



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2025

Virtual Meeting

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

[Meeting Link](#)

- **Welcome** – Chairman Scott Johnson
- **Fall Schedule and Reporting Framework**
- **Updates** –
 - Literacy Coach Coordinating Committee, Stacey Lutz
 - 43% of districts are using Amira
 - At this rate of usage, there will be unused funds on existing contract
 - Two proposals submitted for use of potentially unused funds
 - **GaDOE** for Amira Tutor Product for CSI schools using Amira as their universal screener
 - **Council Leadership Working Group** for development and pilot of professional learning to support school and district leadership in the effective implementation of literacy initiatives including (but not limited to) universal screener administration and use of screener data
 - General discussion:
 - Original appropriation for money was limited to the screener
 - Literacy coaches are in place in CSI schools
 - Dr. DeJarnett expressed concerned over moving money between the two funding items. Legislation is not in session, and we are unclear of intent relative to remaining funds. Suggested gathering more information, concerned with using screener money for something else. Suggested money to stay in screener budget. Leaning toward the tutor request because it keeps money more aligned to original intent
 - Discussions on if CSI school will be able to sustain usage after this year because this would be a one-time allocation to purchase Amira Tutor
 - Lutz provided recommendation from Literacy Coach

Coordinating Committee: Repurpose funds for both proposals. Conservative way to approach additional funds and support the effective implementation of screeners.

- Rep. Erwin – needs more information before a vote is called. He wants to defer to next meeting to vote.
- Chairman Johnson agreed.
- Senator Hickman – agreed with Chairman Erwin
- Chairman Johnson – will call a follow up meeting next week
 - Georgia Reads Day and Application – Irene and Bryttney
- **Report** – Literacy Coach Coordinating Committee, Stacey Lutz
 - Proposed realigning the Deal Centers scope of work to further facilitate the State Literacy Plan
 - Mrs. Burns – recommends being involved with the College of Education for professional learning component, worried about how late that information will be available
- **Next Steps and Adjournment**

Upcoming Dates:

Executive Committee

- September 19, 2025
- October 3, 2025

Literacy Activities

- **September 22**, Georgia Reads Day
College Football Hall of Fame, Atlanta
- **November 13**, Literacy Council Meeting
University of West Georgia - Carrollton, GA