

MINUTES OF MEETING
Georgia State Rehabilitation Council (SRC)
July 23, 2025, 1pm – 4pm
Virtual Meeting

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Juliet Hardeman (Chair)
Michele Mason
Matthew Barnes
Cherise Mlott
Myndi Pryor
Lisa Leiter
Moses Little
Joy Norman
Peggy Venable
Jo Ellen Hancock

Guests

Jennifer Howell (GVRA)
Jeff Allen (GVRA)
Chris Wells (GVRA)
Arlene Fowler (GVRA)
Jessica Johnson (GVRA)
Raj Pagadala (GVRA)
Scott Dekowski (GVRA)
Jaylen Pope (GVRA)
Erica Shedd (GVRA)
Brandeis Thompson (GVRA)
Celeste Harris (GVRA)
Stacy Linowski (GVRA)
Erica Aponte (GVRA)
Christina Bell (GVRA)
David Butler (GVRA)
Paige Cason (GVRA)
Rebecca Williamson (GVRA)
Anne Ladd (Ga DOE)
Carla Murphy (GVRA)
Christopher Myers (GVRA)
Marcie Floyd (GVRA)
Stephanie Cutrufelli (CAP)

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The roll call was done. Welcome to the group by SRC Chair.

Minutes from April 2025 meeting were reviewed & request was made to change NCSRC dates to November 1-2, 2025. Motions made to approve minutes once revised.

Agenda for today was also approved.

Chair Update – Juliet Hardeman

- New SRC Liaison
 - Arlene Fowler, Arlene.Fowler@gvs.ga.gov
- NCSRC National Call - August 27, 2025 @ 2 pm
- NCSRC Fall Conference – November 1-2, 2025 in San Diego, CA

Rebecca Williamson, GVRA Transition Manager

Discussed Transition Liaison position & their primary roles & responsibilities.

SRC Committee Reports

Membership – Lisa Leiter

Terms will be ending in the Spring for 5 members – Cherise Mlott, Juliet Hardeman, Katie Hearn, Jerry Haywood & Joy Norman.

Charity Roberts will replace Wina Low; she has been approved & is waiting to be sworn in.

Jo Ellen Hancock will replace Aarti Sahgal as a parent of a child with a disability; she has been approved & waiting to be sworn in.

Parent to Parent is still determining someone to replace Karen Addams.

A representative is also needed for cognitive disabilities & she would like 4 business representatives; currently have Cherise.

Julie is meeting with Workforce Development contact to share about SRC & GVRA. She will also be attending the next GVRS Board meeting.

Please be thinking about potential replacement & email their information to Lisa.

Public Outreach - Katie Hearn

No update.

Policy - Michele Mason

SRC & GVRA Policy team met on July 10th to discuss proposed policy changes to personal care services, cite 8.5.41.

Kevin Nickerson, Director of American Dream Employment Network has been invited to attend next meeting to provide a WIPA overview.

CAP – Jennifer Page

No update

GVRA Executive Update – Chris Wells, Executive Director

40,000+ individuals served; 20,000+ students served & 90,000+ claims adjudicated annually this past year.

Data comparison shown from FY2021 – FY2025 for services provided, individuals served & average days.

Data comparison shown from SFY2021 – SFY2025 for job placement rate, employment rate, measurable skill gain rate & credential attainment rate.

Bud McCall Grant data was reviewed – number of participants and financial assistance amounts for FY2021 – FY2025.

RWS & Pre-ETS data was reviewed.

ED Wells reported, “RSA has determined that GVRA has met the criteria for establishing that the corrective actions have been effective for all the findings. As this is the case, the CAP has been successfully completed, and no further action by GVRA is necessary.”

GVRA is in a good position to be able to maintain services at this time; discussions being held regarding possibly moving under USDOL or HHS in the future.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Public Hearing

Proposed policy revisions for changing Personal Care Attendant Services to Personal Assistant Services in the GVRA Client Services Policy Manual (“CSPM”) were presented.

Please submit public comments by August 23, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. via email or the address below:

programsupportpolicy@gvs.ga.gov

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Public Comments

None

Adjournment

Upcoming Conferences/Events:

The next GVRS Board Meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2025 at RWS (Tours begin at 10 am, meeting convenes at 1 pm).

The October GVRS Board Meeting will be held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter in Perry, GA on October 2, 2025 (meeting begins at 1 pm).

GVRA Day at the Fair in Perry, GA will be held October 3, 2025.

The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, 2025 & will be held in-person with virtual option - location TBD.

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 pm.