



Town of Hilton Head Island
GULLAH GEECHEE HISTORIC
NEIGHBORHOODS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEETING
Wednesday, August 20, 2025, 10:00 AM
Minutes

Call to Order

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

Board Members Present: Shirley Peterson; David Ames; Alex Brown; Sarah Eisner; and Andre White

Board Members Absent: Louis Johnson and Alan Perry

Adoption of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2025

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve. Mr. White seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Mr. Ames abstained).

Unfinished Business

2024-19 Wayfinding Solution Development Update - Thomas Boxley, Executive Director for the Gullah Geechee Historic Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation

Thomas Boxley provided the Board with a brief update of the wayfinding solution application and companion website. Mr. Boxley stated that the Gullah Geechee Historic Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation (GGHNCDC) will host a launching party on October 2nd. Over the next few weeks, the contractor and GGHNCDC Team will review the final information and site features.

Board members had questions, comments and discussion regarding: comments regarding the ease and functionality of use of the application; suggestions of engaging the public of the site and application through the use of historical images for future GGHNCDC use; the implementation process of physical signs; a suggestion of the GGHNCDC having a social media presence on Instagram and Facebook; what marketing and advertising strategies are planned; and the roll out plan for the launching party.

New Business

Nomination & Election of New Officers for July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 - Thomas Boxley, Executive Director for the Gullah Geechee Historic Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation

Chair Peterson opened the floor for nominations for the positions of Chair, Vice- Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr. Brown made a motion to nominate Louis Johnson as Chair. Mr. Ames seconded.

Mr. Brown made a motion to nominate Shirley Peterson as Vice Chair. Mr. White seconded.

Ms. Peterson made a motion to nominate Andre White as Secretary. Mr. Ames seconded.

Ms. Peterson made a motion to nominate Sarah Eisner as Treasurer. Mr. White seconded.

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

Motion carried 5-0. At this point Ms. Peterson assumed the role of Vice-Chair.

Public Comment - Non Agenda Items

There was no public comment at this time.

Executive Session

At 10:17 a.m., Mr. Ames made a motion to enter into executive session. Mr. Brown seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 10:48 a.m., Mr. Brown made a motion to end executive session and return to the regular meeting. Mr. Ames seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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

At 10:49 a.m., Mr. Ames made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brown seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved: September 17, 2025

The full recording and a transcript of this meeting can be found on the Town's website at www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov