

**Georgia State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water & Wastewater Treatment
Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts
Teleconference Board Meeting Minutes – December 17, 2025
Professional Licensing Boards Division, 3920 Arkwright Rd., Suite 195, Macon, GA 31210**

Members Present:

- Margaret Doss, Chair
- Debbie Wright
- Gil Shearouse
- Kenny Green
- 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

Members Absent:

- Kartik Bhatt

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 10:03 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:

Gil Shearouse moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted to approve the December 17, 2025, meeting agenda.

Minutes:

Gil Shearouse moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted to approve the October 22, 2025, Open Session and Executive Session minutes.

Ratification List:

Licenses Issued through 10/15/2025 – 12/14/2025 (Total – 188):

License #	Licensee	License #	Licensee
WD017451	Bain Cox	WW3-018741	Shauna Emrie
WD017452	Andrew Stephen Homiller	W3-017526	Jordan Tyler Price
WD017453	Jeffery Shane Griffin	W3-017525	Reese Bales
WWID032357	Mark Whitlow	WWC034172	Keenan Knox
W3-017523	Robert Gage Holiday	WW3-018743	Corey William Scott
W2-015629	Talisha Janee' Carnell	WWL015113	Derrick Brannan
WD017454	Karis Daniels	W2-015631	Colby Bryar Jones
WW2-015773	Shaun Roberson	W3-017527	Kyle Emmanuelle Moya-Fonsec
WD017455	Sinch Antonio Phongsavath	WW3-018744	Ryan DeVante Brown
WD017456	David Michael Williams	WW1-015550	Justin Sheffield
WW3-018740	Melissa Ann Meyer	WW3-018745	Luke James Hanley
W3-017524	Chandler Elrod	W3-017528	Joseph B Hackle
W2-015630	Morris Levert Smith	WD017457	Seth Michael Daiker
WL014946	Parker Lee Warnock	WWC034173	William Ryan Sorrells
WW3-018742	Rachel Meltz	WD017458	Kevin Madonna

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WD017459	Darrin Luke Casey	WW2-015777	Carson Lee Rice
WD017460	Jonathan Kane Arnold	WWID032358	Dinh Phuoc Nguyen
W3-017529	Christopher Walden Lanier	WW3-018754	Kyle Aaron Lanham
WWC034174	Zenithe Dukes	WWC034179	Aisha Kimore Terry
WW3-018746	Phillip Nikolay Melnichenko	WD017468	Kevin Lee Pass
W3-017530	Scott Harold Jones	W3-017535	Frederick Wisenbaker
WW3-018747	William Russell Smith	W3-017536	Michael Anthony Poole
W3-017531	Corey Daniel Butler	WWC034180	Jameriquan Juanyaa Marshall
WWC034175	Michael Scott	WW2-015778	Tanner Ryan Noland
WW2-015774	Jason Dean McLeod	WW3-018755	Matthew Hunter Rowzee
W3-017532	Darrell Davon Perkins	W2-015634	Rodolfo Alvarado Ramos III
WW3-018748	Damian Jimenez	W3-017537	Bobby Dale Renfroe
WD017461	Cody Westmoreland	W3-017538	Verjell Bowleg
WW3-018749	George Anthony Hayes	WW3-018757	Russell Branham
W2-015632	John Daryl McCorkle	WW1-015553	Ho Phi Dang
W3-017533	Jeremy Kyle McEntire	W1-015088	Daniel Vazquez
WD017462	MARIA WATSON	W1-015087	Tyler Lee Smith
WW3-018750	Jawad Khan	WW2-015779	James Eric Williams II
WW3-018751	Frederick Wisenbaker	W4-002952	Cannon Wood
W3-017534	julian david suaza	WWC034181	Jacob Chase Frady
WW3-018752	Cody Tyler Richards	W3-017540	Peter-Michael Katz
WWC034176	Brandon Scott Walters III	WWC034182	Michael Spencer Turner
WWC034177	Harry Joseph McGinness IV	WWC034183	Rebecca Lynn Evans
WW1-015551	Adam Swanier	WW3-018759	Howard Randolph Brandon III
WD017463	Joseph Tyler Black	WW2-015780	Jayda Roberts
WD017464	Daniel Newton	WWL015115	Teagan Newcombe
WL014947	Ashar Evans	W3-017541	BRODY STANSELL ADAMS
WD017465	Kinta Johnson	W2-015635	Ayleaha Victoria Atkins-House
W2-015633	Kasey Christopher Poff	WW3-018760	Aaron Fox
WW1-015552	Ronald Brandon Phillips	W2-015636	James Allen Moreland
WD017466	Justin Tyler Gonzalez	WW1-015554	Marc Allen Kubesh
WWC034178	Dakota Thomas Davis	WW3-018761	Courtney Lynette Childs
WW2-015775	Matthew Scott Ehling	WWC034184	jonathon kyle hutto
WW3-018753	Erik Michael Mergendahl	WW2-015781	Ezekiel Choice Brown
W4-002951	Johnny Randall Ledbetter II	W2-015637	Zachary Thomas Waters
WWL015114	Brian C Bland	WW3-018762	Ross Williams
WD017467	David C Bulloch	W3-017542	Brian Chandler Love

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WD017469	colin m hallford	WW2-015785	Andrew Wayne Strickland
W2-015638	Brady Lee Foster	WW3-018769	Brandon Hansen-Norby
WL014948	Rachel Ann Petit-Bois	WW2-015786	Shelby Nicole Martin
WD017470	Joel Alejandro Estrada	WW3-018770	James Odell Johnson
WW1-015555	Jeffery Dilborn Palmer	WWL015117	Anthony D. Arrington
WW3-018763	Dustin Clarke	WWC034188	Devin Christopher Randle
WW3-018764	Danica Diane Spaulding	WWC034189	Roderick Frazier
WW3-018765	Myron Thomas Petro	WW1-015557	Jessica Jager-Dingfeld
WW3-018766	Salim Qawi Burns	WWC034190	colby m elkins
W3-017543	Kaitlin Wood	WD017471	Dustin Manie Brownlow Bell
W3-017544	joseph thomas land	WW1-015558	Kevin William Setser
WW2-015782	Henry G Gibson	W3-017556	Wesley Jeremy Flanagan
WWC034185	Algernon Tremain Wallace	W3-017557	Devon Blake Fort
W1-015089	William Randall England	W3-017558	Garrett Dean Johnson
W3-017545	William Bentley	WW3-018771	Bilal Zadrán
W3-017546	Jason Henry Crook	WL014949	Santiago Ortiz
WWC034186	James Hammond IV	W3-017559	David Ahlgrim
W3-017547	Dylan Rafael White	WWL015118	Joseph Dylan Dugan
W3-017548	Hollis Jude Laskey	WW3-018772	Brandon Thompson
W2-015640	Jessica Taylor Davis	W3-017560	Bailey Dean Goswick
W3-017549	Mickey Bryan Bell	WWC034191	Erick Saint-Vil
W3-017550	Michelle Chavarria	W3-017561	Kenneth Luke Branch
W2-015641	David Wayne Foster	WW3-018773	Abigail Faith Freeman
W3-017551	Benjamin Keller	W1-015091	Derek Wayne Holliday
WW1-015556	William Marion Nolan	W3-017562	Singen Chang
WW3-018767	Myles LeMaster	W3-017563	Dale Eugene Bradford Jr.
WW3-018768	Brandon Russell Veatch	WWC034192	Michael Jeffrey Burks
WWID032359	Jerry Radean Hawkins	WW2-015787	Tyler Hugh Pollard
W3-017552	Mykle Minnick	WWC034193	Derrick ambrester
WW2-015783	Zachary Martin Catolico	WWC034194	Sheldon Ian Lindsay
W3-017553	Grayson Sullens	W3-017564	Karl Dennis Smith
WWL015116	Kimberly Aguilar	W3-017565	Madison Virginia Redenz
WW2-015784	Nathan Curtis Hill	W3-017566	Christopher Brett Davis
W3-017554	Hander Suazo - Tovar	W3-017567	Richard William Douglas
W3-017555	Jacob Reilly McCann	W3-017568	zachary adam gilbert
WWC034187	Floronda Michelle Rhone	W3-017569	Eden Faith Ruddy
W1-015090	Hannah Ann Strickland	W3-017570	Michael J Watts

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WW1-015559	Dylan Lee Redman	WWL015119	Christopher Mark Whitney
WD017472	Michael Fusco	W3-017573	Samantha Victoria Thompson
WW1-015560	Harrison Thomas Hoyle	W3-017574	trip nathan reeves
W3-017571	Dustin Franklin Henslee	W3-017575	Brent Emerson
W3-017572	Emma Butler	WWC034195	Dillon Monarch

Debbie Wright moved, Kenny Green 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

Kenny Green moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:05 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(h) and 43-51, for the purpose of reviewing applications and complaints, and hearing the Attorney General’s report.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Margaret Doss, Chair, declared the meeting to be “open” at 10:35 a.m. pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq.

OPEN SESSION

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

Applications:

4357308 – Chase Dixon – Wastewater Operator Class III – Approved.

Complaints:

WW250020 – Close – Matter resolved.

WW260004 – Close – No jurisdiction.

WW260005 – Close – No violation.

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:

Program Provider/Sponsor	Course Title / Notes	Results / Points
Douglasville-Douglas County Water & Sewer Authority	Water Distribution Fundamentals - Lecture	6 W. Gil Shearouse recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Advanced Lab Tests and Quality Assurance and Quality Control – Lecture –	3 W. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	ArcGIS Introduction 1 - Lecture	12 MS. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Basic Laboratory Tests – Lecture	3 W. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Basic Water Laboratory Tests – Lecture	3 W. Margaret Doss recused.

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Columbia County Water Utilities	Basic Wastewater – Lecture – 12 WW	12 WW. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Basic Math for Operators – Lecture	6 W/WW. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Best Practices for Interviewing and Hiring – Online	1 MS. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Bloodborne Pathogens – Lecture	1 MS. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Cold Weather Safety – Lecture	1 MS. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Coliform Bacteria – Lecture	3 W. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Columbia County Management Course – Online	12 MS. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Disinfectant Byproduct Rule and Testing, Lead, Copper Rule Testing and Quality Assurance and Quality Control – Lecture	3 W. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Disinfection Methods for Water and Wastewater – Lecture	2 W/WW. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Distribution Operation and Maintenance – Lecture	12 W. Margeret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	DOT Parts 1 and 2 Reasonable Suspicion of Drug and Alcohol Abuse (Safety Sensitive) – Online –	2 MS. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Drug Free Workplace for Employees – Online	2 MS. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Drug-Free Workplace for Supervisors 1 and 2 – Online	2 MS. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Electricity, Motors, Pumps and Maintenance in the Collections System – Lecture	3 MS. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Harassment and Discrimination Employee Training – Lecture	1 MS. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Harassment and Discrimination Training Supervisors – Lecture	1 MS. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	HDPE Total Solution Roadshow - Lecture; Workshop	5 W/WW. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Hydrant Maintenance – Lecture	2 W. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Inspection and Testing in the Collections System – Lecture	3 WW. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Intermediate Wastewater Laboratory Tests – Lecture	3 WW. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Introduction to Wastewater Laboratory – Lecture	3 WW. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Introduction to Collections – Lecture	3 WW. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Introduction to the Distribution System – Lecture	3 W. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Introduction to Wastewater Treatment – Lecture	3 WW. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Introduction to Water Laboratory - Lecture	3 W. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Microbiology and Tertiary Treatment – Lecture	3 WW. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	National Safety Council 4 Hour Defensive Driving – Lecture	2 MS. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	National Safety Council 8-Hour Defensive Driving – Lecture	4 MS. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	National Safety Council Flagger Training - Lecture	2 MS. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	National Safety Council Lift Truck Operations- Lecture	4 MS. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Odor Control, Management, and Safety in Wastewater - Lecture	3 WW. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Operation and Maintenance in the Distribution System - Lecture	2 W. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Pipeline Cleaning and Maintenance Methods in the Collections System - Lecture	3 WW. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Preliminary Treatment and Primary Treatment - Lecture	3 WW. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Preventing Harassment, Discrimination, Violence in the Workplace and Bullying - Lecture	2 MS. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Progressive Discipline and Termination - Lecture	1 MS. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Protecting the Public Health - Lecture	2 MS. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Pumps and Motors - Lecture	3 W. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Red Cross CPR and AED and First Aid - Lecture	2 MS. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Roots, Grease, Odors, and H2S in the Collections System - Lecture	3 WW. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Safety in the Collections System - Lecture	3 MS. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Secondary Treatment Aeration Systems and Activated Sludge - Lecture	3 WW. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Secondary Treatment -Lagoons, Trickling Filters, RSBs - Lecture	3 WW. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Services and Meters - Lecture	2 W. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Solids Handling - Lecture	3 WW. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Spectrophotometric Tests, ISE, and Heterotrophic Plate Counts - Lecture	3 W. Margaret Doss recused.

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Columbia County Water Utilities	System Design in Water Distribution - Lecture	2 W. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Tertiary Treatment Solids Removal - Lecture	3 WW. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Testing for Solids and Polymer Dosage - Lecture	3 W/WW. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Trench and Excavation Safety - Lecture	2 MS. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Using Membranes in Water Treatment - Lecture –	2 W. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Valves and Hydrants - Lecture	2 W. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Violence Prevention for Supervisors - Lecture	1 MS. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Violence Prevention in the Workplace for Employees - Lecture	1 MS. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Wastewater Microbiology and Microbial Analyses - Lecture	3 W/WW. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Water and Wastewater Chemical Safety - Lecture –	2 MS. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Water Laboratory for Operators and Analysis - Lecture	12 W. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Water Laboratory Safety and Water Chemistry - Lecture	3 W. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Water Laboratory Solids - Lecture	3 W. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Water Main Pipe in Water Distribution - Lecture	2 W. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Water Quality in the Distribution System - Lecture –	3 W. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Water Storage and Cross Connections - Lecture	3 W. Margaret Doss recused.
Columbia County Water Utilities	Water Treatment Plant Filter Evaluation - Lecture	2 W. Margaret Doss recused.
Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority	Trenching and Shoring - Lecture	4 MS
IB Environmental	2025 Workshop Diverse Funds for Water Projects - Workshop	6 MS
Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority	Lockout Tagout and Arc Flash - Lecture	2 MS
Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority	Authorized Employee LOTO Training and NFPA 70E ARC Flash Training - Lecture	4 MS
Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority	Fall Arrest and Fall Protection Training - Lecture	4 MS
Vector Solutions	Water Meters - Online	1 W/WW
Vector Solutions	Construction Zone and Flagger Safety - Online	1 W/WW
Lubrication Engineers Inc	Lubrication Fundamentals and Contamination Control Training - Lecture	4 MS
Amtech Drives	Basics of Induction Motor Speed Control for Water and Wastewater Applications - Lecture	1 W/WW
Smith & Loveless, Inc.	Pump School - Lecture	5 W/WW
Covenant Group of Georgia	NSC Defensive Driving - Lecture	6 MS
Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources	Excavation Competent Person - Lecture	8 MS

OTHER BUSINESS:

Docketed Orders – Kenny Green moved, Gil Shearouse seconded, and the Board voted to accept the docketed orders as presented:

Type	Licensee	License/Application #	Docket #	City
Consent Agreement	Gerald Moore	4312379	2025-1150	Augusta
Consent Agreement	Teddy Turnbow	4352158	2025-1149	Forsyth

Correspondence:

The Board reviewed and discussed correspondence regarding if licensure is required as a Utility Manager, Utility Contractor, Wastewater Collection Systems Operator, and Water Distribution Operator. Kenny Green moved, Gil Shearouse seconded, and the Board unanimously voted that an individual could obtain a license for Collections or Distribution if they meet the requirements for licensure, but that would not excuse them from any requirement to obtain a license as a Utility Contractor, but only the Georgia State Board of Utility Contractors could address any exemptions, exceptions, requirements for licensure, or clarification of what functions would require a Utility Contractor license.

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There being no further business, Margaret Doss, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

The next meeting of the Georgia Board of Examiners for Certification of Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators & Laboratory Analysts will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 10:00 am.

Minutes recorded by: Kristin Mitchell, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brad Coman, Executive Director

Minutes approved on: February 17, 2026.


Margaret Doss, Chair


Brad Coman, Executive Director

Attachment

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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 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 December 17, 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.

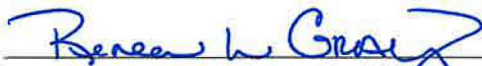
Further the Affiant Sayeth not.



 PRESIDING OFFICER

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

This 17th day of December, 2025



 Notary Public

