



# Georgia Polygraph Association

Minutes of Meeting September 8, 2026

Microsoft Teams Meeting  
with Elected Board Members

*Prepared by Lt. Gilbert Guthrie*

## I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by President Gilbert Guthrie.

## II. Members and Guests in attendance

Gilbert Guthrie  
Joshua Alford

Chuck Sullenger  
Keith Woodford

James Buckner  
James Bower

Todd Vande Zande  
Jay Hayes

## III. Secretary Report

The Secretary Report was presented by Todd Vande Zande. There are no current open applications for new memberships.

## IV. Treasurer Report

The Treasury Report was presented by Jamse Buckner. The current balance for the GPA is \$8368.10. No outstanding members at this time. There may be some members who try to pay their dues at the conference.

## V. Old Business

We discussed the importance of having members pay their annual dues on time. The current deadline to pay that year's dues is February 1<sup>st</sup> and any payments made after that date will be charged a late fee of \$25. This was not enforced in 2026.

In regard to members wanting to pay their 2026 dues at the conference, they will be allowed to pay their dues but are still responsible for paying the entire amount of the registration for this year's tri state conference. The one exception will be for someone who has graduated from polygraph school this year. There are approximately 49 registered members who have not paid their 2026 dues.

NCPA have still not met their obligations with emailing invoices out to our members who have registered for the tri-state conference. Any discrepancies will be attempted to be rectified at the conference. They have indicated that anyone who has registered for the conference will be allowed to attend the conference, despite payment status. Kari Bubleburg has been the point of contact regarding this arrangement and Joe Lewis ([jmlewis@ncsbi.gov](mailto:jmlewis@ncsbi.gov)), the treasurer for NCPA, and Martina Wilkins have been included in the email correspondents with Josh Alford.

## VI. New Business

We discussed some options regarding future training conferences. Some suggestions include hosting our own training conference every other year or hosting a large conference every other year and holding a lower key training session during the off years. We decided to table this topic and discuss it at a later time.

Josh Alfred discussed the arrangement he was able to negotiate for the 2027 Tri State Conference which we will host. He was able to negotiate a deal with Hotel Alida in Savannah GA for the week of August

23-25, 2027. We would check in on Sunday, 8/22, register and have training on Monday, 8/23, have a full day of training Tuesday, 8/24, and have training until noon on Wednesday, 8/25, at which time we would conclude the conference. He did a brief presentation of the property, which is located adjacent to the newly developed West End of River Street and offers a significant number of restaurants and entertainment options both at the hotel and within walking distance. Depending on whom we secure as instructors we may or may not have to pay for them, but will certainly need to pay per diem, usually \$85 a day, as well as lodging. He also said he would like to offer some social events to the attendees, which there are plenty of options. A room rate of \$169 for 60 rooms was negotiated with a commit for us to spend \$4500 on food and beverage with the hotel. The facility wants a commitment from us by next week. A vote from the board was taken, and all members were in agreement to have Josh Alford move forward with securing this location and time for our 2027 Tri State conference. We will discuss the instructors and the social events over the next several meetings.

Josh Alfred said Robbie Fredrick wanted to host training at his facility over Lafayette's new Edge software. He asked that the GPA pay for the instructor. He noted that with the new Microsoft software updates, the older Lafayette software is not compatible. The cap for the payment for an instructor was set for \$200 that the GPA is willing to pay for the instructor. If arranged in time, this would serve as the training for our last meeting of the year scheduled for December.

Gilbert Guthrie said he would like to discuss some options regarding the GPA website. This topic can be discussed at a later time.

The election process will be discussed at the meeting during Tri State on October 7.

#### **VII. Announcements**

The next regular meeting of the Georgia Polygraph Association will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, after the training at the tri-state conference is completed. The chairperson of the meeting will be Vice President, Chuck Sullenger.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.