

**Georgia State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water & Wastewater Treatment  
Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts  
Teleconference Board Meeting Minutes – August 27, 2025  
Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA 31217**

**Members Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

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

**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 10:02 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:**

Kenny Green moved, Gil Shearouse seconded, and the Board voted to approve the August 27, 2025, meeting agenda.

**Minutes:**

Gil Shearouse moved, Kenny Green seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 25, 2025, Open Session and Executive Session minutes.

**Ratification List:**

Licenses Issued through 6/24/2025 – 8/24/2025 (Total – 182):

License #	Licensee	License #	Licensee
WW1-015530	Richard Lawrence Jones	W3-017473	Joseph Anthony Sinatra Jr
WWC034129	Carlos Walden Houston	WW2-015757	Christopher Roland Carmel
W1-015070	Avery Nathanael Davis	WW2-015758	Melvin Guischard Winfrey
W3-017470	Riley Cameron Nichols	WWC034132	Kory Allen Cason
W4-002942	Jonathan William Kent	WW3-018684	Gabriel Lopez-Perez
WW1-015531	Samuel Layton Wellborn	WD017414	Nathaniel Newberry
W3-017471	Joshua Louis Gonsalves	W2-015603	Paul Stephen Scott
WWC034130	Randall Allen Stitt	W4-002944	Kathryn Renee Dupre
W4-002943	Samuel Clemons Jr	WD017415	Abigail Lynn Savage Pickett
W1-015071	Kendra Ann Sinatra	W3-017474	Tammie Lowe
W1-015072	Patrick Morgan	WW3-018685	Jordan Anthony Adams
WWL015094	Kiefer Hunt	WWL015095	Aaron Fox
W2-015602	Aimee Corrinne Andrews	WWC034133	Trevor John Hunt
WWC034131	Mark Cope	WWC034134	Robert Landen Davis
W3-017472	Terry Kyle Dorris	W3-017475	Samuel Joseph Padgett
WW2-015756	Xochitl Delgado Blanco	W3-017476	Romaeshia Paul
WL014926	Alex Lee	W3-017477	Geoffrey Baldwin Knight

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WW3-018686	Elijah Ray Garmon	WW1-015532	Evan Romo
WD017416	Vaughn C Bernard	WWC034141	Benjamin Odell
W1-015073	Robert Eugene Goble III	W2-015606	Thomas Layton Caliendo
WW2-015759	Jonathan M McKinney	WW1-015533	MacLellan Jace Hicks
W1-015074	Katie Jo Valentine	WW3-018691	CODY LEE MIZE
W3-017478	Daniel Isaiah Perodin	WW3-018692	Elizabeth Morgan Baker
WWL015096	Thomas Allen Lee	W3-017483	Jeffrey Edward Dybus
W1-015075	Matthew Samuel Lane	W3-017484	Joshua Hosking
W1-015076	Grace Nina Crooks	WD017421	Michael Alexander Smith
WD017417	Natalie Paige McEver	W3-017485	Timothy Reece Manning
WW3-018687	Linda Cristina Campbell	WWL015097	Rogelio Serrano-Lopez
WW2-015760	Shequan Robinson	WW3-018693	Michael Allen Brummel
W3-017479	Daniel Charles Cason	WWC034142	Benjamin Storey
W4-002945	Ollie Higdon	WW3-018694	Ethan Rial Hoover
WW2-015761	Daniel Robert Crandall	WW3-018695	Jake Glasscock
WD017418	Matthew Grant Fowler	WWL015098	Jed William Smith
W2-015604	Michael Chant Bailey	WW2-015764	Dominic Pierre Wilder-Finch
WWC034135	Anthony Joseph Williams	WWL015099	Whitney Nicole Boone
WD017419	Darius Lamar Bowen-Lindley	W2-015607	Connor Chase Blackwell
W3-017480	Dakota Samuel Brown	W3-017486	Michael Paul Verner
WW3-018688	Kevin Bennett Denton	WD017422	Aaron James Hester-Bailey
WWID032350	Jacob Craig Robinson	W3-017487	Matthew Scott
W3-017481	James Timothy Hall	WW3-018696	Christopher Wade Harris
WWC034136	Kevin Wayne Cannon	WW3-018697	Christopher Mark Whitney
WD017420	Joshua Joachim Edmond	WWL015100	Michael Scott Mertens
W2-015605	Jon Connor Caldwell	WL014928	Joseph C Land
WWC034138	Gregory Ray Campbell-boyd	WW3-018698	Sabian Levasseur
WWC034137	Taylor Turner	WW1-015534	Kenneth David Dreisbach
WW3-018689	Errol Flynn Wilson	W2-015608	Jonathan Horton
WW2-015762	Dallas Edward Rutland	W4-002946	Keith Eric Lyons
W3-017482	Westley Bosarge Hester	WW3-018699	Patrick Lance DuBois
WW2-015763	Kevin William Setser	W1-015078	Trace Mitchell Jeffers
WL014927	Kalen D Larsen	WW3-018700	Christopher Scott Allen
WWC034139	Patrick Kelly Olson	WW3-018701	Bryson Dean Holton
WWC034140	Rodney Powell	W1-015079	Tomul Theron Howard Jr.
W1-015077	Michael Brice Doolittle	WW4-000228	casey swain
WW3-018690	Hugh Charles Wade	WD017423	James Thomas Strickland II

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WW3-018702	Jay F Davilmar	WW3-018709	Paul ONeal Bishop III
W3-017488	Malik Reid	WW2-015766	Jason Ray Duvall
WW3-018703	Stephen Brian Wynn	W3-017496	Jamar Rawls
WWC034143	Keon Watson	W3-017497	Thomas Michael Rippy
W3-017489	Michael jay self	W2-015611	Austin Harry
WW3-018704	Holdyn Little	W2-015612	Alex Lee
WWC034144	Christopher Olen Williams	WW1-015537	Carter James Wasdin
W2-015609	Tyler Lee Smith	W3-017498	Joseph Sylvester
WW3-018705	matthew jason martin	WWC034148	Gregory Denoard Kempson
WD017424	Darryl Huger	W2-015613	Ian Alexander Sloat
WW1-015535	Douglas Edwin Lollis II	W1-015080	Alison Michelle Claflin
W3-017490	Dylan Kelligan	WW3-018710	Marcus Donte' Dobbs
W3-017491	Jayda Roberts	W3-017499	Joshua Doss
W3-017492	Nathan Griffin	W3-017500	forest r hawks
WL014929	MareyLeigh Cathleen Campbell	W2-015614	Stacy Gerald Akers
WWL015101	MareyLeigh Cathleen Campbell	WL014931	Jacob B Kebede
W2-015610	Jennifer Christine Maxwell	WD017430	zane cooper
W3-017493	Christa H Hopkins	WD017431	William Franklin Swaim IV
WW1-015536	Jason Edward Boyd	WWL015104	Parker Lee Warnock
W4-002947	JOSHUA MILLARD LUKE	WL014932	Michael Coveleskie
WD017425	RICKY SAMUEL COLE NELSO	WD017432	Morris Adam Winters
WD017426	Angelo Van Parker	WL014933	Patrick Knight
WW3-018706	Jean Bernard Jeanty Sr	WWC034149	Jacob Issac Burnett
WD017427	William Brad Wattenbarger	W4-002948	Justin Michael Childers
WWC034145	Grady Robert Lee	WW3-018711	Tony Chi
WWC034146	Anzio Hudson	WW3-018712	Clayton L Huff
WD017428	Christopher Alan Brown	WL014934	Joshua Blake Adcock
WL014930	KERRIE ANNE BETHEL	W3-017501	Reshard Jerome slay
WWL015103	Candice Joann Crews	WD017433	Aaron Keith Robinson
WWL015102	Mackenzly Labrie	WW2-015767	William Mock
WWC034147	Roy Edward Williams	WW1-015538	Nathan Stuart Williams
WW3-018707	Victor Miller	WW3-018713	Jason Ward Mabry
W3-017494	Tiandria Cotton	W2-015615	Terry Shane Marsingill
W3-017495	Jeremy Sawyer Ryan	WW3-018714	Curtis David Sharpe
WW3-018708	Christopher Scott Brown	WW3-018715	Edwin Alcides Alvarado
WW2-015765	Lavertis Lamon Childres	W3-017502	Michael Allen Wilson
WD017429	James Clemons	WL014935	Brady Isaac Sanford

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Kenny Green moved, Debbie Wright 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, Kenny Green seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:59 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 12:03 p.m. pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq.

**OPEN SESSION**

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

**Appointment:**

4243084 / 4249258 – Approve reduction in the fine for public Consent Order to \$250 per license.

**Applications:**

4307210 – D.L.C. – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public Consent Order to include probation to run concurrent with Soil Classifier Approval probation.

4297668 – D.R.W. – Wastewater Industrial Operator – Deny request for education to be considered in lieu of coursework. Applicant to complete coursework and retake exam.

4257580 – S.P. – Wastewater Collect System Operator – Approve.

4297448 – J.N. – Water Distribution Operator – Application incomplete. Applicant needs to retake exam pursuant to Board Rule 750-3-.04(d)(2).

**Complaints:**

WW250020 – Refer to Investigations to obtain a statement from respondent and offer a voluntary Cease and Desist Order if found to be practicing without a license.

**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, Kenny Green seconded, and the motion was carried by the Board to accept the Continuing Education Committee’s recommendations as follows:

<b>Program Provider/Sponsor</b>	<b>Course Title / Notes</b>	<b>Results / Points</b>
Clayton County Water Authority	Heavy Equipment Operator Training Program - Lecture	6 W/WW
International Ozone Association Pan American Group	2025 IOA World Congress Ozone Workshop - Workshop	6 W/WW
International Ozone Association Pan American Group	2025 IOA World Congress Technical Sessions - Lecture	6 W/WW

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<b>Program Provider/Sponsor</b>	<b>Course Title / Notes</b>	<b>Results / Points</b>
Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources	Hearing Conservation Awareness - Online	Table for additional information to be approved by cognizant between meetings.
Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center	Intro to Surface Water Treatment - Live Webinar	4 W/MS
The Water Tower	Wastewater Laboratory Analyst - Live Webinar	27 BAS WWL
The Water Tower	Public Water Supply System Operator - Live Webinar	40 BAS W
The Water Tower	Wastewater Collection System Operator - Live Webinar	27 BAS WWC
Denise Burks	Heartsaver First Aid, CPR, and AED - Lecture	6 MS
Henry County Water Authority	HCWA Fall CE Symposium - Lecture	6 W/WW
At Your Pace Online	Pipelines - Online	1 W
At Your Pace Online	Storage Tanks - Online	1 W
At Your Pace Online	Water Distribution Systems - Online	1 W
At Your Pace Online	Water Utility Management - Online	2 W
Southeastern FOG Alliance	Fats, Oils and Grease Training - Lecture	12 W/WW
R2T, Inc.	Interim Localized Wet Weather Storage Solutions Training Program - Lecture	6 WW
CEU Plan	Basic Mathematics for Water and Wastewater Operators - Online	1 W/WW
CEU Plan	Advanced Mathematics for Water Treatment and Distribution Operators - Online	2 W
CEU Plan	Operator Certification Intro - Online	2 W/WW
CEU Plan	Becoming a Water or Wastewater Plant Operator - Online	1 W/WW
CEU Plan	Cost Savings Methods for Water and Wastewater Utilities - Online	1 MS
Monitoring and Management Services, LLC	FOG Program Courses 1 - 8 - Online	Table for clarification on points requested, to be approved by cognizant between meetings.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

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

<b>Type</b>	<b>Licensee</b>	<b>License/Application #</b>	<b>Docket #</b>	<b>City</b>
Consent Agreement	Johnathan Blackwell	4258129	2025-0628	Ringgold

**Remote Proctoring:**

Tom Healy, Vice President of Water Professionals International (WPI), attended the meeting and presented on remote proctoring for examinations required by the Board and administered by 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. Tom Healy, Vice President of WPI, attended the meeting and presented on the updated exams. After review and discussion, Kenny Green moved, Gil Shearouse seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to adopt the updated certification exams, to be implemented once changes to exam eligibility process are in effect.

**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

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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. Gil Shearouse moved, Debbie Green seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to table review of the matrix to the next board meeting.

**Petition for Rule Waiver - Scott Palmer:**

The Board reviewed a petition for rule waiver of Rule 750-3-.04(d)(2), requiring that applicants apply for a certification within twelve months of passing an examination. Gil Shearouse moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the petition as the Board feels that the purpose of the underlying statute upon which the rule is based has been achieved, and that strict application of the rule would create a substantial hardship to the applicant.

**Petition for Rule Waiver - John Norman:**

The Board reviewed a petition for rule waiver of Rule 750-7-.02(2), requiring that applicants for reinstatement whose certificates have been lapsed for over 2 years must have retaken and passed the examination for the certificate requesting to be reinstated, unless the individual has submitted a verified certificate in good standing issued by another country, or by any state, territory, or possession of the United States which has requirements for certification substantially similar to the Board. Gil Shearouse moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to deny the petition, as based upon the facts stated in the rule petition, the request did not demonstrate compelling rationale that strict application of the rule would create a substantial hardship to the petitioner.

There being no further business, Margaret Doss, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.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, October 22, 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: October 22, 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 August 27, 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 27th day of August, 2025

*Renea L. Gray*  
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Notary Public

