Georgia Ports Authority
Tuesday September 29, 2026
8:30 a.m.
Savannah, GA

762-233-1679
Conference ID: 523 361 084#

Agenda

Poitevint	1.	Call to Order
Poitevint		a) Approval of Agenda – Action
Cyr		b) Attendance Report
Poitevint	2.	Approval of Minutes – Action
Poitevint	3.	Receive Comments Regarding Agenda and Non-Agenda Items
	4.	Committee Chair Reports Administration – Chong Audit, Budget & Finance – Cyr Community & Government Affairs – Kilpatrick Ports Development – Hertz Sales, Marketing & Communications – Wilheit
Dooley	5.	Executive Division a) Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement | Colonel's Island Terminal – Action b) Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement | Garden City Terminal – Action
Dooley	6.	Administrative Division a) Monthly Purchasing Request(s) – Action b) Capital/Operating Purchase Report c) Property Resolution | Hall County, Georgia – Action
Dooley	7.	Finance Division a) FY 2026 Audited Financial Statements – Action
Himbert	8	Engineering Division a) GCT West Budget Adjustment – Action b) Equipment Upgrades and Renovations Project – Action
Lynch	9.	Chief Executive Officer Report
Poitevint	10.	Chairman's Comments
Poitevint	11.	Executive Session *(if needed)*

NEXT AUTHORITY MEETING IS NOVEMBER 16 & 17 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
July 28, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Alec L. Poitevint. Other Authority Members present were Vice Chairman, Christopher Womack and Authority Members, James L. Allgood, Leda Chong, Lauren M. Curry, David J. Cyr, Kent Fountain, Jr., Don A. Grantham, Douglas J. Hertz, Martin "Trey" Kilpatrick, William D. McKnight, Philip Wilheit, Jr. and Joel Wooten.

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

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

On motion by Mr. Wilheit, seconded by Mr. Wooten, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 19, 2026, and accept them as distributed.

Current policy requires that the Authority approve all purchases that total $500,000 or more. For the period, there are three (3) capital purchases and four (4) operating purchases for a total of $7,823,110. On motion by Mr. Allgood, seconded by Mr. Wooten, 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 three (3) capital purchases and eleven (11) operating expenses totaling $ 2,517,146. No action by the Authority is required.

On motion by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Mr. Wilheit, it was unanimously voted: 1) To establish 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.

On motion by Mr. Wilheit, seconded by Ms. Curry, the Authority Members unanimously voted to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation of David Cyr as our new Secretary and Treasurer.

There was no executive session.

On motion by Mr. Allgood, seconded by Mr. McKnight, 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 Griff and the rest of the managerial team. He stated how despite the uncertainties, tariffs and unpredictable environment our team navigated it all and did an amazing job. He went on to say how over the next year we need to keep our focus and work as the elite team we are.

AGENDA ITEM 5a

TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority

SUBJECT: **Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement | Colonel's Island Terminal**

DATE: September 29, 2026

ISSUE: GPA is the owner of certain real property located in Brunswick, Georgia, referred to as Colonel's Island Terminal (the "Terminal"). GPA leases a certain portion of land at the Terminal, referred to as Parcel 2, to WWL Vehicle Services Americas, Inc. ("WW"). WW has installed new EV forklift chargers on Parcel 2 and has requested GPA's permission for Georgia Power Company to construct certain facilities to provide electricity for the chargers. GPA and Georgia Power entered into a Right of Entry Agreement to allow Georgia Power to construct the facilities as requested by WW. Georgia Power has completed the construction work and provided a survey of the easement area, as approved by GPA Engineering. GPA and Georgia Power now desire to enter into a Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement to document the existence and location of the new electrical facilities, as shown on the survey attached thereto as Exhibit A. The easement would be for a term of twenty (20) years, and GPA would have the right to use the easement area for any purpose that does not interfere with Georgia Power's easement rights. If Georgia Power abandons or fails to maintain or operate the facilities for a continuous period of twelve (12) months, Georgia Power's easement rights would automatically revert to GPA.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: The Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement is in keeping with current policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The new electrical facilities are necessary to serve EV forklift chargers located on WW's leased premises.

STAFF CONTACT: Robert F. Dooley, III., Chief Financial Officer
Paul H. Threlkeld, Special Assistant Attorney General
Christopher Novack, Vice President of Engineering and Facilities Maintenance

RECOMMENDATION: That the Authority approve the Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement between Georgia Ports Authority and Georgia Power Company in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,



Griff Lynch
CEO

Attachment

AGENDA ITEM 5b

TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority

SUBJECT: **Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement – Garden City Terminal**

DATE: September 29, 2026

ISSUE:

GPA is the owner of certain real property located in Garden City, Georgia, referred to as Garden City Terminal (the "Terminal"). GPA and Georgia Power Company are parties to a Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement effective as of April 1, 2021, for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining overhead and underground electric distribution lines to provide electricity to the Terminal from Georgia Power's new substation located at the intersection of Highway 25 and Brampton Road (the "Easement Agreement"). To access the Terminal through Gate 1, GPA recently completed the construction of a new roadway on Terminal which will reroute traffic from Highway 25 to Brampton Road for the purpose of ingress and egress through Gate 1. As a result of the project, GPA requested, and Geogia Power agreed, to relocate a portion of the distribution lines previously installed under the Easement Agreement. GPA and Georgia Power now desire to amend the Easement Agreement to document the existence and location of the relocated facilities and easement area, as shown in the new survey completed by Georgia Power and attached to the amendment as Exhibit A.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The First Amendment to Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement is in keeping with current policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The relocation of the distribution line facilities is necessary to accommodate the Garden City Terminal Gate 1 Access Modifications project.

STAFF CONTACT:

Robert F. Dooley, III., Chief Financial Officer
Paul H. Threlkeld, Special Assistant Attorney General
Christopher Novack, Vice President of Engineering and Facilities Maintenance

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Authority approve the First Amendment to Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement between Georgia Ports Authority and Georgia Power Company in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

Griff Lynch
CEO

Attachment

AGENDA ITEM 6a

TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority

SUBJECT: **Monthly Purchasing Requests**

DATE: September 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 two (2) capital purchases and three (3) operating purchases for a total of $10,724,936.

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

RECOMMENDATION: That the Authority approves five (5) purchases as presented in the attached report.

Respectfully submitted,



Griff Lynch
CEO

AGENDA ITEM 6b

TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority

SUBJECT: **Capital/Operating Purchases Report**

DATE: September 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 five (5) operating expenses totaling $ 1,796,070.

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 6c

TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority

SUBJECT: **Property Resolution | Hall County, Georgia**

DATE: September 29, 2026

ISSUE: GPA has entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Gainesville and Hall County Development Authority ("Seller") to purchase 4 separate parcels of land containing approximately 86.53 acres total in the Gateway Industrial Centre, located on White Sulphur Road, Gateway Centre Parkway, and Abit Massey Way in Hall County, Georgia (the "Property"), for a purchase price of $10,222,000.00. The Property acquisition would allow GPA to expand its Gainesville Inland Port to better serve port customers and encourage further economic development for the State of Georgia. GPA has 180 days to perform inspection activities. The closing is subject to the following conditions: (i) GPA's receipt of written approval from its Board of Directors and the State Properties Commission of Georgia within the inspection period; (ii) Seller causing the Property to be surveyed and a subdivision plat recorded with Hall County to create a separate, single tax parcel prior to the end of the inspection period; (iii) Seller removing the Property from all covenants and restrictions applicable to the Gateway Industrial Park; and (iv) GPA obtaining approval from the United States Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration ("MARAD") to purchase the Property for the Purchase Price using grant funds. The attached Resolution would approve the executed Purchase and Sale Agreement between GPA and Seller and authorize GPA's President and Chief Financial Officer to request approval for the purchase from the State Properties Commission.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Acquisition of the Property requires approval of a Resolution by Georgia Ports Authority and the written approval and consent of the State Properties Commission.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The purchase price for the Property is $10,222,000.00. The transaction would be completed using grant funds. Associated expenditures of up to $50,000 are estimated to be necessary for legal, appraisals, environmental, survey, and title work.

STAFF CONTACT: Kevin Price, President
Robert F. Dooley, III, Chief Financial Officer
Paul H. Threlkeld, Special Assistant Attorney General

RECOMMENDATION: That the Authority approve the attached Resolution (i) approving the Authority to purchase approximately 86.53 acres, located in Hall County, Georgia, from Gainesville and Hall County Development Authority, for a purchase price of $10,222,000.00, subject to appraisals, environmental review, survey, title work, and MARAD's approval of the acquisition using grant funds; (ii) authorizing expenditure of up to $50,000 for expenses related to legal, appraisals, environmental, survey, and title work; (iii) approving the executed Purchase and Sale Agreement; (iv) authorizing the Authority to request approval of the purchase from the State Properties Commission; and (v) authorizing the President and Chief Financial Officer of the Authority to execute any and all closing documents necessary to effect the purchase of the Property having first received written approval and consent of the State Properties Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Griff Lynch
CEO

Attachment

AGENDA ITEM 7a

TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority

SUBJECT: **FY 2026 Audited Financial Statements**

DATE: September 29, 2026

ISSUE: Presentation of Audited Financial Statements

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Audited Financial Statements are presented to the Authority Board annually for approval

FINANCIAL IMPACT: No applicable

STAFF CONTACT: Robert F. Dooley III – Chief Financial Officer

RECOMMENDATION: That the Authority accept the FY 2026 Audited Financial Statements as prepared by the public accounting firm of Mauldin & Jenkins

Respectfully submitted,



Griff Lynch
Chief Executive Officer

AGENDA ITEM 8a

TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority

SUBJECT: **GCT West Budget Adjustment**

DATE: September 29, 2026

ISSUE:

The Garden City Terminal West project, approved by the Board at the March 2022 board meeting, was successfully completed in May 2024. A critical component of the project was the dedicated electrical substation built by Georgia Power on the GCT West property to supply very reliable power for the GCT West container yard operation, which includes power for electric rubber-tired gantry cranes, container interchange lanes, high mast lights, and IT systems. In addition, this substation will be utilized in the future as a power backup source for the Mason Megarail which is currently fed from GPA's Whitehall Substation. The GCT West substation was designed for an energy usage of approximately 10m kWh annually which mainly consisted of the electrical usage of 45 eRTGs at full terminal buildout, including expansion of GCT West towards Grange Road. The initial proposal received from Georgia Power for the construction of the substation was no upfront payment and approximately 8 cents/kWh electricity rate.

Operations at GCT West began with 15 eRTGs that has since been modified to 11 eRTGs and 4 hybrid RTGS. The electric power requirement on the site has been reduced using hybrid/diesel machines and the overall final number of electric RTGS will not approach the original intended demand. Georgia Power has determined that actual power consumption is now much less than the initially assumed 10m kWh and requires a reconciliation of upfront capital costs in order to pay for the substation. This reconciliation requires an additional $7 million budget increase to the project and is requested to be completed through a project budget adjustment.

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 an additional $7,000,000 from the Internal Capital Budget are required for the GCT West 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's Chief Executive Officer; 2.) authorize Staff to issue contracts and purchase orders in support of the project, and 3) establish an additional $7,000,000 and create an overall project budget of $211,000,000 for the GPA's Garden City West project.

Respectfully submitted,

Griff Lynch
Chief Executive Officer

AGENDA ITEM 8b

TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority

SUBJECT: **Equipment Upgrades and Renovations Project**

DATE: September 29, 2026

ISSUE:

Fiscal Year 2027 capital funding for the Port of Savannah Equipment Upgrades and Renovations is budgeted at $15,200,000 for multiple projects that include Ship to Shore Crane and RTG Equipment; Spreader Bar Upgrades and Replacements; Forklifts in the new Terminal Building and RTG Machine Enhancements. These upgrades and renovations allow for continued reliability that our customers expect with minimal downtime during container operations.

Funding for these projects are budgeted in the FY27 capital improvement program in the amount of $15,200,000.

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 $15,200,000 from the Internal Capital Budget are required for the Equipment Upgrades and Renovations project.

STAFF CONTACT:

Christopher B. Novack, P.E., Vice President of Engineering & Facilities Maintenance
Susan Gardner, Vice President of Operations

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Authority 1.) establishes contract signature authority to the GPA's Chief Executive Officer and/or President; 2.) authorize Staff to issue contracts and purchase orders in support of the project, and 3) establish an overall project budget of $15,200,000 for the Equipment Upgrades and Renovations project.

Respectfully submitted,

Griff Lynch
Chief Executive Officer