



Executive Committee Minutes

March 13, 2026

Virtual Meeting

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

[Meeting Link](#)

Executive Committee Members in attendance:

- Chairman Scott Johnson
- Representative Chris Erwin
- Phenna Petty
- Andri Pilgrim

Welcome – Chairman Scott Johnson

Updates

- Status of Deal Center Deliverables – Stacey Lutz
 - Brief overview of documents shared in previous session with time for questions and answers from group based on their review
 - Landscape Analysis Update: The survey provides a snapshot of state literacy coaches across Georgia, including information on hiring practices, instructional frameworks, and how literacy is being taught in schools.
 - Assesses the quality of literacy coaching, educators' educational backgrounds, and the types of training and professional development they have received.
- PSC Endorsement Update – Stacey Lutz and Dr. Stephanie Snidarich
 - Update on meeting between Stacey, the Deal Center Team, and GaPSC on potential for endorsement development and assessment development within the time frame identified by current proposed legislation
 - Wrap up and move to next steps by March 15. At that time, the materials will be sent to the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) to obtain state-level endorsements, as the legislation directs implementation by January 1.
- Literacy Coaching Committee Update – Stacey Lutz
 - Update on LCCC's recommendation to support the encumbrance of funds for objective four of the Unified Literacy Coaching Project
- Georgia Reads Day at the Capitol – Bryttney Bailey and Irene Munn
 - Announced the 2026 Georgia Reads Community Award Winners
 - Georgia Reads Community Award Visits:

- Meriwether County - March 9, 2026
- Jackson County School System - March 11, 2026
- Lumpkin County School System – March 16, 2026
- The Harris Literacy Center at Augusta University – March 17, 2026
- Mayor’s Impact Team – April 16, 2026
- Books for Keeps – April 17, 2026
- Portal of Commencement Midpoint Shelter – April 22, 2026
- For the Love of Reading – April 27, 2026
- Reach Out and Read Georgia – April 28, 2026
- Amended Budget Update – Stacey Lutz
 - Plan to move forward with:
 - Amira Access for Every Child: Currently, 43% of eligible students participated. With the remaining funds, the Executive Committee approved the following:
 - \$225,000 – Provide 15,000 additional students access to the Amira Learning project.
 - Literacy Leadership Pilot – Launch support at the administrative and district level with implementation targeted by July 1.
 - Will bring new proposal for consideration at the next meeting

Upcoming Dates:

- Executive Committee
 - Friday, March 20, 2026
- Literacy Council Meeting
 - April 21, 2026 – Augusta, GA