



AGENDA

ACCG Natural Resources and the Environment Policy Committee Meeting

August 6, 2025

Southern Regional Technical College

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 pm

Presiding:

Honorable Myra Exum
Committee Chair
Commissioner, Brooks County

Honorable Sharon Cobb-Flanagan
Committee Vice-Chair
Commissioner, Dodge County

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Myra Exum and Vice Chair Sharon Cobb-Flanagan

Presentations:

2:05 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Georgia Association of Water Professionals

Jennifer Flowers, Manager of Leadership Development Programming and Member Relations

- Current Issues Facing Georgia's Water and Wastewater Systems

2:15 p.m. 2:25 p.m.

Home Builders Association of Georgia

Kathleen Bowen, Director of Government Relations, Impact Public Affairs

- Proposed Land Disturbance Permit and Building Code Changes

2025 Legislative Session Recap:

Legislation that Passed:

- HB 351 – Landfills: Revise Local Government Permitting Process
- SB 13 – Authorize GEFA to Finance Gas Projects

Legislation that Failed to Pass:

- HB 320 – Solar Panels and Facilities Must be Recycled
- HB 449 – Regulate Private Water System Rates/Water Wells Cannot be Prohibited
- HB 538 – Data Centers Must Provide Disclosure Reports
- HB 665 – Transfer Environmental Responsibilities from County Board of Health to Dept. of Public Health
- HB 812 – Changes to Land Disturbance Permitting and Local Building Codes

Study Committees:

- House Special Committee on Resource Management
 - Water Subcommittee
 - Energy Subcommittee

2026 ACCG Policy Priority Discussion:

Review and Recommend Edits to the Committee's Policy Platform

NRE Recommendations ACCG's 2026 Policy Priorities