



**Town of Hilton Head Island
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, October 23, 2025, 9:00 AM
Minutes**

Call to Order

Chair Schlegel called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Committee Members Present: Keith Schlegel, Chair; Martin Lesch, Vice-Chair; Thomas Dowling; Cecile Eck; John Farrell; Dave Ferguson; and Adriaan Radder

Members of Town Council Present: Mayor Perry and Alex Brown, Mayor Pro-Tem

Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Lesch made a motion to adopt. Mr. Radder seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business

Hearing of Applicants - Michele Bunce, Senior Grants Administrator

The following applicants made presentations to the Committee during the morning session:

- Long Cove Club (Darius Rucker Intercollegiate)
- Arts Center of Coastal Carolina
- Hilton Head Island Airport
- The Outside Foundation
- The Boys & Girls Club of Hilton Head Island
- Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island Charitable Foundation
- Sea Turtle Patrol Hilton Head Island
- Gullah Traveling Theater, Inc

The Committee broke for lunch at 12:25 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 1:15 p.m. During the afternoon session, the following applicants made presentations to the Committee:

- Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra
- Sea Pines Forest Preserve
- Lowcountry Golf Course Owners Association
- Shelter Cove Harbour Company
- Hilton Head Dance Theater
- Harbour Town Merchants Association
- Community Foundation of the Lowcountry

- Hilton Head Choral Society
- Gullah Museum of Hilton Head Island
- Hilton Head Island Land Trust
- The Coastal Discovery Museum

Mr. Dowling recused himself from presentation and discussion on the *Boys & Girls Club of the Lowcountry – Pedal HHI* grant application as he serves as a member of the Board of Directors. Mr. Farrell recused himself from presentation and discussion on the *Lowcountry Golf Course Owners Association* grant application as he serves as a member of the Board of Directors. The required disclosure and recusal forms are on file.

Public Comment - Non Agenda Items

There was no public comment during this time.

Adjournment

At 5:06 pm Mr. Radder made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dowling seconded. Motion carried 6-0 (Mr. Lesch left prior to the start of the afternoon session).

Approved: November 6, 2025

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