

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
GEORGIA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES BOARD
January 14, 2026
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
*Virtual Meeting***

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Wilson, Chair
Faye Perdue, Vice Chair
Sandy Adams, Secretary
Craig Camuso

Louise Hill
Vincent Martin
Chris Wells, GVRA Executive Director
& Ex Officio Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

James Defoor

Jane McCall

Opening and Welcome

GVRS Board Chair Tom Wilson welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda

Chairman Wilson performed a roll call and recommended the approval of the agenda.

On the motion of Secretary Adams, seconded by Mr. Raymond, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

Chairman Wilson recommended the approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of the following:

- Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from Previous Session
- Approval of Budget Report as of December 31, 2025
- GVRA Annual Report

On motion of Vice Chair Perdue, seconded by Mr. Camuso, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as presented.

Executive Director's Report – Executive Director Chris Wells

Agency Spotlights

- Executive Director Wells highlighted the Employee of the Month for October 2025, Jennifer Arnold, Supervisor of the Warner Robins Office. The process of selecting the Employee of the Month is being revamped to include more people on the selection committee.
- Executive Director Wells shared the following information with the Board:
 - Mid-Year Budget Update (Categories for Transfers and Contractual Services were transposed and corrected during the meeting.)
 - Emerging Leaders Program
 - Case Management System
 - Rate Study

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- CSNA – State Plan
- Hiring Pilot
- Office Locations
 - Valdosta
 - Brunswick
 - Johns Creek
 - Columbus
- Laptop Refresh

2026 Legislative Session

- Mr. John Pilgrim, Legislative & Governmental Affairs Liaison, provided an update on the 2026 Legislative Session. He shared bills that he is watching that may have an impact on GVRA and the Legislative Session calendar. He also shared that GVRA will host GVRA Day at the Capitol on February 10th from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Chairman Wilson encouraged all Board members to participate and present solid support at the Capitol.

Old Business/New Business

Chairman Wilson recommended the approval of moving to four meetings for 2026 rather than five to lessen the demands and improve greater participation. He also suggested that the Board hold the second Wednesday on their calendar for any called meetings they may need. Below are the dates proposed by Chairman Wilson:

- January 14, 2026 (virtual)
- May 13, 2026 in Athens
- August 12, 2026 at RWS
- October 14, 2026 in Perry at the GVRA Day at the Fair

On the motion of Secretary Adams, seconded by Vice Chair Perdue, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 2026 GVRS Board Meeting Dates.

Chairman Wilson discussed the GVRS Board Training that was planned for January 13, 2026 and cancelled due to illnesses and the majority of members inability to attend. He thanked the GVRA staff for their hard work in preparing such informative training and recommended that the Board try to reschedule the training for May 12, 2026 in Athens.

Public Comment & Adjournment

Chairman Wilson opened the floor for public comment. There being none, Chairman Wilson called for a motion to adjourn.

On the motion of Vice Chair Perdue, seconded by Mrs. Hardeman, the board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 1:43 p.m.