

Georgia State Board of Professional Geologists

Board Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2024

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Professional Geologists met on **Wednesday, May 1, 2024** via Webex.

<p><u>Board Members Present:</u> Allison Keefer, PG, Chairman Edward Rooks, PG, Vice-Chairman Pamela Gore, PG Kurt Hausner PG</p> <p><u>Attorney General Representative present:</u> Alison Spencer, Assistant Attorney General</p> <p><u>Visitor:</u> Chris Wheeler</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>
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Open Session:

At 9:35 a.m., Chairperson Allison Keefer established that there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Kurt Hausner made a motion for the Board to accept the agenda as presented. Edward Rooks seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Alison Keefer presented a draft of the February 21, 2024 meeting minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Kurt Hausner made a motion to approve the minutes with the amendment to correct "The Alison Spencer" to Alison Spencer. Pamela Gore seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session:

Kurt Hausner moved, Pamela Gore seconded, and the Board voted to enter into 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, 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 10:13 a.m. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

Open Session:

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

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Executive Session Minutes:

Approved the February 21,2024, Executive Session Board minutes as presented.

Applications:

3036651-Approved

3125504- Approve to reinstate if the applicant held a valid license in another state and or practicing in another state. If not, applicant will be required to take the exam.

3137321- Approve

3132102- Approve

3132545- Approve

3141500- Approve

Attorney General Report

No cases to present

Licenses Issued:

Kurt Hausner made a motion, Edward Rooks, Vice-Chairman seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the licenses issued and reinstated between February 6, 2024 and April 28, 2024, in accordance with the Board Rules and Policies.

Issued

License Number	Licensee
PG002445	Christina L. Blaszkiewicz
PG002446	Annelise Wiggins Helms
PG002447	Eric Lee Parrish
PG002448	Daniel Jay Slavin
PG002449	Connor John Cain
PG002450	Audra Elizabeth Balson
PG002451	James Edward Frank
PG002452	Kathryn Jeanne Murdock
PG002453	Rhett P Walker
PG002454	Thomas Edward Naumann
PG002455	Timothy Clark Biggs
PG002456	Timothy Alexander Schnell

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PG002457	Jordan Elizabeth Pring
PG002458	John Ownby Myer
PG002459	Christian Dean Bartz

Reinstatement

License Number	Licensee
PG001819	Jason T Lennane
PG001812	Joan Ann Smyth
PG001359	Pamela J.W. Jackson
PG001672	Uche Chioke

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.

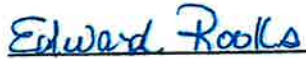
Other Business:

There being no further business, at 10:37 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

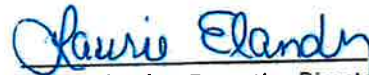
The next Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists is scheduled for August 28, 2024 via Webex.

Minutes recorded by:
Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Thishilyn Stubbs, Board Support Specialist
Laurie Elander, Executive Director



Edward Rooks, Vice Chairman
Signed with by Laurie Elander with expressed permission of Edward Rooks



Laurie Elander, Executive Director

These minutes were approved on: Wednesday, August 28, 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 Edward Rooks, the Board Vice 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 August 28, 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.

Edward Rooks
PRESIDING OFFICER

Signed by Laurie Elander with the expressed permission of Edward Rooks

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th
Day of September, 2024
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 11/21/2027

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