

Georgia State Board of Professional Geologists

Board Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2024

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Professional Geologists met on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 via Webex.

<p><u>Board Members Present:</u> Edward Rooks, PG, Vice-Chairman Pamela Gore, PG Kurt Hausner PG Maurizio Centis</p> <p><u>Absent Members:</u> Allison Keefer, PG, Chairman</p> <p><u>Attorney General Representative present:</u> Alison Spencer, 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> Jacob King Makela Brown Samuel Walker Paul Gilber Chandler</p>
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Open Session:

At 9:33 a.m., Edward Rooks, Vice-Chairman 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. Pamela Gore seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Edward Rooks, Vice-Chairman presented a draft of the May 1, 2024 meeting minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Kurt Hausner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Pamela Gore seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Licenses Issued:

Kurt Hausner made a motion, Pamela Gore seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the licenses issued and reinstated between April 29, 2024, and August 22, 2024, in accordance with the Board Rules and Policies.

Issued

License Number	Licensee
PG002460	Katherine Patricia Megar

Reinstatement

License Number	Licensee
PG001624	David W Hicks
PG001464	Edward G Meyers
PG002194	Richard Christopher Wheeler

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Visitor Jacob King expressed concerns about the noise from a construction site being next to the testing center while taking the examination and noted he has experienced trouble getting in touch with the testing vendor.

Edward Rooks, Vice-Chairman asked for an introduction from the newest member of the board, Mauri Centis.

Executive Session:

Pamela Gore moved, Kurt Hausner seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 9:58 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, Vice-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 10:32 a.m. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

Open Session:

Pamela Gore 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 May 1, 2024, Executive Session Board minutes as presented.

Applications:

- 3067998: Approve pending passing part 1 of the examination
- 3069177: Approve pending passing part 2 of the examination.
- 3094243: Recommendation to Approve
- 3130001: Approve
- 3140917: Approve
- 3143587: Deny for failure to meet qualifications
- 3149713: Approve
- 3150708: Approve
- 3152802: Approve
- 3153244: Approve
- 3153613: Approve
- 3153971: Approve
- 3154465: Approve
- 3155352: Approve reinstatement pending passing part 2 of the examination
- 3158798: Approve
- 3159212: Approve
- 3159528: Approve
- 3161347: Approve
- 3161843: Approve
- 3163195: Approve

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3163716: Approve
3165289: Approve
3166074: Approve
3140981: Approve
3149340: Approve
3156580: Approve
3162618: Approve
3163348: Approve

Renewals:

287222: Send certified letter by mail to request sanction documents if no response in 30 days, refer to Investigations to contact licensee and obtain sanction documents.

Complaints:

No complaints were reviewed.

Attorney General Report

Alison Spencer gave the Attorney General's report during executive session. The Board voted to accept the report as presented

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 10:50 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists is scheduled for November 13, 2024 via Webex.

Minutes recorded by:

Thishilyn Stubbs, Board Support Specialist

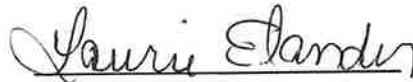
Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Laurie Elander, Executive Director



Allison Keefer, Chairman

Signed with by Laurie Elander with expressed permission of Allison Keefer



Laurie Elander, Executive Director

These minutes were approved on: Wednesday, November 13, 2024

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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 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 November 13, 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 the expressed permission of Allison Keefer

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th
Day of February, 2024
[Signature]
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 11/21/2027

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