Georgia Ports Authority
Tuesday, November 17, 2026
8:30 a.m.
Savannah, GA

762-233-1679
Conference ID: 946 271 759#

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 Audit, Budget & Finance – Cyr Community & Government Affairs – Kilpatrick Ports Development – Hertz Sales, Marketing & Communications – Wilheit
Dooley	5.	Executive Division a) Non-Exclusive Utility Easement | Chatham County – Action b) Property Resolution | Chatham County, Georgia – Action c) Property Resolution | Murray County, Georgia – Action
Dooley	6.	Administrative Division a) Monthly Purchasing Request(s) – Action b) Capital/Operating Purchase Report
Dooley	7.	Finance Division
Gardner	8	Engineering Division a) Wi-Fi Upgrade | GCT, ARP and Mayor's Point – Action
Lynch	9.	Chief Executive Officer Report
Poitevint	10.	Chairman's Comments
Poitevint	11.	Executive Session *(if needed)*

NEXT AUTHORITY MEETING IS FEBRUARY 1 & 2 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
September 29, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Alec L. Poitevint. Authority Members present were Vice Chairman, Christopher Womack and Secretary and Treasurer David J. Cyr as well as other members, James L. Allgood, Leda Chong, Lauren M. Curry, Kent Fountain, Jr., Don A. Grantham, Martin "Trey" Kilpatrick, William D. McKnight, Philip Wilheit, Jr., Christopher Womack and Joel O. Wooten. Douglas J. Hertz 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, Emily Richardson, Olli Himbert and Charles Pennington. Special Assistant Attorney General Paul Threlkeld also attended. Guests are shown on the attached sign in sheet.

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

On motion by Ms. Chong, seconded by Mr. Wilheit, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 28, 2026, and accept them as distributed.

On motion by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Mr. Grantham, it was unanimously voted: To approve and enter into a Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement with Georgia Power Company to document the existence and location of the new electrical facilities at Colonel's Island Terminal.

ABSTAINED: Womack & Kilpatrick

On motion by Mr. Allgood, seconded by Ms. Chong, it was unanimously voted: To approve the First Amendment to Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement between Georgia Ports Authority and Georgia Power Company 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.

ABSTAINED: Womack & Kilpatrick

On motion by Mr. Cyr, seconded by Mr. Allgood, it was unanimously voted: To approve the attached Resolution authorizing the Authority to purchase approximately 1.78 acres located on Hutchinson Island, Chatham County, Georgia, from The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah.

Current policy requires that the Authority approve all purchases that total $500,000 or more. For the period, there are two (2) capital purchases and three (3) operating purchases for a total of $10,724,936. On motion by Mr. Allgood, seconded by Ms. Chong, it was unanimously voted: To approve five (5) 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 five (5) operating expenses totaling $ 1,796,070.

No action by the Authority is required.

On motion by Mr. Allgood, seconded by Mr. Wooten, it was unanimously voted: To approve the Resolution allowing Georgia Ports Authority to purchase approximately 86.53 acres, located in Hall County, Georgia, from Gainesville and Hall County Development Authority.

On motion by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Mr. Wilheit, it was unanimously voted: To approve the FY 2026 Audited Financial Statements as prepared by the public accounting firm of Mauldin & Jenkins.

On motion by Mr. Allgood, seconded by Mr. Wilheit, it was unanimously voted: 1) to approve and establish 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.
ABSTAINED: Womack & Kilpatrick

On motion by Mr. Wilheit, seconded by Ms. Chong, it was unanimously voted: 1) to approve and establish 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.

There was no executive session.

On motion by Ms. Curry, seconded by Mr. Grantham, 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 commended the executive staff for their tremendous leadership. He also spoke about the great relationship that GPA has with the local ILA. This relationship creates a healthy team environment and aids in the future of the Port. He goes on to say the executive team is working to continue building relationships and build that corporate culture while the board is using their talents to support them.

AGENDA ITEM 5a

TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority

SUBJECT: **Non-Exclusive Utility Easement | Chatham County, Georgia**

DATE: November 17, 2026

ISSUE:

GPA and Comcast of Georgia/South Carolina, LLC ("Comcast") are parties to a Non-Exclusive Utility Easement effective as of July 1, 2006, recorded in Deed Book 311G, Page 592, Chatham County, Georgia, for the purpose of granting Comcast a non-exclusive utility easement on, over, and under GPA's property located on Hutchinson Island, Chatham County, Georgia, as necessary to place a conduit for fiber optic cables to be used for the sole purpose of providing cable modem services and CATV/Broadband television services to Hutchinson Island (the "Agreement"). The Agreement expired on June 30, 2026, and Comcast now desires to amend the Agreement to retroactively extend the term for a period of twenty (20) years, beginning as of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2046. Comcast will pay GPA a one-time fee equal to $100,000.00, as consideration for the twenty-year easement term extension. GPA will retain all rights to operate on, over, under, and across the easement area and to make improvements on the easement area. The easement will terminate if it is abandoned for a period of ninety (90) consecutive calendar days.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Comcast of Georgia/South Carolina, LLC will pay to GPA a one-time fee equal to $100,000.00, as consideration for a twenty (20) year easement term extension.

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 Comcast of Georgia/South Carolina, LLC in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,



Griff Lynch
CEO

Attachment

AGENDA ITEM 5b

TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority

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

DATE: November 17, 2026

ISSUE:

The Authority desires to sell, and The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah desire to purchase, a portion of certain real property (PIN 20164 01002), containing approximately 4.3 acres, located on Hutchinson Island, Chatham County, Georgia (the "Property"), for a purchase price of $1,068,404.00. The Authority and City are currently negotiating a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Property. The Authority is authorized to sell property which it determines is not required for port or warehouse operations or for the future expansion of the State system of docks, as may be provided in a Resolution of the Authority, and further provided that any sale is first approved in writing by the Governor, Auditor, and Attorney General of the State of Georgia. Attached for approval is a Resolution to declare the Property to be surplus and to authorize the President and Chief Financial Officer of the Authority to execute a mutually acceptable Purchase and Sale Agreement and any closing documents necessary to effect the closing of the sale of the Property, subject to the prior written approval of the Governor, Auditor, and Attorney General, as evidenced by their signatures attached to the Resolution.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The sale of the Property requires approval of a Resolution by the Georgia Ports Authority and prior written approval of the Governor, Auditor, and Attorney General of the State of Georgia.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The sale price of the Property would be $1,068,404.00, less any fee obligations of the Authority at closing, with an initial earnest money deposit in the amount of $10,000.

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) declaring the Property to be surplus, (ii) approving the Authority's sale of a 4.3 acre portion of PIN 20164 01002 located on Hutchinson Island, Chatham County, Georgia, to The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah for a price of $1,068,404.00, and (iii) authorizing the President and Chief Financial Officer of the Authority to negotiate and execute a mutually acceptable Purchase and Sale Agreement and any and all closing documents necessary to effect the sale of the Property, having first received written approval of the Governor, Auditor, and Attorney General of the State of Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,



Griff Lynch
CEO

AGENDA ITEM 5c

TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority

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

DATE: November 17, 2026

ISSUE:

The Authority has agreed to donate to the Georgia Department of Transportation ("GDOT") a 0.39-acre portion of certain real property (Parcel ID No. 006 1059), containing approximately 25.07 acres, located in Murray County, Georgia (the "Property") related to GDOT's bridge replacement project on SR 2/ SR 61 /US 411 at Sumac Creek (the "Project"). As part of the Project, GDOT will remove an existing tree buffer planted by GPA in response to community concerns. At GPA's request, GDOT has agreed, at its sole cost, to replace the 17 trees being removed with the same species and a certain minimum height and provide a two-year warranty for all replacement trees, as set forth in a separate letter agreement between GPA and GDOT. The Authority is authorized to donate property which it determines is not required for port or warehouse operations or for the future expansion of the State system of docks, as may be provided in a Resolution of the Authority, and further provided that any sale is first approved in writing by the Governor, Auditor, and Attorney General of the State of Georgia. Attached for approval is a Resolution to declare the Property to be surplus and to authorize the President and Chief Financial Officer of the Authority to execute a Quitclaim Deed and any additional documents necessary to effect the donation of the Property, subject to the prior written approval of the Governor, Auditor, and Attorney General, as evidenced by their signatures attached to the Resolution.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The conveyance of the Property requires approval of a Resolution by the Georgia Ports Authority and prior written approval of the Governor, Auditor, and Attorney General of the State of Georgia.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Property will be donated to GDOT in the interest of intergovernmental cooperation and for the purpose of improving a roadway located near GPA's Appalachian Regional Port.

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) declaring the Property to be surplus, (ii) approving the Authority's donation of a 0.39 acre portion of PIN 20164 01002 located in Murray County, Georgia, to the Georgia Department of Transportation; and (iii) authorizing the President and Chief Financial Officer of the Authority to execute a Quitclaim Deed and any and all additional documents necessary to effect the donation of the Property, having first received written approval of the Governor, Auditor, and Attorney General of the State of Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,



Griff Lynch
CEO

AGENDA ITEM 6(a)

TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority

SUBJECT: **Monthly Purchasing Requests**

DATE: November 17, 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 five (5) operating purchases for a total of $36,945,139.

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 6(b)

TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority

SUBJECT: **Capital/Operating Purchases Report**

DATE: November 17, 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 was one (1) capital purchases and five (5) operating expenses totaling $ 989,274.

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 8(a)

TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority

SUBJECT: **Wi-Fi Upgrade for GCT, ARP and Mayors Point**

DATE: November 17, 2026

ISSUE:

The Wi-Fi networks at Garden City Terminal, Appalachian Regional Port and Mayors Point are approaching the end of their useful lives and require an upgrade to stay up to date and supported by our partners.

These networks were last upgraded in 2021 and many of the components are out of date or reaching the end of their useful lives. In addition to upgrading the networks, this project will create a redundant network on our docks to ensure vessel operations are not impacted should the existing cellular network go down.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

This project is in keeping with established policy to maintain reliable and relevant information technology systems supporting the mission of the GPA.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenditures of $4,000,000 million is available and budgeted within the FY 2027 Internal Capital budget

STAFF CONTACT:

Susan Gardner, Chief Information Officer

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Authority 1.) establishes contract signature authority to the GPA President and/or Chief Executive Officer; 2.) authorize Staff to issue contracts and purchase orders in support of the project, and 3) establish an overall project budget of $4,000,000 for the Wi-Fi Upgrade Project for Garden City Terminal, ARP and Mayors Point Terminals.

Respectfully submitted,



Griff Lynch
Chief Executive Officer