**Georgia Council on Literacy Organizational Meeting**

**July 19, 2023**

**Minutes of Meeting**

1. **Welcome**

Scott Johnson, Chair

Scott opened the meeting at 2:05 with comments about the importance of the work around literacy improvements.

1. **SB 211 and HB 538 Summary with Council and Alliance Organizational Structure**

Joy Hawkins, Executive Director, Governor’s Office of Student Achievement (GOSA)

Joy explained SB 211 provisions including Council composition, sunset date, duties, and meetings.

She also discussed provisions of HB 538:

* Defined terms including “science of reading,” structured literacy,” and “high quality instructional materials.”
* Universal screeners
* Teacher training for new and existing teachers
* Georgia Department of Education’s report on the impact of teacher training
* High quality instructional materials
* Tiered reading for struggling students
* Formative assessments for grades 1 and 2

She noted the structure of the Georgia Council on Literacy, the Alliance of Education Agency Heads and four working groups including birth to give years, Kindergarten to third grade, new and existing teacher professional development and community outreach.

The first in-person Council meeting is August 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Georgia Southern University. More information can be found on Governor’s Office of Student Achievement website: www.gosa.georgia.gov.

After the Council’s meeting from 10 a.m. – Noon, First District RESA Director, Richard Smith, will facilitate a meeting called “Setting the Community Table.” He will be inviting leaders from all areas of the region to have discussions about what areas need help with literacy improvements and map out plans for next steps.

1. **Meeting dates, working groups and administrative**

Miranda Williams, Georgia’s Literacy Coach

* 1. 2023 Meeting Dates
     1. August 7, 10 a.m., Georgia Southern University
     2. September, Working Groups Meetings
     3. October 18, 10 a.m. (location TBD)
     4. November 15, virtual meeting, 10 a.m.
     5. No December meetings
  2. Working groups

Request that each Council member let Miranda know which working group best fits their interest.

* 1. Administrative items

GOSA staff discussed travel reimbursements and the need for Council member’s biographical information for the website.

1. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.