Georgia Association of Student Councils

Summer Meeting

2025-2026 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 9:01 am

The first in person board meeting for the Georgia Association of Student Councils was held on 07.27.25 with Jack Ellis, Davin Frazier, Suzanne Beaver, & Adalyn Tyre presiding as President and Sofia Orozco and Dayanara Gomez serving as Secretaries.

I. Business By Pillars

A. Leadership

Advisors Liaison : Joshua Truitt, Heather Watkins (9 : 26)

- Plan to promote NA4SC and NatStuCo events in monthly newsletters, Intend to include strategies and relevant links in each newsletter
- Considering a Student Council introduction for new members at the Summit
- Aiming to share resources from veteran programs earlier in the year
- Planning to include Leadership Roundtable Discussions at the District Conference

District 1: Anaya Gorti, Sia Garcia (9:26)

- Discussed a potential meeting with the Parliamentarian, explored shirt design options, and considered using the theme “Find Your Fire, Ignite Your Leader Within” for upcoming initiatives.

District 2: Crystal Zheng (9:30)

- Began brainstorming ways to make the District Conferences fun, engaging, and purposeful for all attendees
- Collaborated with District 1 representatives to develop a shared theme for the upcoming conference
- Created advertisement flyers for the District Conference and sent them to the VP school for confirmation
- Constructed a “SMART Goal” for the district and are currently awaiting approval

Middle School: Meera Anbarasu, Francis Kim (9:33)

- They are planning on sending email invitations to member middle schools to encourage Summit registration, providing council members opportunities to develop and apply new leadership skills.
- Frequent Middle School Membership renewal reminders are being sent to support ongoing leadership development through the GASC organization.

Parliamentary : Jaxson Merritt, Riley Adams (9:36)

- We will be working with District One to brainstorm the possibility of an election based workshop.
- Preparing a slide and flyer about GASC Elections for the Summit.

Communication: Joanne Jeon, Briana Codrescu

- Develop an advertising plan to promote key leadership events to students.
- Encourage student participation in programs designed to build leadership skills through collaboration with other councils, guest speakers, and workshops.

Secretary: Sofia Orozco, Dayanara Gomez

- Talks about what the gazette will be containing like vision experiences and membership renewal and highlight other Stucos and stated the publish day for the gazette (3rd thursday of every month)

Vice president: Chelsea Gayle, Erick Nava (9:40)

- Further developed theme for Leadership Summit
- Tentative tagline “GASC Leaders got that DAWG in them”
- Created promotional ideas for Leadership Summit
- Change to host a meeting(s) for district representatives by providing outlines outlines and expectations

President: Jack Ellis, Davin Frazier, Suzanne Beaver, & Adalyn Tyre (9 :44)

- In the process of planning the ROCKING 2026 GASC Convention
- They have selected the convention colors and used them to create a logo draft

Executive directors: Laura Dorms, Corey Stillwell (9: 46 - 10:37)

- GASC’s upcoming events—Leadership Summit, CSLP, District Conference, and State Convention—provide essential leadership development opportunities through expert-led workshops, keynote speakers, and training sessions.
- Early registration is crucial to secure participation, access resources, and maximize leadership growth for both students and advisors throughout the year.

B. Voice

Advisor liaison : Joshua Truitt, Heather Watkins (10:42)

- Goal to try welcome new member schools in our respective districts, which will be welcoming new voices to the GASC and District table discussions
- Sending out a Google form to veteran schools asking for "Things They Wish They Had Known" when starting a new program

District 1: Anaya Gorti, Sia Garcia (10:44)

- Created a list of District 1 schools to contact
- Contacted 80 schools to register to be part of GASC
- Created a flyer to use in advertising material to recruit members to be shared with VP school and District 2

District 2: Crystal Zheng

- have compiled an updated list of D2 schools.
- started our recruitment process with schools in our local school district first by reaching out to all principals and assistant principals in all SCCPSS Middle and High Schools in May

Middle school: Meera Anbarasu, Francis Kim (10:45)

- Will be working to send our first Consulus to schools to inform student councils about upcoming events to increase participation.
- working on creating a September Consulus.

Parliamentary : Jaxson Merritt, Riley Adams (10:46)

- Updated the constitution to reflect the amendment from the GASC State Convention on February 21st and are sending it to the webmaster

Communications: Brianna Codrescu, Joanne Jeon (10:45)

- Plan to post content to encourage schools to register as a GASC member school.
- Plan on maintaining strong virtual relationships with each of our member school's student councils in order to encourage their active participation and engagement in our organization, as well as to encourage their attendance at our events.

Secretary: Sofia Orozco, Dayanara Gomez (10:46)

- Included benefits of what leaders would gain out of joining the GASC organization on summer gazette

Vice president :Chelsea Gayle, Erick Nava (10:47)

- Forming our SMART goal, which focuses on retaining members and increasing our membership, with a target of 150 schools (including elementary schools)
- Send out weekly emails pertaining to membership beginning this week until the deadline

President : Jack Ellis, Davin Frazier, Suzanne Beaver, & Adalyn Tyre (10:47)

- In the process of creating the Welcome Letter to send to the vice president
- In the process of creating the Save the Date that will be included in the welcome packets.

Executive directors : Laura Dorms, Corey Stillwell (10:48)

- discussed the 2025–26 goal of increasing GASC membership to 150 schools by October 1st, emphasizing that this effort requires everyone's persistence and commitment.
- discussed the importance of retaining previous member schools (assigned to VP and District Reps) and how, if each officer school recruits just 7 new schools, we can reach our goal.
- discussed the benefits of membership, including discounted event rates, CSLP access, officer opportunities, website resources, the Gazette/Consulus, and advisor mentorship connections.

C. Service

Advisor liaison: Joshua Truitt, Heather Watkins (10 :59)

- Reintroduce the State Service Project and encourage advisors to have their Student Councils participate in the State Service Project (Work2BeWell)

State service ambassador: Mei Ying Tham (10 : 59)

- Created a one-page annual calendar detailing monthly service topics for schools to easily understand the wellness goals of each month's service project at a glance
    - Integrated national observances like Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Mental Health Month to increase impact and relevance; revamp of Roadmap To Wellness
    - Brainstormed ready-to-implement school-wide activities to make it easier for councils to activate service-based initiatives every month.

District 1: Anaya Gorti, Sia Garcia(11: 04)

- Determined theme of District Conferences
- Brainstormed ideas for workshops at district conference
- Designed t-shirts to encourage participation in District Conferences

Communications : Brianna Codrescu, Joanne Jeon (11:06)

- Plan to collaborate with the State Service Project Ambassador to post the ongoing state service project as well as how each school could get involved.

President : Jack Ellis, Davin Frazier, Suzanne Beaver, & Adalyn Tyre (11:06)

- Intend to coordinate with Mei Tham on W2BW initiatives and projects.
- Intend to implement some of these projects in our community and our district.

Executive Directors : Laura Dorms, Corey Stillwell (11:06 - 11:11)

- State Service Project
    - Selection Process

D. Relationships

Advisors Liaison: Joshua Truitt, Heather Watkins

- Plan to encourage established programs to consider "hugging" another school, particularly if there is a school they had a hand in recruiting

District 1: Anaya Gorti, Sia Garcia

- They plan to create a list of "close" schools to reach out to and cultivate strong relationships to with inside their distinct

Parliamentarian: Jaxson Merritt, Riley Adams

- They want to help networking with other schools via email for upcoming elections and forming meaningful connections with those schools

Middle School: Meera Anbarasu, Francis Kim

- They're working to prepare a networking segments (like icebreaker & introductions) for the 1st JCSLP sessions

Communications: Brianna Codrescu, Joanne Jeon

- Plan to create more "casual" post focused on executive members (not only on convention), introducing general student councils members to executive board to give more awareness of their role, their work and increasing familiarity and connection

President: Jack Ellis, Davin Frazier, Suzanne Beaver, & Adalyn Tyre

- They're creating relationships with District reps and assisting them in recruiting new member schools.

Executive Director: Laura Droms

- Work2BeWell- 5 students on the national board
- Convention vendors
    - Potential vendor ideas? (gofan, fivestart, new voters)
- Advisors mentoring/support

E. Recognition

Advisors Liaison: Joshua Truitt, Heather Watkins (11:13)

- Plan to recognize the first 10 schools that have registered for the Leadership Summit.
- Plan to recognize the first 10 schools that have registered for their District Conferences
- Plan to recognize the new school programs that have joined this year

Communication: Brianna Codrescu, Joanne Jeon (11:14)

- Highlight Mei Ying Tham, the State Service Project Ambassador, to promote the role and inspire future student involvement
- Plan to feature schools and individuals receiving awards throughout the year.
- Plan to showcase ongoing convection planning meetings (Summer, Fall,Winter) and new. leadership events/opportunities to recognize the board and others contributing to leadership development.

Secretary: Sofia Orozco, Dayanara Gomez (11:14)

- In progress of giving spotlights to other student councils on our summer gazette.

President: Jack Ellis, Davin Frazier, Suzanne Beaver, & Adalyn Tyre (11:14)

- Comments on the hard work everyone has done this weekend.

Executive Director: Laura Droms (11:14-11:17)

- Convention awards program audit/update
- Highlights/shoutouts and monthly advisor appreciation ideas on social media

F. Growth

Advisors Liaison: Joshua Truitt, Heather Watkins (11:18)

- Creating a growth goal in membership school list
- Recruit and support 5-10% increase in school membership by the end of the year (an increase of about 4-8 new schools across the state)
- Recruit at least 2-3 elementary school per district

State Service Ambassador: Mei Ying Tham (11: 19)

- Designed topic themes and brainstormed activities that help students develop skills like self-awareness, goal-setting habits, social-emotional intelligence

Parliamentarian: Jaxson Merritt, Riley Adams (11: 19)

- Keeping the 25-26 drive organized for future parliamentary reps

Communications: Brianna Codrescu, Joanne Jeon (11: 19)

- Post leadership content inspired by 2023-2024 Lead the Way monday to help students grow from home
- Share new opportunities and reminders regularly to encourage student involvement
- Post the gazette and MS Consuls to highlight news and opportunities for all age groups and keep GASC members informed

Vice president: Chelsea Gayle, Erick Nava (11: 20)

- Brainstormed several ideas and themes for the Elementary Programs and JCSLP like work-life balance, mental health, and communication

President: Jack Ellis, Davin Frazier, Suzanne Beaver, & Adalyn Tyre (11:20)

- Plans to work with District Reps by reaching out to rural schools in their area to help meet the membership goal

Executive president: Laura Droms (11: 21 - 11: 28)

- VISION 2027
    - Potentially hosting
    - Starting the vision committee
- Moving to a Mixed Board (Schools & Individual)
    - Schools: President, VP, Middle school & District Reps
    - Individual: Secretary, Parliamentarian, Communication
    - Appointed: SSA & NASC rep

II. Reminder

EBoard Pricing

- CLSP: Full Price
- Summit & District Conference: Free
- Convention: $175

Support Staff Pricing

- Summit- VP: Welcome Team up to 4 for 30$
- District Conference- District Rep: Up to 10 Support Staff for $30
- Convention- President: Up to 30 Support Staff for $175

GASC Upcoming Dates

- September 21st- Meeting in Athens beginning at 3:00pm (Hotel: Hyatt Place Athens Downtown)
- September 22nd- Summit at UGA
- October- Virtual Board Meeting
- November 6th&7th- District conference

III. Adjournment: 11:31 AM

The first in person meeting for the Georgia Association of Student Councils 2025-2026 was adjourned at 11:31 AM by the President School.