

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

September 8, 2020

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 AM on September 8, 2020, online via Zoom. The following Commission members were present: Derrick Lastinger, Vice-Chair; Greg Holley, Bodine Sinyard, Dr. Brian Forschler, Christy Kuriatnyk and Kim Bragg.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and CPCO representatives, registrants, and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. He spoke about an inquiry he received from Dr. Brad Kard regarding the application of termiticides sub-slab with a reticulation system. After a brief discussion, the topic was tabled for a future meeting.
- E. Mr. Lastinger provided the department and program updates. He talked about a newsletter that SPD is developing for the regulated community. The newsletter will be sent on a quarterly basis to companies, operators, and industry associations and will have the options to add/remove recipients. Topics will include training, licensing, and compliance information and updates. Mr. Lastinger discussed a few inquiries regarding the flexibility of CEU requirements. As a reminder, the Commission approved the option for certifications expiring June 1 – December 31 of 2020 to request a 90-day extension. Registered Employees computer-based training (CBT) limits were removed for the current renewal period. He shared data of a 3-year comparison reflecting minimal difference of training that has been recorded during the same time frame. Mr. Taylor added that this data shows how well the industry has adapted during the pandemic. Mr. Lastinger also discussed HB914 that allows a reciprocal licensing for military spouses. The Commission discussed the topic and received positive comments from the attendees. GDA will submit draft guidance to the SPCC for discussion. Mr. Lastinger finished by stating that this Summer is 65 years since the Structural Pest Control Act was signed into law.
- F. Mr. Alex Conti provided the compliance update. SPD held their first virtual Statewide Inspector Meeting on Monday, August 31. Focus areas and inspection priorities were the main concentration for the training. GDA is continuing routine inspections to be conducted on Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays. Complaints and for-cause inspections will be conducted on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Routine compliance inspections are prioritized based on inspection intervals, but the first phase of our FY21 routine inspection priority is focused on inspecting companies that have not had a routine compliance inspection during the past two years. Mr. Conti discussed the UGA termite workshop. It is held in three parts: a morning webinar, an afternoon webinar, and the facility portion in-person at UGA Griffin campus. Mr. Conti discussed the compliance portion of the newsletter. It will provide a quarterly summary of technical assistance, self-audit and reports, inspections, common violations and outreach activities. If you have any suggestions for the newsletter, please send these to GDA.

- G. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the Honeybee Control and Removal rulemaking process. The notice for rulemaking is posted on GDA and SPCC websites. It is now open for public comment. The public hearing will be held October 9.
- H. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the certification and training update. The C&T section of SPD's newsletter will contain the number of new companies, certified operators, registered employees and related activities. There are currently 28 pest exam testing centers open with 800+ seats available per month. On average, the industry takes about 350 exams per month. It is recommended to call the testing center before to confirm exam registration since operations can change due the health emergency. Mr. Taylor reminded those that have the COVID-19 Examination Waiver temporary registration to take the exam by September 30 and send in the \$10 for a new license card. If these requirements are not met by September 30<sup>th</sup>, the temporary registration will expire on September 30<sup>th</sup>. GDA is working to have QR codes printed on all licensing cards. This code will allow easy access for the licensee to gain access to their license profile including the training summary. All structural licenses will receive a card with the QR code during license renewal in 2021.
- I. Mrs. Laura Fralick provided the Legislative update. The general election will be November 3. She discussed bills on license reciprocity for military spouses, COVID-19 sign posting requirements in businesses, and the potential for a special session.
- J. Mr. Sinyard discussed spray foam insulation activities. The Commission plans to send a letter to the Spray Foam Alliance regarding the proposed amendment and express appreciation for their time. The Commission will reach out to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) on how to move forward with the proposal. Mr. Sinyard mentioned that Commissioner Black is supportive of the proposed amendment.
- K. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. He discussed proposed bills on 2<sup>nd</sup> generation rodenticides and exclusion of Formosan termites from termite contracts in Florida. The Pestworld Conference will be held in October and will be virtual this year.
- L. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- M. Meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

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Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

## ATTACHMENT 1

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### Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission

Chris Gorecki, Chairman  
Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chairman  
Christy Kuriatnyk, 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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**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 - Alex Conti
  - Certification & Training - Tim Taylor
- c. Honeybee Removal Rulemaking Update
- d. Spray Foam Insulation and proposed building code amendment
- e. New Company Applications - Tim Taylor
- f. Legislative update - Lauren Fralick
- g. NPMA update - Rick Bell
- h. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

## ATTACHMENT 2

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### Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Ballard Pest Management – Opelika, AL
- Blue Print Pest Services, LLC – Athens, GA
- Trident Pest Solutions – Lawrenceville, GA
- CDS Services Inc – Loganville, GA
- PROger Solutions, Inc – Forest Park, GA

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Hawk Pest & Wildlife Control LLC – Fulton County (name change)
- “If It Were My House” Pest Solutions – Whitfield County (insurance)
- Indigo Exterminators – Gwinnett County (insurance)
- DANGERZone Pest Management – Fulton County (insurance, payment)