

# Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Thursday, January 14, 2026

## Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Services Board Meeting

Tom Wilson, Board Chairman

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# Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Services Board Meeting Agenda

1:00 pm	Opening	<i>Tom Wilson GVRS Board Chair</i>
1:05 pm	Welcome and Remarks	<i>Tom Wilson GVRS Board Chair</i>
1:10 pm	Roll Call and Agenda	<i>Tom Wilson GVRS Board Chair</i>
1:15 pm	Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board Meeting Minutes Approval</li><li>• Budget Report</li></ul>	<i>Tom Wilson GVRS Board Chair</i>
1:20 pm	GVRA Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agency Spotlight</li><li>• Mid-Year Budget Update</li><li>• Faithful Service Awards</li></ul>	<i>Chris Wells GVRA Executive Director</i>
1:50 pm	2026 Legislative Session	<i>John Pilgrim Legislative &amp; Governmental Affairs Liaison</i>
2:05 pm	New Business/Old Business Board Meeting Dates for 2026	<i>Tom Wilson GVRS Board Chair</i>
2:15 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• *Public Comments/Adjournment</li></ul>	<i>Tom Wilson GVRS Board Chair</i>



# Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Services Consent Agenda

- ❖ Previous Board Meeting Minutes Approval
- ❖ Budget Report

# Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Services

## October 2, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

### MEETING MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES BOARD

October 2, 2025

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

*Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter  
401 Larry Walker Parkway, Perry, Georgia 31069*

#### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Louise Hill (*virtually*)  
Jane McCall  
Chris Wells, GVRA Executive Director  
& Ex Officio Member

#### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

James Defoor

Vincent Martin

#### Opening and Welcome

GVRS Board Chair Tom Wilson welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 1:02 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 Vice Chair Perdue, seconded by Mr. Camuso, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda.

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 September 29, 2025
- GVRA Annual Report

On motion of Secretary Adams, seconded by Mrs. McCall, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as presented.



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## October 2, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
GEORGIA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES BOARD  
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### Executive Director's Report – Executive Director Chris Wells

#### Agency Spotlights

- Executive Director Wells highlighted those chosen as Employees of the Month for July 2025 through September 2025:
  - Jen Barlar, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Administration, July 2025 Employee of the Month
  - Jason Williams, Counselor 3, August 2025 Employee of the Month
  - Zedrick Knox, IT Support Specialist II, September 2025 Employee of the Month
- Executive Director Wells shared the following information with the Board:
  - (No Title) RA Day at the Fair
  - Year End
  - Transition
  - 2026 Goals

#### Vocational Rehabilitation Updates

- Mrs. Deana Brown, Director of Programs, shared updates with the Board, including:
  - Measurable Skills Gains
  - Employment Rates for Quarter 2 and Quarter 4
  - Median Earnings
  - Credentials Earned Rates
  - Continuous Improvement by VR Program

#### Old Business/New Business

Chairman Wilson asked the Board to review their calendars and consider options for the GVRS Board Meeting dates for the 2026 year.

#### 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 Mr. Camuso, seconded by Vice Chair Perdue, the board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 1:42 p.m.



# Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Services

## October 30, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
GEORGIA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES BOARD**  
October 30, 2025  
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

*Via Zoom*

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

Jane McCall  
Vincent Martin  
Chris Wells, GVRA Executive Director  
& Ex Officio Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Craig Camuso

James Defoor

**Opening and Welcome**

GVRS Board Chair Tom Wilson welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

On the motion of Vice Chair Perdue, seconded by Mrs. McCall, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda.

**Easter Seals CRP Lease Agreement & Board Resolution**

Executive Director Wells stated that the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission now requires a resolution, approved by the GVRS Board in order for the Georgia Easter Seal Society to enter into a lease agreement utilizing GVRA property. A copy of the Board Resolution and a Lease Agreement Affirmation from ED Wells was reviewed by the Board.

On motion of Ms. Hill, seconded by Mrs. McCall, the board unanimously voted to approve the Resolution.

**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 Secretary Adams, seconded by Mrs. McCall, the board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:19 a.m.



# Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

## FY 2026 Agency Budget Comparison

Category	Total Expenditures	Current Budget	Percent to Budget
Personal Services	44,579,531	\$102,941,820	43%
Regular Operating Expenses	4,423,396	8,805,893	50%
Motor Vehicle Purchases	0	0	-
Equipment	304,912	1,184,948	26%
IT Expenditures	3,156,665	5,601,329	56%
Real Estate Rentals	2,777,280	5,813,317	48%
Telecommunications	607,714	1,639,159	37%
Contractual Services	0	12,990,753	0%
Transfers	7,956,629	0	-
Grants and Benefits	3,630,341	5,915,931	61%
Other	438,130	438,130	100%
DAS Case Services	8,015,586	21,060,000	38%
VR Case Services	22,816,619	45,553,258	50%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$98,706,803</b>	<b>\$211,944,538</b>	<b>47%</b>



*\*As of 12/31/2025*



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## **GVRs Board Meeting Executive Director's Report**

Chris Wells, Executive Director  
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## Agency Spotlight – Employees of the Month



**Jennifer Arnold**, Supervisor of the Warner Robins Office, (**October 2025**), has been with GVRA for four years and continues to exemplify the agency's mission through her compassion, leadership, and dedication to service. Born in Atlanta and raised in Fort Valley, Jennifer is a proud mother of three and grandmother to four. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with her family, shopping, and cleaning—simple joys that bring her peace and balance.

Jennifer holds a master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling, a reflection of her lifelong passion for helping others. As a child, she dreamed of becoming a doctor, but she soon realized her true calling was in uplifting and empowering individuals to overcome life's challenges. She joined GVRA out of a genuine love for helping people and a deep commitment to inspiring her teammates to reach their full potential. Each day, she strives to make a positive impact—one person, one goal, and one success story at a time.

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## Mid-Year Budget Update

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## GVRA Updates

- Emerging Leaders Program
- Case Management System
- Rate Study
- CSNA – State Plan
- Hiring Pilot
- Office Locations
  - Valdosta
  - Brunswick
  - Johns Creek
  - Columbus
- Laptop Refresh



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## 2026 Legislative Session

John Pilgrim, Legislative & Governmental Affairs Liaison

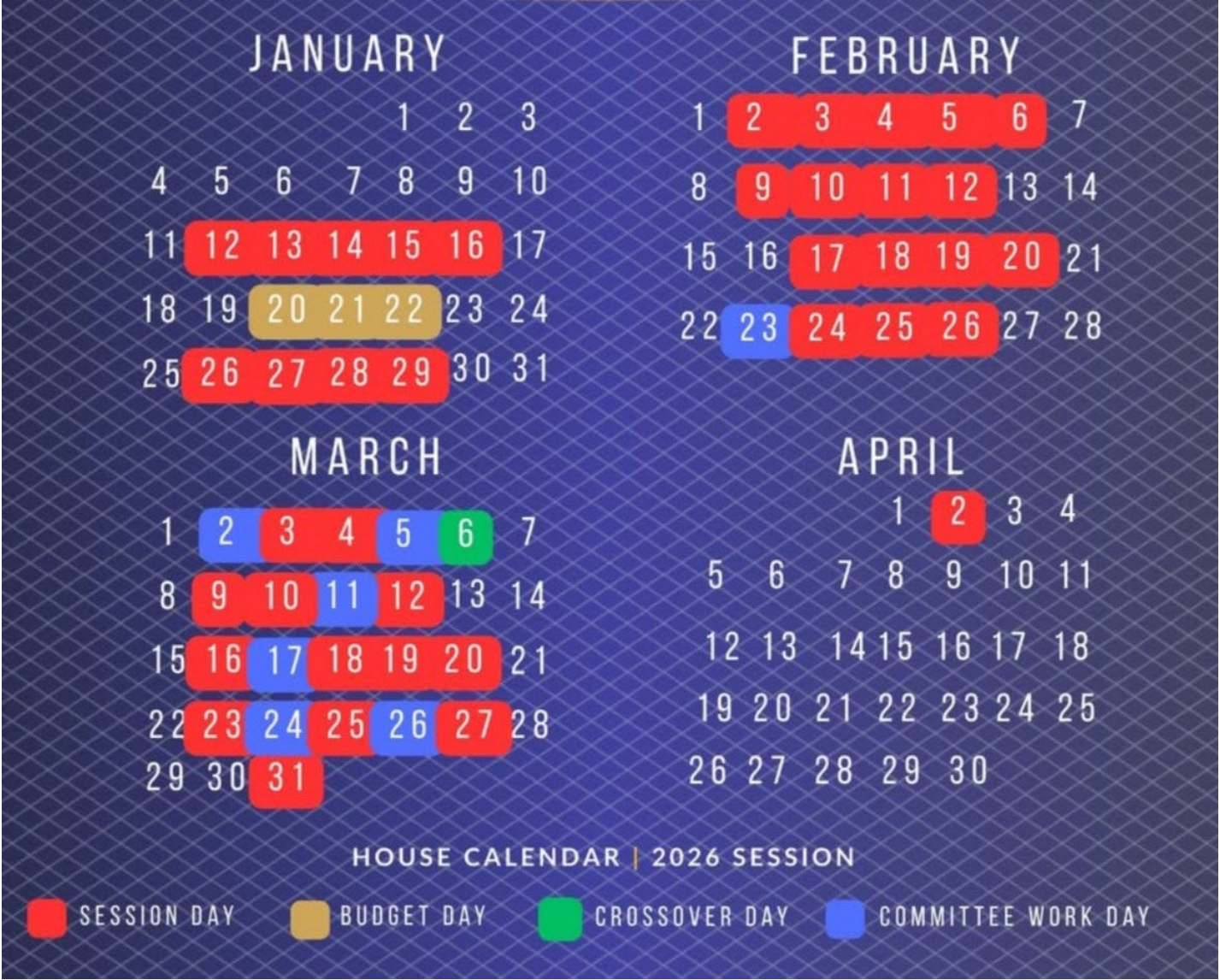
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## 2026 Legislative Session Schedule





# Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Services

## **GVRB Board New Business & Old Business**

Tom Wilson, Chairman

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## GVR Board Public Comments & Adjournment

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