

Georgia State Board of Landscape Architects

Board Meeting Open Session Minutes

January 7, 2026

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Landscape Architects met on **Wednesday, January 7, 2026** via WebEx.

<p><u>Board Members Present:</u> Jon Williams, Chairman Chad Baker, Vice Chairman Rebecca Kirk Betsy Norton Jon Calabria</p> <p><u>Attorney General Representative present:</u> Kareem McCulley, Assistant Attorney General</p>	<p><u>Board Staff Present:</u> Laurie Elander, Executive Director Iris Waller, Licensing Supervisor Thishilyn Stubbs, Board Support Specialist</p> <p><u>Visitor:</u> Lauren Pollow, CLARB Zach Druga, CLARB Jay Gehler Kristin L’esperance Holt Persinger</p>
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Open Session:

At 9:38 a.m., Chairman Jon Williams established that there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Rebecca Kirk made a motion for the Board to accept the agenda as presented. Betsey Norton seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Jon Williams presented a draft of the October 15, 2025 meeting minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Rebecca Kirk made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Betsey Norton seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Jon Calabria made a motion for the Board to approve the list of licenses issued and licenses reinstated from October 10, 2025, to January 1, 2026. Vice-Chairman Chad Baker seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Issued

License Number	Licensee
LA002039	David Mathew Hooten
LA002040	Hannah Marie Finley
LA002041	Jonathon M Ray
LA002042	Carter Payne Gilson
LA002043	Aaron Johnson
LA002044	Lawrance Lesser
LA002045	Michael Hunton
LA002046	Timothy Francis Jachlewski Jr
LA002047	Tiffany Delynn May

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LA002048	Yubei Hu
LA002050	Joseph Paul Loretta
LA002049	Thomas Hessel
LA002051	Andie Culbertson Eller
LA002052	Matthew Kirk Bradley
LA002053	Rachel Dryden Hatcher
LA002054	Gaylan Daniel Williams
LA-T000096	Jessica Wise

Reinstated

License Number	Licensee
LA000824	Thomas Gregory Arnold
LA001204	Joan M Piccalo
LA001401	Maxine Coleman
LA001396	Michael Gavin Duke
LA001284	Jeffrey M Homans
LA001842	Yiqian Liang
LA001724	Edward Joseph Hogan IV
LA001311	Philip Andrew Stewart
LA001775	Chase Andrew Pratt
LA001780	Joel R DelliCarpini
LA001083	Reece Richard Parker
LA001244	Stephen Lane Brooks
LA001132	Michael L Clarke

Discussion of Bill Draft presented by Jay Gehler and Kristin L'esperance:

The board unanimously opposed proposed legislation to amend Georgia's landscape architecture licensing laws, citing concerns over professional integrity and educational standards. Board members emphasize the importance of maintaining current educational and licensing standards for landscape architects. The board expresses disappointment over perceived lack of collaboration from ASLA and CLARB regarding legislative discussions. The board emphasize maintaining strict qualifications for licensure to uphold professional standards. The board unanimously opposes proposed legislation that would alter current licensing standards in Georgia.

Proclamation for Dale Jaeger:

The Board voted to make a proclamation for Dale Jaeger, a licensed Landscape Architect who had passed away to honor her as a professional. Dale Jaeger was such a pillar of the profession.

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Rebecca Kirk moved, Betsy Norton seconded, and the Board voted to enter Executive Session at 10:45 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on complaints and to hear the Attorney General's Report.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Chad Baker, Vice Chairman declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq., at 11:44 a.m. No votes were taken during the Executive Session.

Open Session:

Jon Calabria moved, Vice-Chairman Chad Baker seconded, and the motion was carried by the Board to accept the following recommendations made during the Executive Session:

Approval of Executive Session Minutes:

Approve the October 15, 2025, Executive Session Board minutes as presented.

Applications:

4377682: Table
4458298: Table
4378186: Approve pending passing Georgia Component
4492632: Approve
4454889: Approve

Attorney General Report

Assistant Attorney General Karen McCulley presented the AG Report, the board voted to accept 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.

Rebecca Kirk left meeting at 11:59 am

There being no further business, Chairman, Jon Williams declared the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be on May 6, 2026.

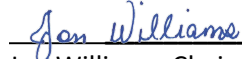
Minutes recorded by:

Thishilyn Stubbs, Board Support Specialist

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Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Laurie Elander, Executive Director



Jon Williams, Chairman

Signed by Laurie Elander with the
expressed permission of Jon Williams



Laurie Elander, Executive Director

These minutes were approved on: Wednesday, May 6, 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 Jon Williams 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 Board of Landscape Architects.
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 May 6, 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.

Jon Williams

PRESIDING OFFICER

Jon Williams

Signed by Laurie Elander with expressed permission of Jon Williams

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

Day of July 2026
Deborah A. Horton

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: Dec. 17, 2028

