



Town of Hilton Head Island
GULLAH GEECHEE HISTORIC
NEIGHBORHOODS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEETING
Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 10:00 AM Minutes

Call to Order

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Shirley “Peaches” Peterson, Chair; Louis Johnson, Vice-Chair; Andre’ White; Alex Brown; and Alan Perry

Committee Members Absent: Terry Brubaker

Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Perry made a motion to adopt. Mr. Brown seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of the Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2025

Mr. Perry made a motion to approve. Mr. Johnson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Unfinished Business

Discussion and Review of the Fiscal Year 2026 Gullah Geechee Historic Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation Proposed Budget (Update) - Thomas Boxley, Executive Director for the Gullah Geechee Historic Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation

Thomas Boxley addressed the Committee with the following information.

The Gullah Geechee Historic Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation (GGHNCD) approved the proposed fiscal year 2026 budget during the March 19, 2025, meeting. At that time, two additional positions were proposed, Sr. Project Manager and Program Coordinator and approved by the Board of Directors. Mr. Boxley informed the Board that the proposed position salaries will be fully funded through the Town of Hilton Head Island fiscal year 2026 Staffing budget. This will reduce the proposed fiscal year 2026 GGHNCD’s budget leaving the new proposed budget as \$3,286,603. No other changes were proposed.

Committee Members had questions, comments and discussion regarding: the collaborative nature of the Town’s budget process between Town Council and Town Staff is positive;

support for the current direction and efforts of the Gullah Geechee Historic Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation; clarification on whether the budget approval process is conducted annually or granted in perpetuity; and appreciation for the Town's commitment to covering the expenses associated with the proposed salaries.

Chair Peterson asked for public comment.
There was no public comment at this time.

Public Comment - Non Agenda Items

There was no public comment at this time.

Executive Session

At 10:07 a.m., Mr. Perry moved to enter into executive session for the reason stated by Mr. Boxley. Mr. Brown seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 10:53 a.m., Mr. Johnson moved to end executive session and return to the regular meeting. Mr. Perry seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion of Appointment to Boards, Commissions, and Committees [Pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act Section 30-4-70 (a)(1)] related to:

1. Gullah Geechee Historic Neighborhood Community Development Corporation

Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Arrangements and Discussion for the Proposed Sale or Purchase of Property [Pursuant to South Carolina Freedom of Information Act Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)] related to:

1. Stoney Area

Action from Executive Session

There was no action as a result of executive session.

Adjournment

Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Approved: July 16, 2025

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