

Georgia State Board of Professional Geologists

Board Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2026

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Professional Geologists met on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 via Webex.

<u>Board Members Present:</u> Edward Rooks, PG, Chairman Kurt Hausner, PG, Vice-Chairman Allison Keefer, PG Pamela Gore, PG Maurizio Centis, PG John Kittle, Consumer <u>Attorney General Representative present:</u> Craig Pake, Assistant Attorney General	<u>Board Staff Present:</u> Laurie Elander, Executive Director Iris Waller, Licensing Supervisor Thishilyn Stubbs, Board Support Specialist Ava Walker, Licensing Analyst <u>Visitors:</u> Thomas Kessler
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Open Session:

At 9:31 a.m., Edward Rooks, Chairman established that there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Pamela Gore made a motion for the Board to accept the agenda as presented. Kurt Hausner Vice-Chairman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Edward Rooks, Chairman presented a draft of the November 5, 2025 meeting minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Mauri Centis made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Kurt Hausner, Vice-Chairman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Licenses Issued:

Kurt Hausner, Vice-Chairmen made a motion, Mauri Centis seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the licenses issued and reinstated between October 31, 2025, and February 4, 2026, in accordance with the Board Rules and Policies.

Issued

License Number	Licensee
PG002510	Patrick J Gannon
PG002511	Frank Georg Lieth
PG002512	Bruce Edward McKenzie
PG002513	Cody James Paul Fauth
PG002514	David Charles Huffington
PG002515	MATTHEW SWEET
PG002516	Noah Slade

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PG002517	Robert Andrew Jackson
PG002518	John Ashley Towns

Reinstated

License Number	Licensee Name
PG002115	James Richard Stroud
PG002100	Christopher Paul Foldesi
PG000908	James Clark Johnson

Executive Session:

Kurt Hausner, Vice Chairman moved, Allison Keefer seconded, and the Board voted to enter Executive Session at 9:39 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, 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 10:52 a.m. No votes were taken in the Executive Session.

Open Session:

Allison Keefer moved, Kurt Hausner, Vice-President seconded, and the motion was carried by the Board to accept the recommendations made during executive session. The recommendations made are as follows:

Executive Session Minutes: Approved November 5, 2025, Executive Session Board minutes as presented.

Applications:

4326650: Approve pending passing part 2 of ASBOG exam
 4344730: Table, request additional information
 4443929: Approve
 4472824: Approve
 4478503: Approve
 4354827: Approve
 4327746: Approve
 4341964: Approve
 4375601: Approve
 4352154: Approve
 3194069: Approve
 4529154: Approve pending receipt of additional information

Reinstatements:

4406662: Approve pending passing part 2 of the ASBOG exam.
 4427940: Approve pending receipt of additional information

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4443805: Approve

4362845: Approve

Attorney General Report

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

Executive Director's 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.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56a.m.

The next Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists is scheduled for February 11, 2026, via Webex at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Thishilyn Stubbs, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Laurie Elander, Executive Director

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

Laurie Elander
Laurie Elander, Executive Director

These minutes were approved on: Wednesday, June 17, 2026

STATE OF GEORGIA

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 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 June 17, 2026, 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

Signed by Laurie Elander with the
expressed permission of Edward Rooks

PRESIDING OFFICER

Edward Rooks

Signed by Laurie Elander with expressed permission of Edward Rooks

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7
Day of July 2026
Deborah A Horton
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: Dec. 17, 2028

