

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

December 16th, 2025

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:07 a.m. on Microsoft Teams. Commission members present were Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, Dr. Brian Forschler, Kim Bragg, Greg Holley, and Dr. Thuy-Vi Nguyen.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA, CPCO, registrants, and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. A motion was made by Mr. Holley to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Dr. Forschler seconded the motion, and the motion passed.
- D. Mr. Gorecki spoke about the passing of Mr. Tim Taylor. His contributions to the department and to the industry will be greatly missed.
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology Update. UGA will be hosting breakfast for the SPCC prior to the January meeting at the UGA Chapel in Athens. Details for attending commission members were shared.
- F. Mr. Rick Bell gave the NPMA report. He discussed the SFIREG meeting which took place earlier this month, though Mr. Lastinger noted that due to weather and travel issues some of the regional representatives were unable to attend. Key topics included ESA and rodenticide policy, however updates on these were minor at the current time. Mr. Bell also discussed concerns regarding PFAS, which seem to be moving towards water supply purity and potential health effects on children. It is currently unclear how changing policy may impact products in the pest control industry, however Mr. Bell noted there is potential for several products to be affected. Mrs. Bonnie Rabe added that they are also expecting to see more language regarding PFAS single versus multi chemical bonds come from the state level, since EPA's definition is broader. She noted that several states have already filed regulations to ban specific consumer-based products rather than implementing an overall chemical ban. This topic will likely remain top of mind in January and February. Mr. Bell continued the discussion on the SFIREG meeting highlighting that state & regulatory concerns regarding cooperative agreements and funding were robust topics of discussion. Residential mosquito misting and its associated regulatory concerns and label language were also key topics, to which the AAPCO workgroup intends to speak more on at their upcoming meeting.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the department updates. He expressed appreciation for everyone who has reached out to our team regarding the loss of Mr. Taylor. The GDA honored Mr. Taylor by flying the Georgia state flag over the state capital in his honor, which was then gifted to Mr. Taylor's wife. Mr. Lastinger spoke about the department's work as the calendar year winds down and planning for the upcoming Legislative session in January continues. The GDA internship application period opened on December 1<sup>st</sup> and will be open through February. The 2026 Internship program will officially begin in May of 2026.
- H. Mrs. LeAnna Merritt provided an update on SPD Inspector field activities and gave the Compliance and Enforcement update. The SPD currently has one inspector position open in northeast Georgia, and that job is expected to be posted soon. During the interim companies may expect to see inspectors from other parts of the state while we transition.

- I. Mrs. Nan Collier provided the Outreach report. The SPD is gearing up for the GPCA Winter Conference being held in Athens, GA from January 13<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. The SPD will host a compliance table and have several speakers providing presentations as well. Spring Workshops at UGA Griffin are also being planned for February and March including the Bed Bug Workshop, the Commercial IPM Workshop, and two Spring Termite Workshops. Dates and registration links for these will be available on the [Workshops page of the UGA Extension Structural Pest Management website](#). Mrs. Collier also discussed the upcoming Winter 2026 edition of the Inside Buzz which will likely feature information on the draft rule changes. If you have an idea for an article or topic you would like to see featured in an edition of the Inside Buzz, please reach out to the SPD office.
- J. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the Certification and Training update. She reminded Course Sponsors that the course renewal portal is now open and any course that was approved for 2025 may be renewed. She emphasized that the 2025 course numbers should continue to be used through Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Ms. Ikner also noted that there has been an increase in the number of course submissions but assured attendees the division is working through them and appreciates everyone's patience.
- K. The Commission approved company applications (see attachment 2)
- L. Mr. Lastinger gave the update on Rulemaking. GDA Legal Services have completed their review and are finalizing the draft rules. The intent of the rules has not been modified, rather the language has been improved to provide consistency and enforceability. The draft rules are expected to be posted soon, at which point the 30-day comment period will begin. Comments may be submitted via email or in person at a public meeting in Atlanta to be announced following the posting of the draft rules.
- M. Mr. Gorecki also announced that the 2026 meeting schedule has been posted to the [SPCC Public Notices webpage](#).
- N. Mr. Brad Bohannon provided the legislative update. The study committees will be finalized this week to go into the legislative session which is set to begin on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bohannon also noted that changes to the session from the outcomes of the special elections are being tracked as new members come in.
- O. Mr. Gorecki thanks to everyone for their work this past year. Special thanks to the GDA team for all their hard work on rule changes and making the format so digestible.
- P. Mr. Gorecki expressed appreciation to all the guests in attendance, and the meeting adjourned at 10:39 am.

#### ATTACHMENTS

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Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	Company Applications

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Tyler Harper, Secretary

## ATTACHMENT 1

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### Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chairman

Dr. "Tiffany" Thuy-Vi Nguyen, Georgia Department of Public Health

Dr. Brian Forschler, University of Georgia

Bodine Sinyard, Adams Exterminators

Greg Holley, Zone Pest Solutions

Kim Bragg, Consumer Affairs & Protection Representative

### Agenda

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#### Welcome

**Open** – Chairman Gorecki

#### Minutes

#### Old Business

#### New Business

- a. UGA Urban Entomology Update - Dr. Brian Forschler
- b. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates – Derrick Lastinger
  - Compliance/Enforcement – LeAnna Merritt
  - Certification & Training – Ali Ikner
  - Outreach – Nan Collier
- c. New Company Applications – Ali Ikner
- d. Recertification Course Renewals
- e. Rulemaking
- f. Public Notice 25-04 Meeting Schedule 2026
- g. Legislative update – Trip Martin
- h. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

#### Adjournment

## **ATTACHMENT 2**

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### **Company License Applications**

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Safe Solutions Pest Control, LLC – Coweta County – Name Change Only
- Guardian Pest Solutions, Inc. – Glynn County – Name Change Only
- Mira Home, LLC – Clayton County – New Location

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- NJ Ray's Bee Control (HBR Company) – Liberty County – Pending Insurance
- EagleShield Pest Control, Inc. – Hall County – Pending Insurance and Supervision Explanation
- Nooga Pest Control, LLC – Chattanooga, TN – Pending Insurance and Research Fee
- Lookout Pest Control, LLC – Newton County – Becoming Sub-Office – Pending Fee