

Georgia Assessment Directors' Association (GADA) Spring Meeting

May 8, 2026

1000AM- Noon (Virtual)

<https://gaedassessment.org/association-info/>

- Welcome and introductions
- Update on search for the next President and President (Elect)- preferably from a private or independent institution. (Ruchi will support/assist the incoming President with the transition.)
- The minutes from the Fall meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Financial report- Current balance as of 5/6/2026- \$5, 726.39

Continued discussion on supporting online students' wellbeing -*Sumitra H.* facilitated the discussion- Various members provided some best practices and suggestions:

- 1) Communication tools
- 2) Change form
- 3) Field Experience PLC
- 4) Acknowledgement agreement
- 5) "Welcome Party"
- 6) Fall Symposium
- 7) Tutor.com and other resources

Breakout sessions- Identifying GADA priorities

- 1) Standard 6.6- Literacy (best practices)- Foundations of Literacy Seminar- Augusta University
- 2) Title II data files- the challenge of pulling data from multiple files
- 3) Standard 4- Program Impact- (Challenges)- Case studies, focus groups, Surveys- Principals, completers, low response rates, others
 - b) TAPS/SGP accessibility? Associated cost (\$13k) from GaDOE. Could GaPSC assist with this matter?
 - c) Reach out to School district HR directors as a possible resource
 - d) TKES data has not been published in recent years

GaPSC updates (task force updates)

PaQuita M. – 1) Approval reviews- high volume, 2) modified schedules for program specialists (PSC)

GaPSC updates continued

Rene M. – Seeking more reviewers, interest survey going out, training scheduled for Fall 2026

Melissa M. – a) Georgia is the first state with an AI endorsement- currently being vetted by the commission, will be available for applications in June 2026- 1) foundations, 2) classroom applications, and 3) leadership

Becky P. – Educational Leadership- 3 subgroups- 1) Ed Leadership preparation standards, 2) Certification, and 3) Leading in Literacy

- Literacy- new bill recently signed by Gov. Kemp-Literacy Coaches endorsement- competency-based- working with the Deal Center- based on 4 domains- Timeline is to be completed by December 2026

Bobbie F.- a) Fine Arts- was recently completed, b) IT- Waiting for approval

PaQuita M. – School Nutrition Program- Updating the rule that’s been in place since 2013- Should be completed by July 2026

Rene M. – Urban Education Endorsement- updates to language/wording- Should be completed by June 2026

Enjolia F.- GaTAPP Exploratory- Program requirements- Access for career changers, working on pre-assessments to expedite admission to program, working on a validation process with “critical friends” group- in process

Becky P.- Literacy- a) Standard 6.6- Phase 3- EPP’s are expected to have data from GACE and/or Key assessments, b) HB 1193- implications- 1) endorsements, 2) more frequent reviews of EPP’s and 3) FRLL rule

Enjolia F.- Non-traditional programs- 1) add Literacy assessment requirement, 2) Pre-k is added, 3) 2 new providers- Paulding County Schools and iTeach US- Elementary Education (certification only)

PaQuita Morgan- Teacher Pipeline Summit at FVSU was a huge success!

PPEM- Surveys emailed to 1st year teachers- Please encourage teachers to complete the survey.

- Completers will receive a survey in June
- Rule .01- Advisory Council (new)- Stakeholder engagement from various backgrounds- will make recommendations for amendments and/or additional GaPSC staff
- Begins Sept/Oct 2026- Shared ownership

Actionable Items

Form a collaborative research group

Continue sharing items and ideas to support online students' well-being

Nominate candidates for reviewer training

Consider serving as president or president elect for GADA

There is still time to pay membership dues for GADA