Georgia Association of Student Councils

Fall Meeting

2025-2026 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 7:12 pm

The second in person board meeting for the Georgia Association of Student Councils was held on 09.21.25 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

Advisor Liaisons: Joshua Truitt, Heather Watkins

-Promoting events for NA4SC and NatStuCo in the monthly newsletters

- Including strategies and links in monthly newsletters
- District Conference: Leadership Roundtable Discussions

District 1: Anaya Gorti, Sia Garcia

- Created 2 leadership workshops to present at the District 1 Conference, collaborated with the State Service Ambassador to create 2 additional workshops, and partnered with the Parliamentarian School to create a 5th workshop
- Finalized the location and food plan for the District 1 Conference to ensure the leadership conference runs successfully

District 2: Crystal Zheng, Kenzie

- With major help from Mrs. Murphy, secured a location for the District 2 District Conference
- Developing tentative plans and strategies to use the space effectively for a positive experience for all participants

MMAL : Meera Anbarasu, Francis Kim

- Reached out to multiple middle schools not currently GASC members; received one reply so far from Thomas Middle School
- Sent the August and September Consulus
- Created the JCSLP Ice Breaker / Introduction

Parliamentary: Jaxson Merritt, Riley Adams

- Prepared a slide and flyer about GASC Elections for use at the District Conference (delayed from use at the Summit)
- Assisted the webmaster in updating the position descriptions of the "Running for Office" section of the website

Communications: Joanne Jeon, Briana Codrescu

- Certified Student Leadership Program (CSLP)
- Leadership Summit
- District Conference
- State Convention

State Service Ambassador : Mei Ying Tham

- In collaboration with District 1 Reps, created 2 drafts for potential leadership workshops to be hosted at the District Conference

Secretary: Sofia Orozco, Dayanara Gomez

- N/A

Vice President: Chelsea Gayle, Erick Nava

- N/A

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

- Planning the ROCKING 2026 GASC Convention
- Created and sent the teaser video to Droms and Stillwell
- Deciding on t-shirt and swag items
- WCHS has already held two all-council meetings, where members were notified of all upcoming GASC events and encouraged to sign up

Executive Directors: Laura Dorms, Corey Stillwell

CSLP/JCSLP

- Registration closes September 26th
- High School Dates: October 14, 21, 28, & November 4
- High School Facilitators: Lucca Petrucci, Sara Freauf, Scott Backovich, Corey Stillwell

- Cost: $50
- Middle School Dates: October 20, 27 & November 3
- MS Facilitators: President, VP & Corey Stillwell
- Cost: $35

District Conference

- Registration: Opens September 22nd (at Summit) & closes October 20th
- Dates: November 6th & 7th
- Host: District Reps
- Keynote Speaker: John Beede
- Cost: $50

State Convention

- Dates: February 19–21 (exec: February 18th)

Advisor Training Opportunities

- NCSA 2025 – Grand Rapids, MI (December 5th–7th); registration opened August 15th
- Cost: $360 with group code (LD25GA)

Elementary Memberships

- 6 current pilot schools
- Password-protected resource website coming soon

Other Student Training Opportunities

- SASC – Wade Hampton High School, Greenville, SC (October 11–13)
- Vision Conference – Pinkerton Academy, Derry, NH (June 19–24)
    - Estimated cost: $1800 (includes Boston Area Pre-Trip)
    - 16 student delegate spaces available; spots will begin “selling” at District Conference
    - Schools must pay $300 to secure a spot (refunds offered for amounts above $50 until February 1st)

B. Voice

Advisor Liaisons: Joshua Truitt, Heather Watkins

- Goal to continue welcoming new member schools in our respective districts, adding new voices to GASC and District table discussions
- Sending advisor liaison updates to all programs (returning and new schools) and consistently including registration links

District 1: Anaya Gorti, Sia Garcia

- Called over 80 new schools and emailed over 220 new schools in District 1 to encourage them to join GASC and attend the District Conference
- Responded to school queries about signing up for GASC membership
- Created a committee within their school, composed of student council members, to cold call schools

District 2: Crystal Zheng

- Made multiple days of cold calls to potential member schools, followed up with emails and further communication

MMAL: Meera Anbarasu, Francis Kim

- Emailed multiple schools about events such as Summit, encouraging participation and development of leadership skills

Communications: Brianna Codrescu, Joanne Jeon

- Planning to post content encouraging schools to register as GASC member schools
- Maintaining strong virtual relationships with member school student councils to encourage active participation, engagement, and event attendance

Parliamentary: Jaxson Merritt, Riley Adams

- Sent recruitment emails to 9 different schools
- Elementary school (GOC Elementary) registered for the elementary pilot program

State Service Ambassador : Mei Ying Tham

- N/A

Secretary: Sofia Orozco, Dayanara Gomez

- Sustaining membership through the Gazette by informing schools and community members about GASC events such as Leadership Summit, District Conferences, CSLP,

and Convention

Vice President: Chelsea Gayle, Erick Nava

- Sending weekly emails about membership until the deadline
- Coordinated with executive directors to create a program for Summit

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

- Reached out to District 2 Reps during Summit recruitment to encourage more participation from District 2 schools, which tend to be less involved in GASC

Executive Directors: Laura Dorms, Corey Stillwell

2025–26 Goal: Increase GASC membership to 150 schools by October 1st

- Currently at 82 members (down from 92 members at the same time last year)
- Encouraging leadership team to track which schools have been contacted
- Next Steps: Ensure members are taking advantage of all events; must promote and communicate actively

C. Service

Advisor liaison: Joshua Truitt, Heather Watkins

- **Including different school and community service project areas in advisor liaisons, and modeling suggestions for schools in our own communities that can be used as platforms for other programs to use**

State service ambassador: Mei Ying Tham

- In collaboration with Work2BeWell + Corey, I finalized the Roadmap To Wellness with each month's service themes and got the Service Tracker to be uploaded to the website
- Set 3 meeting dates for school representatives to be able to check in on State Service Project progress

District 1: Anaya Gorti, Sia Garcia

- Worked with the State Service Ambassador to create workshops centered around the State Service Project

Communications : Brianna Codrescu, Joanne Jeon

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

- We appointed our Community Service Chair at the installation ceremony. She is in the process of planning service projects that align with the W2BW themes.

Secretary :

- We will continue to encourage student councils to participate in the Work2BeWell and to let students know about choosing a representative for their school to participate in the meeting on October 1st through our Gazette. (we know you mentioned in our last meeting and we wanted to continue to promote that)

Parliamentary :

- N/A

District 2 :

- Floating idea of using a service project at D2 conference as part of the programming.

Middle school :

- n/a

D. Relationships

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

- At our August all-council meeting we networked with freshmen and new members to welcome them into our council and began building bonds with them.
- This past Friday, Jack and one of the WCHS Student Body Co-Presidents went to our local elementary pilot school to assist in their Student Council installation. This was the beginning of our relationship with them, as we will be working with them throughout the year to administer the elementary lessons.

Communications: Brianna Codrescu, Joanne Jeon

- Plan on creating "casual" posts focused on executive members (not only on convention), introducing general student council members to executive members to make aware of their role, their work, and increasing familiarity and connection.

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Parliamentarian: Jaxson Merritt, Riley Adams

- n/a

Middle School: Meera Anbarasu, Francis Kim

- n/a

Advisors Liaison: Joshua Truitt, Heather Watkins

- **Encouraging already established programs to consider "hugging" another school, particularly if there is a school they had a hand in recruiting**
- **Communicating regularly by sending out the monthly Advisor Advocate. District 1 Advisor Liaison will handle the October Advocate, and District 2 Advisor Liaison will handle the November one.**

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District 1: Anaya Gorti, Sia Garcia

- Worked with the State Service Ambassador to create workshops
- Reached out to District 2 Reps for advice on cold calling schools
- Reached out to the Parliamentarian School to create a workshop to present at the District 1 Conference

Executive Directors: Laura Droms

- ➢ Convention Vendors
  - We have created a vendor letter and will be contacting potential vendors as well as adding the letter to the website
  - GoFan, FiveStar, New Voters

- ➢ WamiSwag: Online T-shirt store; 2 ideas for graphics?

Vp :

Collaborated with district representatives to finalize flyers for both conferences

- Reached out to other Exec Board members for Welcome Packet documents
- Encouraged our Student Council Exec Board to work with us during Summit to help with hosting duties

Secretary :

- n/a

District 2 :

- n/a

State service ambassador :

- Worked with Communications to upload September Service Themes to Instagram for members' visibility

E. Recognition

Middle school :

- n/a

State service:

- n/a

District 1 :

- n/a

Advisors Liaison: Joshua Truitt, Heather Watkins

- **Shouting out the schools that are new to GASC in November Advisor Advocate**

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

- We held our annual officer/member installation ceremony to recognize new class representatives, class officers, and Exec officers.

Secretary: Sofia Orozco, Dayanara Gomez

- We will continue to implement school spotlight in our gazette emphasising advisor recognition. We will reach out to school councils for the opportunity to shout out their

own advisors in the Gazette. With that we also have the idea of implementing a Qr code into our gazette

Communication: Brianna Codrescu, Joanne Jeon

- Posted Mei, the State Service Project Ambassador, to highlight herself and the position. This may encourage students in following years to get involved.
- Plan to post the schools and individuals who receive various awards throughout the year, such as the Advisor of the Year, Speech Contest winner, Senior Scholarship winners, and Council of Excellence winners.
- Plan to post meetings progressing Convention development—including, but not limited to the summer, fall, and winter planning sessions—and new leadership events/opportunities; recognizes the board and others making an effort to create plans and leadership growth opportunities.

Vp :

- Listed Delegations in Attendance on Summit program

Executive Director: Laura Droms

- ➢ Awards Update
  - ■ Align awards to pillars
  - ■ Reduce number of awards but makes them more meaningful

Parliamentary :

- n/a

District 2 :

- n/a

F. Growth

Middle school :

- We are prepared for our introduction and icebreaker segment for JCSLP so we can help Middle School students that attend the program feel more welcome and ready to learn.

State ambassador :

- n/a

District 2 :

- n/a

Advisors Liaison: Joshua Truitt, Heather Watkins

- **We have each recruited a minimum of 2 new schools per district**
- **Recruiting more elementary schools**
- **Compiled a list of programs from 2024-2025 that haven't registered for 2025-2026 yet and will be heavily recruiting them to rejoin:**
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State Service Ambassador: Mei Ying Tham

- n/a

Parliamentarian: Jaxson Merritt, Riley Adams

- n/a

Communications: Brianna Codrescu, Joanne Jeon

- Plan to post engaging content, inspired by the 2023-2024 *Lead the Way Monday,* that will help students build on their leadership and communication skills from home.
- Plan to consistently post new opportunities and reminders, encouraging students to apply and grow leadership skills.
- Plan to post the Gazette and the MS Consulus, magnifying opportunities and announcements in multiple age groups and keeping GASC news updated with general student council members
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Vice president: Chelsea Gayle, Erick Nava

- Finalized JCSLP dates in October for our workshops
- Hugged our cluster middle school for GASC Registration

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

- We reached out to all elementary schools in our county, including the two private schools. We ended up getting one confirmation from an elementary school, and they will serve as a pilot school for the elementary program.

Executive president: Laura Droms

- VISION 2027
    - Still on hold; hoping to announce at District Conference

    - Vision Host Committee
- Moving to a Mixed Board (School & Individual)
    - Amendments to be voted on at 2026 Convention OR 2025 District Conference
    - School: President, Middle School & District Reps
    - Individual: VP, Secretary, Parliamentarian, Communications (Social Media & Videographer)
    - Adult Positions would shift to have one adult per individual officer
    - Appointed: SSA & NASC Rep

Secretary :

- Have advertised CSLP to our student body in our student council meetings but also will be implementing it in our gazette newsletters so other schools will be informed on such

District 1 :

- n/a

II. Reminder

- **EBoard Pricing**
    - CSLP: Full Price
    - District Conference: Free Support Staff for $30
    - Convention: $175 Staff for $175

Support Staff Pricing

District Conf- District Rep: Up to 10

Convention- President: Up to 30 Support

- **GASC Upcoming Dates (REFER TO CONTRACTS FOR FULL YEAR LISTING)**

- October- Virtual Eboard Meeting
- November 6th & 7th- District Conferences
- January10th- Winter Meeting, Rock Eagle
- February 18th- Convention EBoard Report

III. Adjournment: 8:48

The second in person meeting for the Georgia Association of Student Councils 2025-2026 was adjourned at 8:48 PM by the President School.