

# GALILEO Steering Committee (GALSTEER)

## Meeting Minutes

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Date: August 22, 2025

Location: Virtual

### Attendees

Joy Bolt (UNG, Past Chair)  
Abigail Bricco (TCSG – Chattahoochee Tech)  
David Edens (ABAC)  
Sonya Gaither (Clayton State & Gordon State)  
P. Toby Graham (UGA)  
Lucy Harrison (USG/GALILEO)  
Tamatha Lambert (Middle Georgia)  
Natalie Marshall (Flint River Regional Library)  
Deborah Millier (GPALS – Emmanuel University)  
Jessica Osborne (Georgia Highlands)  
Burr Osoinach (Cobb County Public)

Russell Palmer (USG/GALILEO)  
Kathy Pillatzki (Henry County Library System)  
Robert Quarles (Atlanta Metro)  
Leslie Sharp (Georgia Tech)  
Angela Stanley (GPLS)  
Jeff Steely (Georgia State)  
Shaundra Walker (GCSU, Chair)  
Brad Warren (Augusta University)  
Melissa Whitesell (Dalton State)  
Oluremi Wright (GaDOE)

GUESTS: Abbie Gettys (Central GA Tech)

GALILEO Staff: John Stephens, Joy Woodson, Nicole Lawrence, Brad Baxter, Mike White, Joshua Walker Wier, Jared Street Mcreynolds, Jef Whatley, David Seamus Narron, Ken Henslee, Sean Boyle, Phil Fitzpatrick

### Welcome, Roll, Minutes, and Agenda Approval (Shaundra Walker)

- Meeting called to order by Chair Shaundra Walker.
- Roll call completed; quorum confirmed.
- Approval of June 13, 2025 minutes: Motion: Deborah Millier; Second: Sonya Gaither — approved.
- Approval of agenda: Motion: Leslie Sharp; Second: Deborah Millier — approved.

### Member Updates / General Discussion

- K-12 / DOE: No new updates.
- GISA Representation: Tracy Blunier’s institution has left GISA; GALSTEER will seek a new representative.
- GPALS: Previous issues with one institution resolved.
- TCSG: No new updates.
- GPLS: Angela Stanley reported:
  - Senate Appropriations Subcommittee voted to maintain IMLS funding levels; House decision pending.
  - GPLS Directors Meeting set for September 17–19 in Athens.
  - Pinnacle Leadership Institute applications reopened for public library staff.

### GALILEO Updates

- FOLIO & OpenRS Migration (Lucy Harrison)
  - Go-live delayed to December 16, 2025.
  - Phase Three testing completed; Phase Four acceptance testing underway.
  - RACL Executive Committee reviewing progress today.
- Digital Library of Georgia (DLG) (Lucy Harrison)

- DLG Advisory Committee met for the first time this week.
  - Three new at-large members: Stacy Savatsky (MOCA), Christine Wiseman (AUC), Luciana Spracher (Savannah Municipal Archives).
  - Awarded a \$5,000 grant to create K-12 resources.
  - Subgrant program awarding 11 grants.
  - Exploring non-custodial access agreements to improve digital sharing.
  - Managing increased newspaper redaction requests under Georgia’s 2020 restricted records law; UGA legal counsel working with newspapers and AG.
- E-Resources & Elsevier OA Agreement (John Stephens)
    - Elsevier Read & Publish Agreement active at nine institutions.
    - ~600–700 eligible articles per year; Open Access uptake currently 57%, expected to improve.
    - Encouraging authors to select CC BY licenses for maximum accessibility.
    - AJC Academic Subscription: \$0.50 per FTE; 608 registered users in 16 days (mostly UGA)
    - GPLS soft-launching limited on-site AJC access.
    - GALILEO plans to negotiate one major Open Access deal annually.
  - OpenAthens Implementation (Russell Palmer)
    - Academic and public libraries fully migrated. Quarterly vendor meetings ongoing.
    - K-12 authentication updates complete; updated links required by September 1.
  - GALILEO Development Updates (Russell Palmer)
    - Accessibility improvements enhance usability for low-vision users.
    - Added “Show New First” button to Databases A-Z.
    - Developing Search Box Builder for Bento and Classic Search.
    - Planned top-bar dropdown navigation to improve visibility of some content.
    - Continued updates to K-12 interface, reporting, and DLG integration.

#### Training & Outreach

- New ProQuest sessions available
- We can work with libraries on customized training provided by GALILEO or a vendor (e.g., facilitated faculty training on Sage Business Cases)

#### **K-12 Funding (Lucy Harrison)**

- Funding unchanged since 2010; cuts in 2020.
- Costs exceed state funding; Office of Policy & Budget considering request for additional funding.
- Without additional funding, K-12 off-campus access may shift to GPLS Play Cards in summer 2026.

#### **GALILEO 30th Anniversary (Joy Woodson)**

- Celebration on September 22, 2025.
- Invitations sent; RSVP by September 15.
- Event to feature Chancellor Perdue, Julie Walker, and other leaders.
- Commemorative video nearing completion.
- Board of Regents commendation received.
- Year-long initiatives: virtual scavenger hunt, impact landing page, social media highlights.

**Next Meeting:** Date: October 3, 2025 (Virtual)

**Adjournment:** Motion: Deborah Millier; Second: Brad Warren — approved unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned.