

Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce  
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**Statement from Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors**

We are disappointed to share with you that we have recently discovered evidence of what we believe to be internal financial fraud at the Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce.

Our Executive Committee, with the full support of the board, has taken swift action to investigate the matter and curb any further unauthorized activity.

On Thursday, February 23, we met with our sitting Treasurer, Robby Mathis of Macon accounting firm The Robby Group LLC, about multiple suspicious payments from our bank accounts. During the meeting, Mathis acknowledged unauthorized use of AGLCC funds. That same day, the AGLCC board removed Mathis from his position as Treasurer of the organization.

AGLCC has filed a police report, and we have notified our insurance carrier so we can begin the process of recovering our assets. A police investigation is under way. We are interviewing accounting firms to help us conduct a thorough investigation into the full extent of damages. A preliminary assessment of our financial records leads us to believe the loss may be in excess of \$60,000.

We continue to have sufficient capital reserves to allow us to conduct business as usual while we pursue the complete restitution of misappropriated funds.

Be assured that our commitment to our mission, our members, our partners and the LGBTA business community remains unchanged by these events.

We are committed to a fair and transparent investigation of this matter and will make additional details available as we are able during this investigation.

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