

**GEORGIA MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING  
November 15, 2025**

**Call to Order and Welcome**

President Vernice Thompson called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for their attendance.

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

**Roll Call**

Vernice Thompson, President	Jennifer Harrison, District 5
Sharon Nelson, Vice President	Telina Allred, District 6
Marilyn Chastain, Treasurer	Kim Reddick, District 7
Jan LeViner, Secretary	Margaret Shelley, District 8
Deborah Walker-Reed, Immediate Past President	Angie Conner, District 9 (absent)
Melissa Chosewood, District 1	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	Mark Massey, Membership/Mentor
Hayley Beaver, Hospitality Committee	Samatha Brown, Records
Brian Henderson, Social Media	Brian Henderson, Marketing/Social Media
Shavala Ames, Marketing/Social Media	Wynetta Bolder, Past President
Margaret Shelley, Clerk of the Year Committee	Reginia Russell, Advisory
Jennifer Sikes, Hospitality	Mark Massey, Membership

**Approval of Minutes.** Secretary LeViner presented the minutes from October 15, 2025, Board Meeting. Deborah Walker-Reed made a motion to approve the minutes. Telina Alfred seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve.

**Financial Report**

Pam Helton, GMA, gave an update on the financials ending September 31, 2025. She stated there are no new expenses other than the regular expenses. Sharon Nelson made a motion to approve the financials. Vanessa Holiday seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve.

**President's Report**

President Thompson welcomed Jennifer Harrison as District 5 Director. She reminded everyone of the retreat December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at Georgia Center for Continuing Education, facilitated by CVOIG. Ms. Thompson will also reach out to CVOIG to include Jennifer as she is a new District Director. She also reminded everyone that nominations are due for the position of Secretary by December 1, 2025, and nominations are due for the District Directors by December 1<sup>st</sup> as well.

**Officer's Reports**

**Sharon Nelson** stated she has nothing to report.

**Jan LeViner** stated she has District Director shirts and will take them to Athens.

**Marilyn Chastain** stated she has nothing to report.

### **District Directors Reports**

**Vanasse Holiday, District 3**, announced their Lunch and Learn that was held on November 13<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. They had great conversations with Michael McPherson who was able to answer questions that some of the clerks had regarding elections. Ms. Holiday reported her city had a historic election as they now have a 22-year-old Mayor as he ousted their two-term incumbent Mayor. He is well versed and he is ready to lead.

**Pam Helton** reported for District 9, Angie Conner has been out of work due to her husband's health issues. She is now back at work. Please reach out to her.

**Cristina Evans, District 11** reported that they will have a run-off and it is the first one she has had to do. She will have one new council member and possibly a second.

**Naomi Atkinson, District 12**, reported all her incumbents were re-elected. There was also a Lunch and Learn in Savannah on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Discussions were held as to how to get the clerks more involved in their community. The cities of Hinesville and Brunswick will have parades, and several clerks are participating in the parades.

**Telina Alfred, District 6**, reported they had a wonderful election and had a run-off where the incumbents were re-elected.

### **Committee Reports**

**Deborah Walker-Reed, Education Committee**, reported there are education opportunities at Cities United Summit and Georgia Archives (virtual). She is continuing to work on advanced training for July/August 2026 which will be much like the Robert Knox training that is offered to Mayor and Council members.

**Mark Massey, Membership/Mentor Committee** reported the Committee is starting a project which will be activities for Jekyll such as a fireside talk on Sunday evening. Also, they are working on a "Members Only" activity which he hopes will encourage those who are not members to join the Association.

**Brian Henderson, Social Media and Marketing**, reported the views on the website are down 20%. He asked anyone that has activities to please submit so they can boost activity on the website.

**Pam Helton, GMA**, gave a report on the proposed budget for 2026. Discussions were held regarding adding money to the budget to defray District Directors costs for promoting the Association, \$100 per event, to buy goodies or whatever they are planning to do. Also, to assist the IIMC Region Director with registration fees for any of the conferences affiliated with IIMC. The Association also needs to develop a policy that defines what our finances will be used for. She will volunteer to start the policy and then present to the Board for discussion. There was a discussion regarding fees received from GMA for training. Ms. Walker-Reed reminded everyone that the Association only receives \$5.00 per person on registration and we received nothing from the vendor's fee. It is imperative that we get the clerks to attend conferences not only for training but to receive those registration fees. She then reminded everyone to update their websites as well as GMA's with their elected officials name and contact information. Ms. Helton asked if any municipalities have elected officials who are going out of office and have 35 years or more of public service to please complete an application or contract her so they can do a Lifetime Service Award. Ms. Holiday reports Brenda James is retiring at the end of the year. Deborah Walker-Reed made a motion to adopt the budget for 2026 as amended adding monies for Region III Director and \$100 per event, reimbursement, for District Directors to promote the Association. **Sharon Nelson** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve.

Being no further business Vanassa Holiday made a motion to adjourn. Telina Allred seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 11:35AM.