

**Georgia State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water & Wastewater Treatment  
Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts  
Teleconference Board Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2026  
Professional Licensing Boards Division, 3920 Arkwright Rd., Suite 195, Macon, GA 31210**

**Members Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

- Brad Coman, Executive Director
- Melanie Foster, Licensing Supervisor
- Kristin Mitchell, Board Support Specialist
- Ashley Burley, Licensing Analyst
- Shiela Guider, Assistant Attorney General

**Members Absent:**

- Kartik Bhatt
- Asmita Patel

**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 10:58 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:**

Debbie Wright moved, Kenny Green seconded, and the Board voted to approve the February 17, 2026, meeting agenda.

**Minutes:**

Kenny Green moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board voted to approve the December 17, 2025, Open Session and Executive Session minutes.

**Ratification List:**

Licenses Issued through 12/15/2025 – 2/11/2026 (Total – 98):

License #	Licensee//	License #	Licensee//
W4-002953	Zeb Collums Jr	WW3-018775	Jason Alan Pulliam
WW2-015788	Jeffrey Edward Dybus	W4-002954	Richard Hoyt Woodcock
W3-017576	Lauren Wilder	WWC034197	Eric Antone Williams
W3-017577	Tabreisha Moore	WD017474	Lhanden Somers
WD017473	Michael J Bryant	WD017475	Amanda Elaine Martin Akins
WL014950	James Jacobs	W2-015647	Tabitha Ann Winchester
W2-015642	Ethan Britt Harris	W2-015646	Christina Jones
W2-015643	Brandon Stanley	W3-017579	Jordan Williams
W2-015644	Leonard Chisholm Jr	WWL015120	Rachel Meltz
WW3-018774	Chase Dixon	WW3-018776	Scott Fields
WWC034196	Shaquille Darnell Huff	WWID032360	Keith Hendershot
WW1-015561	Jeff Camilli	W3-017580	Joshua Rimes
WW1-015562	Jonathan Greg Waits	WWL015121	Amelia Rosanna Sludds
W3-017578	Carianne Kulwicki	W2-015648	Richard Papastefanou
W2-015645	Shane Stewart	WL014951	Taryn Tu

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License #	Licensee//	License #	Licensee//
WD017476	Logan Lee Guyton	W1-015093	Brandon Maurice Thomas
WWC034198	Jelani David Smith	WW3-018781	Carter Leslie
WW1-015563	Andrew Alexander DeBerry	WW1-015566	Joseph Michael Duvall
W2-015649	Joshua Blake Adcock	W1-015094	James Richard Sauls
W3-017581	Steven Alan Scites	W2-015651	Nathan Reese Grier
WD017477	Andrew Thomas East	W3-017587	Jonathan Levi Rice
WW1-015564	Jonathan M McKinney	WW2-015789	Joseph Michael Flanders
WWCE000111	Amtech Drives	WW1-015567	darrel ray clark
W1-015092	Maquel Wheeler	W2-015652	Joseph Eli Dutton
WW3-018777	Leila Laurita Dasher	WD017484	Joel Francisco Rodriguez
WD017478	Zakari Garcia	WW2-015790	Justin Ryan Watson
WW3-018778	Brett Cornelis Dowdy	WWL015126	Ashar Evans
WW1-015565	Miya S Grant	W1-015095	Walter Macmillan Osterbind
WD017479	Mark Alvin Chisholm	WW2-015791	Cormick Brent Legendre
WD017480	Zach D. Mckibben	WWC034201	Paul Alan Mccart
WWL015122	Siobahan Berrian	W4-002957	Joey C Ellis
W3-017582	Gowan Cecil Smith	W3-017588	Christopher Larry Tuggle
W3-017583	Norman G Parker	W3-017589	Bryan Danelle Williams
W3-017584	Jeffery Brian Lanthripp	WWC034202	John Gregory Carden
WD017481	ENRIKO ANTOWINE PONDER	WD017485	Christopher Lee Wood
WW3-018779	Zachary T Hunt	WW3-018783	Carly Albritton Dyer
WWL015123	Benjamin Ray Hughes	WW3-018784	Eric Benjamin Wittig
W3-017585	Jennifer N Bass	W4-002958	Preston Wood
W2-015650	Joshua Charles Robinson	WD017486	SHAWN DOUGLAS RAINS
WD017482	Erika Harmon	WD017487	Jamey Lee Fowler
WWC034199	Walker Alton Lathem	W3-017590	Larrin Newman
W3-017586	Ameer Rafeek	WL014952	Joshua Louis Gonsalves
WWL015124	Angelita Liseth Gregory	W1-015096	Auxana Marie Malmgren
WW3-018780	David Matteson	WD017488	Duane Christopher Joseph
WD017483	Neil Wesley Whitaker	W3-017591	Jason Levon Rhodes
WWL015125	Karlie Dean	WD017489	Jeremy Rashaad Smith
WWC034200	Colin Chase Blackwell	WD017490	Christopher James Pope
W4-002955	James Richard Sauls	W3-017592	Margaret Helen Sylvester
W4-002956	Henry Keith Wimpey Jr.		

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.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Debbie Wright moved, Kenny Green seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 11:03 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 11:34 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:**

4385142 – T.V. – Wastewater Collection Systems Operator – Approve with a public Consent Agreement to include probation to run concurrent with criminal probation.

4468482 – Marvin Wells – Water Distribution Operator – Approve.

4474104 – R.R. – Wastewater Operator Class 1 – Approve with a public Consent Agreement to include probation to run concurrent with criminal probation.

4467029 – LeJohnny Mims – Water Distribution Operator – Approve.

4389085 – Jacob Cockrell – Water Distribution Operator – Approve.

4406782 – Jonathon Fountain – Wastewater Operator Class III – Approve.

4466142 – R.G.O. – Wastewater Collect System Operator – Approve with a public Consent Agreement to include probation to run concurrent with criminal probation.

4370525 – Phillip Summerday Jr – Water Distribution Operator – Approve.

4522103 – Christopher Kelton – Water Distribution Operator – Approve.

4602713 – D.C. – Wastewater Operator Class II – Approve education to count for 24 of the required 48 advanced hours.

4548366 – R.H.P.– Wastewater Operator Class III – Table – 27-hour Wastewater Laboratory coursework cannot be approved in lieu of the 6-hour Wastewater Operator course. Applicant to provide proof of completion within 60 days.

**Complaints:**

WW260006 – 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:**

Kenny Green moved, Gil Shearouse seconded, and the motion was carried by the Board to accept the Continuing Education Committee’s recommendations as follows:

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<b>Program Provider/Sponsor</b>	<b>Course Title / Notes</b>	<b>Results / Points</b>
Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources	Fall Protection Competent Person - Lecture	3 MS
Covenant Group of Georgia	Level 1A Fundamentals Education and Training Certification Requirements for Persons Involved in Land Disturbing Activities - Lecture	6 MS
Covenant Group of Georgia	The Green Scene Vegetation for Erosion Control and Vegetative Best Management Practices - Lecture	4 MS
Covenant Group of Georgia	The Green Scene Vegetation for Erosion Control and Vegetative Best Management Practices - Online	2 MS
KUBOTA Water and Environment U.S.A	KUBOTA WASTEWATER OPERATOR WORKSHOP - Workshop	6 WW
Georgia American Water Works Association	GAWARN TTX and Training - Lecture; Workshop	8 MS
Watura North America Inc	Urban Hydraulics – Online – 1 W	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Water Chemistry – Online – 1 W	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Drinking Water Quality Testing and Monitoring – Online – 1 W	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Operation of Drinking Water Distribution Systems– Online – 1 W	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	District Meter Areas (DMAs) – Online – 1 W	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Maintenance of Drinking Water Systems – Online – 1 W	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Disinfection in Drinking Water Distribution Systems – Online	1 W
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Watura North America Inc	Groundwater Withdrawal – Online – 1 W	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Chemical Reactions in Drinking Water Treatment – Online – 1 W	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Water Storage – Online – 1 W	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Stages of Drinking Water Treatment – Online – 1 W	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Surface Water Sources – Online – 1 W	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Additional Treatments in Drinking Water – Online – 1 W	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Wastewater Composition and Characteristics – Online – 1 WW	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Sewer Systems – Online – 1 WW	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Operating Procedures of an Activated Sludge WWTP – Online – 1 WW	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Operation of Wastewater Collection System – Online – 2 WW	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Maintenance of Wastewater Systems – Online – 1 WW	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Stages of Wastewater Treatment – Online – 1 WW	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Activated Sludge Microbiology – Online – 1 WW	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Wastewater Treatment Ponds – Online – 1 WW	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Drinking Water Pumping – Online – 1 W	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Inspection and Maintenance of Centrifugal Pumps – Online – 1 W/ WW	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.

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Watura North America Inc	Wastewater Pumping – Online – 1 WW	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Wastewater Pumps Operation – Online – 2 WW	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Inspection and Maintenance of Wastewater Pumps – Online – 1 WW	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Level Sensors in Drinking Water and Wastewater Systems – Online	1 W/WW
Watura North America Inc	Math Grade I - Part I – Online – 1 W/ WW	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Electricity in Drinking Water and Wastewater Systems – Online – 1 W/ WW	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Components of a Motor Control Center – Online – 1 W/ WW	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Laboratory Equipment and Procedures – Online – 1 W/ WW	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Asset Management – Online – 1 W/ WW/ MS	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Drinking Water and Wastewater Systems Mapping – Online – 1 W/ WW/ MS	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Watura North America Inc	Cybersecurity – Online	1 MS
Watura North America Inc	Math Grade I - Part II – Online	1 W/WW
Industrial Furnace Company Inc.	Maximum Achievable Control Technology Compliance Training-New Operator - Lecture	6 WW
Slater Infrastructure Group, LLC	Fundamentals of Wastewater Operation - Online	6 WW
Slater Infrastructure Group, LLC	Wastewater Treatment Overview - Online	1 WW
Slater Infrastructure Group, LLC	Sustainability and Environmental Justice - Online – 1 WW	Denied – does not meet the minimum time requirements for online courses.
Slater Infrastructure Group, LLC	Mathematics for Operators - Online	1 WW
Slater Infrastructure Group, LLC	Preliminary Treatment - Online	1 W
Slater Infrastructure Group, LLC	Primary Treatment - Online	2 WW
Slater Infrastructure Group, LLC	Activated Sludge - Online	5 WW
Slater Infrastructure Group, LLC	Secondary Treatment Systems - Online	4 WW
Slater Infrastructure Group, LLC	Wastewater Disinfection - Online	1 WW
Slater Infrastructure Group, LLC	Laboratory Procedures - Online	1 WW
Slater Infrastructure Group, LLC	Nutrient Removal - Online	2 WW
Slater Infrastructure Group, LLC	Solids Handling and Disposal - Online	3 WW
Slater Infrastructure Group, LLC	Maintenance - Online	1 WW
Slater Infrastructure Group, LLC	Safety for Wastewater Treatment Plants - Online	1 WW
Slater Infrastructure Group, LLC	Membrane Bioreactor Systems - Online	2 WW
Slater Infrastructure Group, LLC	Wastewater Collection Systems - Live Webinar	BAS 27 WW, 12 CE WW
Slater Infrastructure Group, LLC	Wastewater Class 3 operator Training- Live Webinar	BAS 40 WW, 12 CE WW
Columbia County Water Utilities	Collection System Operation and Maintenance - Lecture	27 BAS WWC, 12 CE WW Margaret Doss recused.
DeKalb County Government, Department of Watershed Management	DeKalb Water Distribution – Online	3 W
DeKalb County Government, Department of Watershed Management	DeKalb Collect Systems - Online	3 WW
DeKalb County Government, Department of Watershed Management	Water and Wastewater Cybersecurity - Online	2 MS
DeKalb County Government, Department of Watershed Management	Comprehensive Safety in Water and Wastewater Utilities - Online	3 MS
Amtech Drives	Why Motors Starting Matters – Lecture	1 W/WW
Amtech Drives	What Are Harmonics and Why Should We Care – Lecture	1 W/WW
Amtech Drives	VFD Basics Controlling Motors the Smart Way - Lecture	1 W/WW
Amtech Drives	Power Quality Basics Problems and How to Fix Them - Lecture	1W/WW

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Amtech Drives	Power Quality Explained What Happens, Why It Happens, What to Do - Lecture	1 W/WW
Amtech Drives	Meet the Workhorse 3-Phase Induction Motors - Lecture	1 W/WW
Amtech Drives	Fundamentals of Active Front- End Converters Clean Regenerative Power - Lecture	1 W/WW

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**CE Broker Presentation:**

Teanne Rose, Senior Client Success Manager with CE Broker, presented to the Board on the process to claim a licensee’s account in CE Broker, report proof of CE completion, and report CEs to multiple licenses at the same time, noting that the law now requires that the agency use a CE tracking solution for individuals to renew their license, which will impact the next renewal period in 2027.

**Board Election:**

Kenny Green moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to re-elect Margaret Doss as Chair and Gil Shearouse as Vice Chair.

**Rules Review:**

The Board discussed potential changes to Board Rule 750-3-.04. Debbie Wright moved, Gil Shearouse seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to table discussion to the next Board meeting.

**Executive Director’s Report:**

The Board reviewed the Executive Director’s report, which provided the Board with data relevant to the applications received, pass rates for exams, and active licenses for the 2025 calendar year. Kenny Green moved, Debbie Wright seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to accept the Executive Director’s Report.

There being no further business, Margaret Doss, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

The next meeting of the Georgia Board of Examiners for Certification of Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators & Laboratory Analysts will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 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: April 22, 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 February 17, 2026, 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.

*Margaret E. Doss*

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PRESIDING OFFICER

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

This 17th day of February, 2026

*Renea L. Gray*  
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Notary Public

