

Georgia Senate Broadcasting/Livestreaming Policy

1. The livestreaming or recording of the Senate Chamber and eligible committees will be carried out by Senate Press Office staff or their designees.
2. A link to a live broadcast may be provided on the Senate website for any Senate Committee Meeting that is:
 - a. A full Standing Senate Committee, Study Committee or Joint Committee
 - b. Held in a room with livestreaming capabilities
 - i. These rooms are 450 CAP, Senate Mezzanine, 125 CAP, 307 CLOB and 310 CLOB.
 - ii. Meetings held in 341 CAP will be livestreamed by Georgia Senate Press Office staff and/or House Media Services staff
3. A link to a live broadcast is *not required* for:
 - a. Meetings that are not full Senate Standing Committees
 - b. Subcommittees of Standing Committees
 - c. Study Committees that convene away from the Capitol or Coverdell Legislative Office Building (CLOB)
 - d. Meetings held in executive session
 - e. Conference Committees
 - f. Committees that meet in rooms without livestreaming capabilities
4. Any request to livestream or record a subcommittee meeting must be submitted to the Director of the Senate Press Office by the office of the chairman of the committee. These requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
5. Any broadcasting or livestreaming failure or delay shall not prevent the start of a scheduled meeting.
6. Any broadcasting or livestreaming failure or delay shall not prevent Senate staff from carrying out their assigned duties.
7. A link to a livestream of the Senate Chamber will be made available on the Senate website prior to the start of each legislative day when the Senate is in session.
 - a. According to O.C.G.A. § 20-13-5, Georgia Public Broadcasting is required to “provide educational, instructional, and public broadcasting services to the citizens of the State of Georgia”, which has been interpreted to include General Assembly proceedings. Therefore, Georgia Public Broadcasting will receive a live feed of the Senate Chamber during the Legislative Session from the Senate Press Office
8. In the event of an emergency, Senate Press Office Staff reserves the right to cut audio or camera angles or end the livestream as deemed appropriate. These livestreams may be edited following the meeting to add any graphics that may be necessary.
9. In the event a meeting goes on a break, the livestream will display a graphic stating the current posture of the committee. The livestream will remain active, but with no audio and only the graphic on display until the meeting reconvenes.

10. A livestream will begin when the Chair officially calls the meeting to order and will end immediately when the Chair officially adjourns the meeting.
11. Cameras in the Senate Chamber and committee rooms will focus on recognized speakers only.
12. Microphones in the Senate Chamber are controlled by Secretary of the Senate staff. Microphones in each committee room are controlled by the Chair. Senate Press Office staff has no ability to remotely control microphones.
13. Video archives of livestreamed committee meetings and the Senate Chamber will be available immediately following adjournment.
 - a. Room changes or technical issues may delay the availability of an archived video.
 - b. Video archives of committee meetings prior to 2017 may not be available.
14. Archives of past livestreams are not in a format that can be downloaded by the general public. Downloadable links for meetings may be made available at the request of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
15. Any posted video is available for public, noncommercial use, unless commercial usage is specifically authorized.
16. A member of the Senate may request an edited clip of themselves speaking or presenting in a committee meeting or on the Senate Floor for their own personal use. Senate Press Office staff will not clip video for individuals other than members of the Senate.
17. Livestreams and recorded videos are provided as a courtesy and are not required by statute or by rule of the Georgia Senate.
18. The Georgia Senate cannot guarantee a user's ability to access a livestream or archived video. Reasonable effort will be made to assist users with accessing a livestream or archived video. The Georgia Senate would not be liable for any technical issues which prevent, interrupt or delay a livestream or recorded video.