

Accommodation Tax Advisory Committee Meeting

Theodore D. Washington Municipal Building, Henry “Emmett” McCracken Jr. Council Chambers,
20 Bridge Street, Bluffton, SC

November 18, 2025

- I. This meeting can be viewed live on [BCTV](#), on Sparklight Channel 9 and 113 or on Spectrum Channel 1304.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairperson Christy Parker

Vice Chair Sam Britt

Ellen Shumaker

Michael Garibaldi

ABSENT

Nate Pringle

Scott Thrasher

Jean Wilson

IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2025

Motion made by Vice Chair Britt to adopt minutes as drafted. Seconded by Shumaker. Voting Yea: Chairperson Parker, Vice Chair Britt, Shumaker, Garibaldi.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT

Shannon Milroy, Budget & Procurement Manager, reported 1st Quarter Fiscal Year 2026 collections of \$279,757, up slightly from the same quarter last fiscal year. Five applications for funding were received this quarter totaling \$145,534 in requests; there is \$258,139 available for distribution.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Calendar Year 2026 Application Due Dates and ATAC Meeting Schedule

Motion made by Garibaldi to adopt calendar year 2026 grant application deadlines and ATAC meeting schedule as presented. Seconded by Vice Chair Britt.

Voting Yea: Chairperson Parker, Vice Chair Britt, Shumaker, Garibaldi

2. Grant Application Q&A: Hilton Head Choral Society

Motion to recommend award of \$10,000 to Town Council made by Garibaldi, Seconded by Shumaker.

Voting Yea: Chairperson Parker, Vice Chair Britt, Shumaker, Garibaldi

3. Grant Application Q&A: The New Bluffton Worship

Motion to recommend award of \$11,500 to Town Council made by Vice Chair Britt, Seconded by Shumaker.

Voting Yea: Chairperson Parker, Vice Chair Britt, Shumaker, Garibaldi

4. Grant Application Q&A: Congregation Beth Yam

Motion to recommend award of \$7,770.25 to Town Council made by Garibaldi, Seconded by Shumaker.

Voting Yea: Chairperson Parker, Vice Chair Britt, Shumaker, Garibaldi

5. Grant Application Q&A: Farmer's Market of Bluffton

Motion to recommend award of \$66,500 to Town Council made by Shumaker, Seconded by Garibaldi.

Voting Yea: Chairperson Parker, Vice Chair Britt, Shumaker, Garibaldi

6. Grant Application Q&A: May River Theatre, Inc.

Motion to recommend award of \$49,764 to Town Council made by Shumaker, Seconded by Vice Chair Britt.

Voting Yea: Chairperson Parker, Vice Chair Britt, Shumaker, Garibaldi

IX. DISCUSSION

1. ATAC Bylaws Updates

The topic of potential updates to the ATAC bylaws was broached but tabled for further discussion at a later meeting due to not having a full committee in attendance.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Garibaldi, Seconded by Vice Chair Britt. Voting Yea: Chairperson Parker, Vice Chair Britt, Shumaker, Garibaldi

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.