD017389	Chandler Bell	W3-017444	Damion Lee Cleare
WW1-015515	John Caig Edgar	WWID032342	Christopher Brayden Jones
WD017390	Robert Brennan Lewis	W2-015589	Jamie J Anderson
WL014919	Joseph Dylan Dugan	WWL015086	Ethan Alexander Turner
WWC034102	John Derek White Sr	WD017392	James Dwayne Smith
WW3-018665	Ratchadaporn Thongla Hill	WWC034103	Delwin Barnes
WWID032340	Todd Kaminski	WWC034104	Aaron Keith Robinson
WWL015085	Felix Joao Jovel	W1-015056	Christopher Scott Brown
WW1-015516	DeVonte Young	W3-017445	William Randall England
W3-017441	Sean Henry	WD017393	Christy R Whitaker

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WWC034105	Christy R Whitaker	WWL015087	Caleb Nathanael Lopez
W4-002937	Jeffery Steve Durham	W3-017448	Tabitha Ann Winchester
W2-015590	Stephen Wade Harbin	WWC034114	Kyle Lindsey Dodd
WW2-015745	James Brandon Johnson	W1-015058	Tyler Dean Davis
W3-017446	Christian Dylan Partain	WWC034115	Dustin Perry Nichols
WW3-018666	Ryan Mikeal Schmutzler	WD017399	Christian Richard Morales
WWC034107	Brandon Taylor Archer	WW2-015749	Timothy Tyler Moss
WWC034106	Andrew Thomas East	WWL015088	Alycia Marie Thomas
WW1-015517	Levi Streeter Dyer	W3-017449	Franklin Larry Jones
WW3-018667	Ibrahim Alejandro Prado	W3-017450	Brandon Alexander Powell
WW1-015518	David Todd Durham	WW3-018671	Dayton Council
WD017394	Matthew Clinton Hodgins	W1-015059	Justin Allen Shattles
WW2-015746	Tina Renee Ruppe	WD017400	Michael Spencer Turner
WD017395	Joshua Robert Brock	W1-015060	Kiara Collins
W3-017447	Timothy J Roberts	WL014920	Matthew Emory Wesley
WW1-015519	Austin Blake Miller	W3-017451	Toliver Matchen
WD017396	Tazmon Jade Finney	WW3-018672	Ryan Joseph Nolan
WWC034108	Paul Walker	W2-015593	Joshua M Williams
WW3-018668	Shaun Roberson	W1-015061	Alexander Holmes Warfel
WW2-015747	Andrew Alexander DeBerry	W1-015062	Dalton Milner
WW3-018669	Jason Matthew Hughes	WD017401	Devonne Solomon Hutson
WWID032343	Brandon Lee Smith	W2-015594	Hunter James Kvistad
WW1-015520	Philip Bryant Layton Jr	W3-017452	Joseph Schmidt
WWC034109	Jason Lyle Chandler	WW3-018673	Chase Bollen
WWC034110	Lorenzo Andra Davis	WW3-018674	Michael Keith Coffey
WD017397	Christopher Andrew Lumpkin	W3-017453	Samuel Alton Jarrard
WWC034111	Tyree Roosevelt Lewis	WL014921	Martika Denee Carter
WWID032344	Cristian Cornejo	W3-017454	Nicholas Lewis
WW2-015748	Jeffery David Darsey	WWC034116	Nicholas Cornell Daniel
WD017398	Derick Paul Densmore	WW2-015750	Michael Wayne Mock Jr.
WW3-018670	Hunter Wade Cox	W1-015063	Jarvis Quinney
W2-015591	Debra Ann Richard	W4-002938	JODY JOYNER
W2-015592	David Mangles Sneed	W2-015595	Jacobi Ryan McKenzie
WWC034112	Warren McKale Carnes	WW1-015521	Kelly Lynn Irving
WWC034113	James Darrell McFall	WW2-015751	David Bert Grantham
W1-015057	Noah Tyler Sword	WW3-018675	Carson Lee Rice
WWID032345	Kevin Michael Dolina	WD017402	Robert Lance Tyler Faircloth

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WW1-015522	Jordan Williams	WW3-018678	Jacob mike fontin
W3-017455	James Clayton Cook	WW1-015526	Matthew Scott Vinson
WW3-018676	Curtision Darell Battle	W1-015067	Tenorazel Estelle La'Rue Was
W3-017456	John Delvin Wibirt Schrader	W3-017464	Robert Paul Thornton
W2-015596	Maquel Wheeler	WD017408	Michael Herdt
WWC034117	Heather Elizabeth McKeldin	WWC034122	Greg Anthony Winder
W3-017457	Joshua Kane Turner	W4-002940	James Brandon Dickey
W1-015064	Andrew James Watson	WW3-018679	Samantha Rose Hughes
WW1-015523	Gilberto Sierra-Rodriguez	W2-015599	Tammy Marie Whatley
WW3-018677	William Hales Daniel	WW2-015753	Christopher J Black
WD017403	Mitchell Wade Crews	WWC034123	Caleb Williams
W3-017458	David Preston Childress	WW2-015754	Johnathan Richard Wright
WWID032346	Yasmin Enriquez	W2-015600	Ryan Monroig
W3-017459	Caleb Philip Tew	WWID032347	Michael Branden Dupree
W3-017460	Zackary Turner	WW1-015527	Thomas Anthony Mcfarland
WW2-015752	Stuart Randall Reynolds Jr.	WW1-015528	Kent D Clarke
W4-002939	GEORGE FORTSON	W4-002941	Eli D Johnson
WWC034118	John Ethan Sledge	WD017409	Nikeva Jamila Silverton
W2-015597	Jorge Nathan Ortiz	WWL015091	Richard Wayne Shurley
WD017404	Austin Ryan Stephens	WWC034124	Denver Owen Camp
WD017405	Samuel Peart	WWID032348	Herbert R Moses Jr
WWC034119	Terry Eugene Overby	WW1-015529	George Levar Stevens
WL014922	Bill Odell Owens III	W3-017465	Isaac Raphael Hagan Sr.
WWC034120	James Thomas Strickland II	WD017410	Kyle Syfair Blocker
WWL015089	Samantha Rose Hughes	WW3-018680	Antonio Jones
W3-017461	Jaden Latrell Roberts	WWC034125	Todd Marshall Carnahan
W3-017462	Jadon Jamaal Brown	W3-017466	Joseph Kyle Burgess
W3-017463	John Andrew Jorgensen	W2-015601	Christopher Forrest Hughes
W2-015598	Cody Marshall Grant	W3-017467	Lexis Cunningham
WW1-015524	David Bradford Amos	W3-017468	Caleb Watson
WD017407	John Christian Minch	W1-015068	Carson Lee Rice
W1-015065	William Edward Ziebertz	WW2-015755	Natalie Christine Keyt
WL014923	Mary Hulgan	WWID032349	Marquise Wright
WWL015090	Miles Scott Jones	WWC034126	Antonio James Thomas
WW1-015525	Joshua Walker Benson	WD017411	SHAQUILLE SCOTT
W1-015066	Stevie Nicole Drye	WWL015092	Stephen Michael Davis
WWC034121	Michael James Gwin	WW3-018681	Marcus Tabor

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W1-015069	Shelby Nicole Martin	WW3-018683	Ansley Ables
WW3-018682	Amanda Nicole Smith	WWC034128	Francis Arlin Turner
WL014924	Colleen Donoghue	WD017412	Jeffrey Bradford Rice
W3-017469	Taylor James Jones	WWL015093	Anthony Dewayne Baskin
WL014925	Taylor James Jones	WD017413	Anthony Wayne Hopkins Jr
WWC034127	Carlos Elpidio Legra		

Gil Shearouse moved, Kartik Bhatt seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the licenses issued between meetings by application and reinstatement that were issued in accordance with Board Rules and Policies.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Kartik Bhatt moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:06 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 10:42 a.m. pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq.

**OPEN SESSION**

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

**Applications:**

4240604 – Joshua Gonsalves – Water Operator Class III – Approved.

4243084 / 4249258 – K.G. – Water Laboratory Analyst Renewal / Wastewater Laboratory Analyst Renewal – Approve with a public Consent Order for each application for failure to disclose arrest history on 2023 renewal and failure to report felony conviction within 10 days of adjudication pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 43-1-27. Order to include a \$500 fine, probation to run concurrent with criminal probation, personal and employer biannual reports for two years addressing status of employment, probation and any rehabilitative efforts that have been made, and requirement to complete 8 hours of education, within 60 days of the docketing of the order, in ethics, in addition to any CEs required for certification renewal.

4258129 – J.B. – Wastewater Operator Class IV – Approve with a public Consent Agreement with 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.

**Continuing Education:**

Gil Shearouse moved, Debbie Wright 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
Ascension Engineers & Consultants, Inc.	Water Distribution System Operator Basic Training - Lecture	Approve for 27 BAS W pending cognizant approval after receipt of more detailed syllabus detailing how much time will be spent on each topic.

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Program Provider/Sponsor	Course Title / Notes	Results / Points
Cherokee County Water & Sewerage Authority	PFAS - Wastewater - Lecture	6 WW
California State University, Sacramento	Manage for Success - Effective Utility Leadership Practices 2nd edition - Correspondence Course	12 MS
Columbia County Water Utilities	Basic Water Treatment Course - Lecture	Margaret Doss recused. 40 BAS W
The Water Tower	Water Distribution System Operator - Live Webinar	27 BAS WD
The Water Tower	Drinking Water Laboratory Analyst - Live Webinar	27 BAS W Lab
The Water Tower	Basic Wastewater Treatment - Live Webinar	40 BAS WW
IB Environmental	2025 WaterFirst Informational Workshop - Workshop	5 MS
Environmental Business Specialists	Industrial Wastewater Workshop Savannah - Workshop	12 WW

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Docketed Orders** – Kenny Green moved, Gil Shearouse seconded, and the Board voted to accept the docketed orders as presented:

Type	Licensee	License/Application #	Docket #	City
Consent Agreement	Steven Roebuck	4164086	2025-0480	Cave Spring

**Remote Proctoring:**

The Board discussed the process of remote proctoring for examinations required by the Board and administered by PSI. Kartik Bhatt moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to table discussion to the next meeting for a presentation from PSI.

**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. Gil Shearouse moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to table discussion until the next meeting for a presentation from WPI.

**Endorsement Eligibility Discussion:**

The Board reviewed a proposed 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. Staff to provide an updated copy of the proposed matrix at the next meeting.

**Certificates of Active Supervision:**

The Board reviewed the certificates of active supervision from the Governor’s office, dated May 30, 2025, for changes to Board Rules 750-3-.04, 750-4-.01, and 750-4-.02. These amendments have been approved, to become effective on July 29, 2025. Staff to reach out to PSI and licensing system vendor to implement the rule changes.

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There being no further business, Margaret Doss, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 11:45 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, August 27, 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: August 27, 2025.

  
Margaret Doss, Chair

  
Brad Coman, Executive Director

Attachment

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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 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 June 25, 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.

*Margaret E. Doss*

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PRESIDING OFFICER

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

This 25th day of J u n e, 25

*Renea L. Gray*  
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Notary Public

