

**Georgia State Board of Professional Geologists Meeting
February 21, 2024, Webex Video Conference
Meeting Minutes**

Board Members:

Allison Keefer, PG, Chairman, via Webex
Edward Rooks, PG, Vice-Chairman, via Webex
Pamela Gore, PG, via Webex
Kurt Hausner, PG, via Webex

Board Members Absent:

None

Staff Members:

Laurie Elander, Executive Director, via Webex
Ava Walker, Licensure Analyst, via Webex
Thishilyn Stubbs, Board Support Specialist, via Webex

Attorney General:

Alison Spencer, Assistant Attorney General, via Webex

Visitors:

None

Call to Order:

Allison Keefer, Chairman noted that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 9:34 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.

Edward Rooks, Vice-Chairman made a motion to accept the agenda with amendments to add application #3139257 for review. Pamela Gore seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Open Session Minutes:

Allison Keefer, Chairman presented a draft of the Open Session minutes from November 15, 2023. Pamela Gore made a motion to accept the minutes with an amendment to correct the spelling of Edward Rooks last name from Rook to Rooks. Edward Rooks, Vice-Chairman seconded that motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Edward Rooks, Vice-Chairman made a motion, Pamela Gore seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the licenses issued between November 14, 2023 and February 18, 2024 in accordance with the Board Rules and Policies.

License Number	Licensee
PG002443	William Kelly Donaldson

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Christopher Shady Scott Lewis,
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Allison Keefer, Chairman agreed to give Laurie Elander, Executive Director expressed permission to sign her name on routine board documents on her behalf as needed.

Executive Session:

Edward Rooks, Vice-Chairman made a motion to enter Executive Session at 9:48 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k), 43-1-19(h), and 50-14-3, to deliberate on applications, complaints, investigative reports, and to hear the Assistant Attorney General's report. Pamela Gore seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Allison Keefer, 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 10:39 a.m. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

Open Session:

Edward Rooks, Vice-Chairman moved, Kurt Hausner seconded, and the motion was carried by the Board to ratify the following recommendations made during Executive Session:

Executive Session Minutes:

Approved the November 15, 2023, Executive Session Board minutes as presented.

Applications:

3125504- Approve pending-request additional information.

3039426- Approved

3067998-Table request information.

3036651- Approved

3139257-Approve pending-request additional information

Complaints:

No Complaints were reviewed.

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Attorney General Report:

No cases were presented at this time.

Executive Director Report:

There was no Executive Director report as this time.

The Board had a discussion in reference to applicants applying for licensure in Georgia by reciprocity but received their license in another state by being grandfathered in and was not required to take the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG). Alison Spencer suggested the Board create a rule for guideline of acceptance.

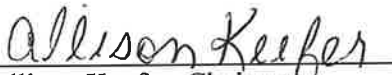
Adjournment:

There being no further business, at 11:01 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists is scheduled for May 1, 2024 via Webex.

Minutes recorded by: Thishilyn Stubbs, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by: Laurie Elander, Executive Director


Allison Keefer, Chairman
Signed by Laurie Elander with the expressed permission
of Allison Keefer


Laurie Elander, Executive Director

Minutes Approved On: Wednesday, May 1, 2024

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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 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 Allison Keefer, 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 May 1, 2024, 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.

Allison Keefer
PRESIDING OFFICER

Allison Keefer

Signed by Laurie Elander with expressed permission of Allison Keefer

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th
Day of February, 2026.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 11/2/2027

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