

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

December 14, 2021

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:04 AM on December 14, 2021, online via Zoom. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Greg Holley, Dr. Brian Forschler, Kim Bragg, Bodine Sinyard, and Christy Kuriatnyk.
- 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. Mr. Gorecki introduced GPCA's new Executive Director, Kelly McLendon.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved a company license application (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. The Department of Entomology will host the January 11<sup>th</sup> SPCC meeting at UGA's Chapel in Athens and will start at 10:00 a.m.
- F. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the department and program updates. The department will be closed December 23-24 to observe Christmas holidays. GDA's website will be redesigned and launched in 2022. A new Structural Pest inspector will start in January. SPD's inspectors are currently focusing on compliance assistance inspections and outreach to new companies.
- G. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. Course renewal submissions for 2022 are now available online. Course renewal emails will go out soon. The proposed new C&T plan is being reviewed by EPA.
- H. Mrs. Nan Collier spoke about outreach activities. SPD will have an outreach booth at GPCA's Winter Conference Jan 11-13. SPD inspectors will attend a training event in February at the Tifton Lab.
- I. Mr. Gorecki provided an update on the spray foam insulation code amendment. DCA board voted to approve the proposal and it will be effect January 1, 2022. Tomorrow is the last day to submit amendment proposals for the 2022 agenda.
- J. The Commission reviewed the 2022 meeting schedule. The meeting schedule is posted on SPCC's website. The January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will be hosted by the Department of Entomology at UGA's Chapel in Athens.
- K. Mr. Tripp Martin provided the Legislative update. Georgia legislators have voted on re-districting. Several will not seek re-election. Pest Control Day will be on February 9<sup>th</sup>.
- L. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. NPMA met with industry allies a couple of weeks ago to discuss climate change, environmental justice, and policies. EPA has agreed to accept additional data on pyrethrin pesticides. Expect pre-emption proposals in the federal legislation.
- M. Meeting adjourned at 10:26am.

**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. New Company Applications – Ali Ikner
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates
  - Compliance/Enforcement – Tim Taylor
  - Certification & Training -Ali Ikner
  - Outreach – Nan Collier
- d. Spray Foam Insulation and new building code amendment
- e. Public Notice – 2022 Meetings
- f. Legislative update – Trip Martin
- 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 application:

- Arrow Exterminators – Aiken, SC