

**GEORGIA MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOCIATION
WINTER BUSINESS AND BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

Call to Order and Welcome

President Thompson called the meeting to order and recognized first-time attendees and asked everyone to reach out to these new professionals and make them feel welcome. Also, offer your support and if needed be a mentor and offer words of encouragement. President Thompson gave a brief overview of GMCA and its relationship to CVIOP and GMA. She asked Immediate Past President Deborah Walker-Reed to offer the invocation and Pledge to the Flag.

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, (absent)
Sharon Nelson, Vice President	Telina Allred, District 6 (absent)
Marilyn Chastain, Treasurer	Kim Reddick, District 7
Jan LeViner, Secretary	Margaret Shelley, District 8 (absent)
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 Bartholomew, District 4	

Other GMCA Committee Members Present

Pam Helton, Georgia Municipal Association	Wynetta Bolder, Past President
Christina Collins, CVIOP	Mark Massey, Membership
Artiffany Stanley, GMA	Shavala Ames, Social Media
Hayley Beaver, Hospitality Committee	

Approval of Minutes. Jan LeViner, Secretary, presented the minutes from January 21, 2026, Board Meeting. Naomi Atkinson made a motion to approve the minutes. Deborah Walker-Reed seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve.

Financial Report

Marilyn Chastain, Treasurer, stated GMA was unable to send us the financials for December but the November financials are before you for your review. Those financials were approved at the January meeting.

Mark Massey and Lori McWilliams, Region III Directors, IIMC, came forward and give an IIMC update. Mr. Massey reminded everyone of the Region III Conference at Wrightsville Beach, February 17 – 21, 2026 as well as the IIMC Conference in Reno, May 17-21, 2026. A discussion was held regarding membership and mentoring. Everyone is encouraged to become a member of IIMC.

Christina Collins, CVIOP, came forward to give an education report. She outlined upcoming education opportunities and encouraged everyone to attend these classes.

Artiffany Stanley, GMA, came forward to give an GMA update. She also encouraged everyone to participate in Love your City Week, April 5, 2026 and reminded everyone of upcoming District Meetings, April 13 – 28, 2026.

District Directors Reports - None

Committee Reports

President Thompson asked everyone to read the descriptions of the committees and select a committee to serve on as it takes the involvement of all members to make a difference in the organization.

Deborah Walker-Reed, Education Committee, stated it has been a successful year with the prospect of new education opportunities. She also explained that the new advanced training will be called the Olivia Parks Wood in recognition of Ms. Wood's dedication to the Clerk's.

Hayley Beaver, Hospitality Committee, reminded everyone of the reception at 4:30PM.

Shavala Ames, Marketing/Social Media came forward to give a report. She stated there are increasing hits on social media.

Mark Massey, Membership/Mentoring stated the fireside chat was a success and is hoping to do another in Athens at the GMCA conference.

Deborah Walker-Reed, Nominating Committee approached to announce the Nominating Committee has recommended the slate of District Directors and Officers that have been provide in your packet. District Directors serve for a two (2) year term and the nominations are as follows:

- District 2: Shelia Cooper
- District 4: Hayley Beaver
- District 6: Annie Warren
- District 8: Margaret Shelley
- District 10: Dana Barfield
- District 12: Shana Moss

She continued, as outlined in our by-laws, officers automatically move up a position each year, requiring that we fill the seat of Secretary. The Nominating Committee received only one nomination for Secretary which was submitted to the Executive Committee. The GMCA Officers serving for one year, 2026 – 2027 are submitted as follows:

- Past President: Vernice Thompson
- President: Sharon Nelson
- Vice President: Marily Chastain
- Treasurer: Jan LeViner
- Secretary: Mary King

President Thompson asked for a motion to approve the slate of District Directors and Executive Board. Deborah Wallker-Reed so moved. Shavala Ames seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve.

President Thompson thanked everyone as the organization has made many accomplishments and it would not have been possible without the help of GMCA Officers, District Directors and Committee Members who play a vital role in the Association. She also thanked CVIOG and GMA for their continued support.

President Thompson then asked the new District Directors to come forward. She administered the Oath of Office to:

- District 2: Shelia Cooper
- District 4: Hayley Beaver

- District 6: Annie Warren
- District 8: Margaret Shelley
- District 10: Dana Barfield
- District 12: Shana Moss

President Thompson then asked the Executive Board to come forward. She administered the Oath of Office to:

- Vice President: Marilyn Chastain
- Treasurer: Jan LeViner
- Secretary: Mary King

President Thompson asked Sharon Nelson, incoming President, to come forward and take the Oath of Office. **President Nelson** thanked Ms. Thompson for her outstanding leadership of the past year. She then recognized the Executive Board and Board of District Directors for their willingness to set forward, serve and lead.

Being no further business Naomi Atkinson made a motion to adjourn. Vanessa Holiday seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 1:15PM.

Vernice Thompson, President

Jan LeViner, Secretary