



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2025

Virtual Meeting

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

- **Welcome** – Chairman Scott Johnson
- **Updates**
 - Review of Literacy Plan, Stacey Lutz
 - Focus Area: Every Community Supported
 - Sadie Krawczyk, Managing Director of GA Forward
 - Georgia Reads Community Collaborative with the Georgia Municipal Association
 - Introduced GICH Housing Program as a model for a community collaboration. GICH is tied to support from Community Affairs, University of Georgia and GMA. Example of state involvement in community progress.
 - A product of the Community Working Group
 - Will facilitate 2 retreats a year and assist in the application process; communities will have a facilitator to help walk with these organizations
 - Currently working with Georgia reads and CLCP organizations, learning from them: what are their keys to success, and what do they lack?
 - Chairman Johnson highlighted how most state plans do not have this element or collaboration
 - DeJarnett, Erwin, and Pilgrim agreed with this initiative; all agreed that this is key in helping communities come together for the state.
- **Report** – Literacy Coach Coordinating Committee, Stacey Lutz
 - Report to State Board of Education
 - DeJarnett stated that the Board was very receptive to the updated plan and pleased with the progress of the State Literacy Plan and Georgia Reads
 - October Meeting 10/15/2025
 - Literacy Coach Coordinating Meeting

- Andri Pilgrim reported on her project to recognize excellence in literacy instruction; noted that the group provided great feedback and suggested recognizing the teaching team, instead of just the teacher
- Worked on common metrics of coaching system to track progress
- Report on interaction of coaching work and State Literacy Plan
- Every district will have a unified literacy plan to give support
- Literacy Coach Competency Work
 - This is the second part of the contract work with the Deal Center
 - Brings all partners together to put together competencies to support teachers and coaching as they apply the work in the classrooms
 - Will culminate in a codifiable set of literacy coach competencies that will be used to establish common expectations and a pathway to become a certified state literacy coach
- Deal Center Contract Progress
 - The collaboration between the Deal Center, working groups and coaching committee is making progress.
- **Next Steps and Adjournment**

Upcoming Dates:

Executive Committee

- Friday, October 31, 2025
- Friday, November 14, 2025

Literacy Activities

- Literacy Council Meeting – Thursday, November 13, 2025
University of West Georgia - Carrollton, GA