

Georgia State Board of Professional Geologists

Board Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2025

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Professional Geologists met on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 via Webex.

<p><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</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> Frank Lieth James Stroud Chris Foldesi</p>
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Open Session:

At 9:34 a.m., Edward Rooks, Chairman established that there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

John Kittle made a motion for the Board to accept the agenda as presented. Mauri Centis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Edward Rooks, Chairman presented a draft of the July 9, 2025 meeting minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Allison Keefer made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Pamela Gore seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Licenses Issued:

Kurt Hausner, Vice-Chairmen made a motion, Mauri Centis seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the licenses issued and reinstated between July 7, 2025, and August 13, 2025, in accordance with the Board Rules and Policies.

Issued

License Number	Licensee
PG002492	William Gregory Dennis-King
PG002493	Roseline Marie Hartz
PG002494	Gabriela Beatriz Franco
PG002495	Matthew Anton Pastorcich
PG002496	Jacob George Epperson

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PG002497	Ernest Joseph Bovenizer
PG002498	Susan Mickiewicz Buchanan
PG002499	Thomas Cody Mc Ilroy
PG002500	Anna L Schnittker
PG002501	Jason Randall Harvell
PG002502	Mark William Van Aken
PG002503	John Patrick Gammans
PG002504	John Harold Foster III
PG002505	Sarah Chandler Palencia
PG002506	Gilbert Riley Dunn

Reinstated

License Number	Licensee Name
PG001780	Carrie L. Williams

Review Information of Law/Rules Update Adding Continuing Education Discussion:

Allison Keefer made a motion to table this discussion and move to the next scheduled Board meeting. Mauri Centis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session:

John Kittle moved, Pamela Gore seconded, and the Board voted to enter Executive Session at 9:40 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 11:15 a.m. No votes were taken in the Executive Session.

Open Session:

Kurt Hausner Vice-Chairmen moved, Pamela Gore seconded, and the motion was carried by the Board to accept the recommendations made during executive session. The recommendations made are as follows:

Executive Session Minutes: Approved July 9 ,2025, Executive Session Board minutes as presented.

Applications:

3126618: Approve

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4285905: Approve upon passing part 2 of the examination.
4280960: Table-request additional information.
4276096: Approve
3143587: Deny
4311138: Approve upon passing part 2 of the examination
3211450: Approve
3194069: Table-request additional information.
3207417: Approve

Attorney General Report

Craig Pake gave the Attorney General's report during the executive session. 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, the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

The next Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists is scheduled for November 5, 2025, via Webex at 9:30 a.m.

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, November 5, 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 November 5, 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 5th
Day of NOVEMBER, 2025
Deborah A. Horton
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: Dec-17, 2028

