Georgia Ports Authority
Tuesday July 28, 2026
8:30 a.m.
Savannah, GA

762-233-1679
Conference ID: 103 377 974#

Agenda

Poitevint	1.	Call to Order
Poitevint		a) Approval of Agenda – Action
Allgood		b) Attendance Report
Poitevint	2.	Approval of Minutes – Action
Poitevint	3.	Receive Comments Regarding Agenda and Non-Agenda Items
	4.	Committee Chair Reports
		Compensation & Leadership Development – Fountain
		Audit, Budget & Finance – Allgood
		Community & Government Affairs – Kilpatrick
		Ports Development – Hertz
		Sales, Marketing & Communications – Wilheit
Novack	5.	Executive Division
Dooley	6.	Administrative Division
		a) Monthly Purchasing Request(s) – Action
		b) Capital/Operating Purchase Report
Dooley	7.	Finance Division
Novack	8	Engineering Division
		a) FY27 GCT Paving Improvements – Action
Lynch	9.	Chief Executive Officer Report
Poitevint	10.	Chairman's Comments
		a) Nominating Committee Report – Action
Poitevint	11.	Executive Session *(if needed)*

NEXT AUTHORITY MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 28 & 29 IN SAVANNAH, GA

AN ITEM OR ITEMS WHICH BECOME NECESSARY TO ADDRESS DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETING MAY BE ADDED AND ACTION MAY BE TAKEN

MINUTES OF MEETING
GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA
May 19, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Alec L. Poitevint. Other Authority Members present were Vice Chairman, Christopher Womack, Secretary and Treasurer, Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III and Authority Members, James L. Allgood, David J. Cyr, Kent Fountain, Jr., Don A. Grantham, Douglas J. Hertz, Martin "Trey" Kilpatrick, William D. McKnight, Philip Wilheit, Jr. and Joel Wooten.
Ms. Leda Chong was excused for good cause.

Staff members attending were President & CEO Griffith Lynch, Lise Altman, Flavio Batista, Thomas Boyd, Robert Dooley, Susan Gardner, Edward McCarthy, Christopher Novack, William Sutton and Emily Richardson. Special Assistant Attorney General Paul Threlkeld also attended. Guests are shown on the attached sign in sheet.

On motion by Mr. Allgood, seconded by Mr. Wilheit, it was unanimously voted: To approve the agenda.

On motion by Mr. Wilheit, seconded by Mr. Fountain, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 24, 2026, and accept them as distributed.

On motion by Mr. Allgood, seconded by Mr. Wilheit, it was unanimously voted: To approve the proposed Deed of Easement to be granted by CSX Transportation, Inc. to Georgia Ports Authority.

On motion by Mr. Grantham, seconded by Mr. Wooten, it was unanimously voted: To approve the proposed Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement between Georgia Ports Authority and Shelby Thorton and Kimberly Simpson, Co-Executors of the Estate of Richard Morgan Hicks.

On motion by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Mr. Fountain, it was unanimously voted: To approve the proposed Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement between Georgia Ports Authority and Glynn County in the form attached hereto.

On motion by Mr. Tarbutton, seconded by Mr. Wilheit, it was unanimously voted: approve the attached Resolution (i) approving the Authority to purchase from Norfolk Southern Railway Company approximately 1.883 acres located in Gainesville, Hall County, Georgia, for a purchase price of $145,000.00, subject to appraisals, environmental review, survey, and title work, (ii) authorizing expenditure of up to $50,000 for such appraisals, environmental, survey, title work, and legal expenses, (iii) authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Authority to negotiate and execute a mutually acceptable Purchase and Sale Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway Company, (iv) authorizing the Authority to request approval of the purchase from the State Properties Commission, and (v) authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Authority to execute any and all closing documents necessary to effect the purchase of the Property having first received approval of the State Properties Commission.

Current policy requires that the Authority approve all purchases that total $500,000 or more. For the period, there is one (1) capital purchase and six (6) operating purchases for a total of $18,050,000. On motion by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Mr. Allgood, it was unanimously voted: To approve seven (7) purchases as presented in the attached report.

Current policy requires that the Staff provide monthly reports to the Authority concerning capital and operating purchases totaling $100,000 or more, but less than $500,000. For the period, there were no (0) capital purchases and five (5) operating expenses totaling $ 1,071,607.
No action by the Authority is required.

On motion by Mr. Allgood, seconded by Mr. McKnight, it was unanimously voted: To accept and approve the recommendation of the Audit, Budget and Finance Committee for the FY 2027 Operating, Cash and Capital Budget.

On motion by Mr. Tarbutton, seconded by Mr. Wilheit, it was unanimously voted: To establish contract signature authority to the GPA President & CEO; 2.) authorize Staff to issue contracts and purchase orders in support of the project in accordance with GPA Purchasing procedures, and 3) establish an overall project budget of $11,300,000 for the Garden City Terminal Fiber Upgrades project.

On motion by Mr. Fountain, seconded by Mr. Allgood, the Authority Members unanimously voted to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation of the officers for Fiscal Year 2026.

Those nominated being:

Mr. Alec Poitevint to serve as Chair

Mr. Christopher Womack to serve as Vice Chair and

Mr. Benjamin Tarbutton to serve as Secretary and Treasurer

There was no executive session.

On motion by Mr. Allgood, seconded by Mr. Wilheit, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Alec L. Poitevint, II
Chairman

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David Cyr
Secretary and Treasurer

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The full Chief Executive Officer's Report was included in the Board package.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Poitevint thanked the Board for allowing him and his fellow officers to continue to serve the board and GPA. He looks forward to facing challenges with GPA Leadership. He also wished congratulations to the team on continuing to work and grow together with various agencies and companies throughout Georgia.

AGENDA ITEM 6(a)

TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority

SUBJECT: **Monthly Purchasing Requests**

DATE: July 28, 2026

ISSUE: At each regular meeting of the Authority, a list of purchase requests in an amount of $500,000 or greater is presented by staff for approval.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Current policy requires that the Authority approve all purchases that total $500,000 or more.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: For the period, there are three (3) capital purchases and four (4) operating purchases for a total of $7,823,110.

STAFF CONTACT: Robert F. Dooley III, Chief Financial Officer
Tamela Wright, Purchasing Manager

RECOMMENDATION: That the Authority approves seven (7) purchases as presented in the attached report.

Respectfully submitted,

Griff Lynch
CEO

AGENDA ITEM 6(b)

TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority

SUBJECT: **Capital/Operating Purchases Report**

DATE: July 28, 2026

ISSUE: At each regular meeting of the Authority, a list of capital and operating purchases between $100,000 and $500,000 is presented by Staff for information.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Current policy requires that the Staff provide monthly reports to the Authority concerning capital and operating purchases totaling $100,000 or more, but less than $500,000.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: For the period, there were three (3) capital purchases and eleven (11) operating expenses totaling $ 2,517,146.

STAFF CONTACT: Robert F. Dooley III, Chief Financial Officer
Tamela Wright, Purchasing Manager

RECOMMENDATION: This item is provided for information only. No action by the Authority is required.

Respectfully submitted,



Griff Lynch
CEO

AGENDA ITEM 8a

TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority

SUBJECT: **FY27 GCT Paving Improvements**

DATE: July 28, 2026

ISSUE: Each fiscal year, funding is allocated for paving and civil improvements at Garden City Terminal and awarded to a vendor each year to perform the work. In order to be more cost effective and obtain a consistent partner to complete the work at multiple GPA facilities, staff is requesting the approval to establish a five-year, Master Services Agreement for paving and civil improvements based on unit pricing through a competitive bidding process. During each of the five years, staff will request capital funding approval by the GPA Board for the upcoming fiscal year and utilize the Master Services Agreement to establish purchase orders to complete necessary civil improvements. GPA staff has received four (4) bids and recommend awarding the Master Service Agreement to Platinum Paving. Funding for civil improvements during the Fiscal Year 2027 has $11,000,000 established in the current internal capital improvement program.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: This project is in keeping with established policy to enhance operations and customer service at the GPA's Port of Savannah facilities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Expenditures up to $11,000,000 from the Internal Capital Budget are required for the Port of Savannah Civil Improvement Program-Fiscal Year 2027 project.

STAFF CONTACT: Christopher B. Novack, P.E., Vice President of Engineering & Facilities Maintenance

RECOMMENDATION: That the Authority 1.) establishes contract signature authority to the GPA Chief Executive Officer; 2.) authorize Staff to issue contracts and purchase orders in support of the project, and 3) establish a budget of $11,000,000 for the GPA's Port of Savannah Civil Improvements Program-Fiscal Year 2027 project.

Respectfully submitted,



Griff Lynch
Chief Executive Officer