

**TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH  
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**November 6, 2025**

**3:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Town of Edisto Beach  
Town Hall  
2414 Murray Street  
Edisto Beach, SC 29438

**Present:** Vice Chair Mike Hobson, Judith Blancett, Marie Bost, Richard Howse, Tommy Sandel, and Emma Hart (via conference call) *Quorum of Board Present.*

**Absent:** Brandon Jackson

**Staff Present:** Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Assistant Town Administrator Dee Stalvey, Municipal Clerk Donna Rizer

**Call to Order**

Mr. Hobson called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. and welcomed new members Emma Hart and Richard Howse.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Sandel made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2025, Accommodations Tax (ATAX) Advisory Board meeting. This motion was seconded by Ms. Bost and approved unanimously.

**New Business**

**ATAX Fund Balance**

Mr. Hobson presented the Accommodations Tax Fund Balance sheet showing the cash summary of Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) June 30, 2026.

**ATAX Project Balance**

Mr. Hobson presented the Accommodations Tax Project Balance sheet showing current ATAX projects and those completed this year to date.

After discussion, Mr. Hobson made a motion to accept the ATAX Fund Balance and the ATAX Project Balance reports. Ms. Hart seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously. (*Financial Reports Attached*)

**ATAX Applications**

The following application was received for ATAX funding and discussed by the Board:

- Town of Edisto Beach – The Town requests \$250,000 from ATAX funding to be allocated to the beach preservation fund to support future beach

renourishment, recognizing that a healthy beachfront is essential to the Town's tourism industry. This project complies with the South Carolina Tourism Expenditure Review Committee's (TERC) guidelines that indicate tourism-related expenditures include "control and repair of waterfront erosion, including beach renourishment."

Following discussion, Ms. Bost made a motion to approve ATAX funding in the amount of \$250,000 for beach renourishment to the Town of Edisto Beach. The motion was seconded by Ms. Blancett and approved unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Hobson made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Bost seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

**APPROVED BY THE ATAX BOARD**

*Donna Rizer*

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Donna Rizer, Municipal Clerk

February 5, 2026