

**GEORGIA MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
September 8, 2025**

Call to Order and Welcome

President Vernice Thompson called the meeting to order and recognized all the first-time attendees. President Thompson welcomed them into our new professionals and asked all the members to reach out and make them feel welcome.

Invocation and Pledge was delivered by **Past President Deborah Walker-Reed**.

President Thompson introduced our guest speaker, Jay Matthews, Georgia Rural Water Association. Mr. Matthews gave a brief presentation explaining the working of the Georgia Rural Water Association and asked that if anyone had questions to please reach out to him. President Thompson thanked Mr. Matthews.

President Thompson asked Sharon Nelson, Vice Present to do the roll call. Attendance is as follows:

Roll Call

Vernice Thompson, President	Vacant, District 5
Sharon Nelson, Vice President	Telina Allred, District 6 (absent)
Maily Chastain, Treasure	Kim Reddick, District 7 (absent)
Jan LeViner, Secretary	Margaret Shelley, District 8
Deborah Walker-Reed, Immediate Past President	Angie Conner, District 9 (absent)
Melissa Chosewood, District 1 (absent)	Melinda Crook, District 10 (absent)
Jackie Yearwood, District 2, (absent)	Cristina Evans, District 11
Vanessa Holiday, District 3	Naomi Atkinson, District 12
Susan Barthalomew, District 4	

Other GMCA Committee Members Present

Pam Helton, Georgia Municipal Association	Margaret Shelley, Clerk of the Year Committee
Hayley Beaver, Hospitality Committee	Vicki Wainwright, Past President
Regina Russell, Advisory Committee	Brian Henderson, Marketing/Social Media
Shavala Ames, Marketing/Social Media	Wynetta Bolder, Past President

Approval of Minutes. Secretary LeViner presented the minutes from August 20, 2025, Board meeting. Vanessa Holiday made a motion to approve the minutes. Naomi Atkinson n seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve.

Financial Report

Marilyn Chastain stated the July Financial Reports are included in the meeting packets on the tables. The overall budgeted revenue comes in at 60% while expenses come in at 65% of the budgeted amount. She continued, the revenue for the Clerks training classes held in June in Savannah are not reflected on the July financials but you will note that most expenses have been reflected on those financials. The revenue should be posted this month. Ms. Chastine then asked for a motion. Sharon Nelson made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Naomi Atkinson seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve.

President's Report

President Thompson thanked everyone for the job they are doing as she is humbled to be serving as President of the GMCA. She recognized Lynette Cook-Osborne as "Clerk of the Year" and asked Ms. Cook-Osborne to stand and be recognized. President Thompson thanked everyone that participated in the Silent Auction and 50/50 raffle in Savannah. She reported that \$1,395.00 was collected for the scholarship fund and \$2,148.00 for the silent auction. President Thompson thanked all of the committees who are working hard to enhance our association with your talents and time. She continued, there is a vacancy in District Five, Director, and if you would like to serve in that position, please reach out to Pam Helton or herself. Also, nominations are open for the secretary's position and she asked everyone to consider as it is an opportunity to serve the organization. The IIMC conference will be held in May in Reno, Nevada and District III Conference, in Wrightsville Beach, NC, January 8 – 10, 2026.

District Directors Report

District 12, Naomi Atkinson came forward to present Pam Helton with a blanket with the Clerk's logo on it. Ms. Atkinson reminded Ms. Helton that she is the glue that holds our organization together and we all appreciate her hard work.

Committee Reports

Shavala Ames, Marketing/Social Media, came forward to give her report. She asked Brian Henderson to join her. Ms. Ames reported for the last 28 days there have been 4.6k views, 114 comment engagements and even follow for the website. She also asked all clerks to submit something to their District Directors for a quote for the week, whether it is funny or serious as this is a way to be engaged with the organization.

Jennifer Sikes, Scholarship Committee came forward. She reminded everyone that there are two scholarships available. One being the Bill Cane Scholarship and the other the Dale Barstow IIMC Scholarship. This covers registration and hotel room up to a certain amount. She then recognized Tabitha Fowler as a recipient of the scholarship for this conference.

Pam Helton, GMA, introduced other GMA Staff that were present and asked everyone to stop by their table if they have questions or need help with anything. She encouraged everyone to participate in the district meetings and make that a part of your participation with the organization. Ms. Helton reminded everyone to participate with the Talk it Up Thursday call as well as other available training and to please check the GMA calendar for a schedule.

President Thompson recognized Naomi Atkinson, as it is her birthday weekend.

Being no further business, President Thompson called for a motion to adjourn. Sharon Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Naomi Atkinson seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve.

Vernice Thompson, President

Jan LeViner, Secretary