

**Regular Scheduled Meeting-After Agenda**  
**Griffin-Spalding County Land Bank Authority**  
**February 23, 2026**  
**One Griffin Center 100 S. Hill St Griffin GA**  
**4:00 PM**

**Call to Order**

*Chairman Newton Galloway called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.*

Board members present were: Bruce Ballard, Cora Flowers, Charles Gilbert and Pamela Sutton. David Penland, David Allen, Michelle Haynes and Christopher Blocker (Land Bank Authority Manager) were also present.

**Approval of Agenda**

*Motion to approve the agenda made by C. Flowers*

*Second by Bruce Ballard*

*Motion approved 5-0*

**Approval of Minutes**

Edit the minutes in Regular Scheduled Meeting, November 24, 2025 Item #6 to reflect “the applicant did not provide documentation to support the request”

*Motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Scheduled Meeting scheduled on November 24, 2025 made by C. Flowers.*

*Second by P. Sutton*

*Motion approved 4-0-1, C. Gilbert abstained*

*Motion to approve C. Flowers*

*Second by P. Sutton*

*Motion to approve the Minutes from the Board Workshop scheduled on November 7, 2025 by C. Flowers*

*Second by P. Sutton*

*Motion approved 4-0-1, C. Gilbert abstained*

## **Public Comments**

*At this time, the Chairman opens the floor to comments from the public. Comments should relate to a specific agenda item. Comments related to availability can be directed to Christopher Blocker, Land Bank Authority Manager at (678) 544-5292 and [cblocker@cityofgriffin.com](mailto:cblocker@cityofgriffin.com).*

No public comments were given.

## **Regular Agenda**

1. Welcome to the new Griffin-Spalding County Land Bank Authority Board Member

Welcome to Mr. Charles Gilbert.

*No board action required or taken*

2. Conduct elections for Griffin-Spalding County Land Bank Authority Board Officers including Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary (Penland)

*Chairman nomination by C. Flowers for Newton Galloway*

*Motion passed 5-0.*

*Vice-chairman nomination by N. Galloway for Cora Flowers*

*Motion passed 5-0.*

*Treasure and Secretary nomination by C. Gilbert for Bruce Ballard*

*Motion passed 5-0*

3. Update the Board on the request by GSCLBA to the City of Griffin Board of Commissioners and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners to amend the current Interlocal Agreement (Penland)

*No board action required or taken*

4. Consider the adoption of the Griffin-Spalding County Land Bank Authority Board Policies

*Motion to table the consideration of the adoption of the Griffin-Spalding County Land Bank Authority Board Policies by C. Flowers.*

*Second by B. Ballard.*

*Motion passed, 5-0*

5. Consider the release of the vacant green space restriction for 110 Pearl St (Blocker and Penland)

*Motion to deny the release of the vacant green space restriction for 110 Pearl St by C. Flowers*

*Second by P. Sutton*

*Amend the motion to deny the release of the vacant green space restriction for 110 Pearl St. based on information about the vesting deed by C. Flowers.*

*Second by P. Sutton*

*Motion passed 5-0*

6. Update the GSCLBA Board on request to Spalding County Board of Commissioners regarding owner-occupancy waiver for the sale of 522 Meriwether St. (Blocker and Galloway)

*No board action required or taken.*

7. Update the GSCLBA Board on closings, contracts pending and properties to be redeemed (Blocker and Penland)

*No board action required or taken.*

8. Consider Executive Session pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(4) for the purpose of considering portions of a record made exempt from public inspection or disclosure under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50.

*Motion to move Item #8 until after the Report of Finances by C. Flowers*

*Second by P. Sutton*

*Motion passed 5-0*

## **Report of finances**

- 1. Consider the adoption of the FY 2026-2027 GSCLBA Budget (Blocker)**

*Motion to approve the adoption of the FY 2026-2027 GSCLBA Budget by N. Galloway*

*Second by Flowers*

*Motion passed 5-0*

**2. Presentation of January financial statements (Ballard)**

*Motion to approve January financial statements N. Galloway*

*Second by P. Sutton*

*Motion passed 5-0*

**3. Presentation of the City of FY 2026 Budget (Blocker)**

*No board action required or taken*

*Motion to consider Executive Session pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(4) for the purpose of considering portions of a record made exempt from public inspection or disclosure under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, by C. Flowers*

*Second by C. Flowers*

*Motion passed 5-0*

*Motion to adjourn Executive Session pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(4) for the purpose of considering portions of a record made exempt from public inspection or disclosure under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, by C. Flowers*

*Second by P. Sutton*

*Motion passed, 5-0*

*Motion to adjourn Board Workshop at 5:45pm*

*Second by P. Sutton*

*Motion passed 5-0*

*Motion to adjourn Regular Scheduled Meeting at 5:46pm*

*Second by P. Sutton*

*Motion passed 5-0, Meeting adjourned*

**Adjourn**