

TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
December 30, 2025
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

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

Present: Vice Chair Mike Hobson, Judith Blancett, Marie Bost, Emma Hart, Richard Howse, Tommy Sandel. *Quorum of Board Present.*

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 10:10 a.m.

New Business

ATAX Application

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

- Town of Edisto Beach – The Town requests \$69,500 from ATAX funding to install a pollinator-friendly butterfly garden at Jungle Road Park. The project will include the installation of native plants, irrigation, ongoing maintenance, restoration of the gravel path through the park, installation of a rain garden feature, and appropriate educational signage. This project complies with the South Carolina Tourism Expenditure Review Committee’s (TERC) guidelines that indicate tourism-related expenditures include “construction, maintenance, and operation of facilities for civic and cultural activities.”

Board members expressed support for the project, noting it will be an attractive amenity enjoyed by visitors. Following discussion, Mr. Sandel made a motion to approve ATAX funding in the amount of \$69,500 to the Town of Edisto Beach for the installation of a butterfly garden at Jungle Road Park as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bost and approved unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Hobson made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Bost seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE ATAX BOARD



Donna Rizer, Municipal Clerk
February 5, 2026