



State 2% ATAX Committee

Beaufort County, SC

Beaufort County Council Chambers

100 Ribaut Road

Beaufort, SC 29902

Friday, September 18, 2026

9:00 AM

AGENDA

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

**KEN GUERRA, CHAIR
DICK STEWART
ANITA SINGLETON-PRATHER**

**STEVEN GREEN
MARIE GIBBS
NICK BORREGGINE**

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | KEN GUERRA, CHAIRMAN |
| 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | KEN GUERRA, CHAIRMAN |
| 3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FOIA | KEN GUERRA, CHAIRMAN |
| 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES | |
| 5. PRESENTATION OF ORGANIZATIONS' PROJECTS | |
| 6. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF GRANT AWARDS | COMMITTEE MEMEBERS |
| 7. ADJOURNMENT | |

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<u>2</u>	9:45:00 AM	Friends of Port Royal	Social Media Advertising	N/A - advertising request	Thomas	Ranalli
<u>3</u>	9:50:00 AM	Greater Beaufort- Port Royal CVB	26-27 Northern Beaufort County DMO Marketing/Promotion	Northern Beaufort County	Robb	Wells
<u>4</u>	9:55:00 AM	Beaufort- Jasper YMCA	Beaufort River Swim	Port Royal Marina/Beaufort Waterfront Marina	Julie	Kuhns
<u>5</u>	10:00:00 AM	City of Beaufort	Preserving the Promenade	Henry C. Chamber's Waterfront Park	Eric	Claussen
<u>6</u>	10:05:00 AM	Beaufort Film Society	Beaufort International Film Festival 2027	USCB - Center for the Arts	Ronald	Tucker
<u>7</u>	10:10:00 AM	Beaufort Area Hospitality Association	Beaufort Oyster Festival	Waterfront Park - Beaufort, South Carolina	Ashlee	Houck
<u>8</u>	10:15:00 AM	Beaufort Area Hospitality Association	Northern Beaufort County NYE Fireworks	Launching from the Beaufort River	Ashlee	Houck
<u>9</u>	10:20:00 AM	Friends of Fort Fremont	Tourism Marketing for Fort Fremont	Fort Fremont - St. Helena Island, SC	Wendy	Wilson
<u>10</u>	10:25:00 AM	Arts Center of Coastal Carolina	Request for Tourism Destination Marketing Support	Arts Center of Coastal Carolina	Janet	Smith
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<u>13</u>	10:45:00 AM	One Gullah Nation, Inc	1st Annual One Nation 5K Bridge Run	Beaufort Memorial Bridge	Theresa	Gadsden
<u>14</u>	10:50:00 AM	Friends of the Spanish Moss Trail	Promoting the Spanish Moss Trail	Spanish Moss Trail - Lowcountry's Rails to Trail	Sissy	Perryman
<u>15</u>	10:55:00 AM	Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park	13th Annual Juneteenth Celebration	Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park	Ahmad	Ward
<u>16</u>	11:00:00 AM	DeGullah Shipp	Watch the Night & Smooth Jazz Experience	Penn Center	Maya	Maat
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If during the course of discharging his/her responsibilities, a member finds himself / herself required to take an action or make a decision which affects the economic interest of himself / herself, a member of their immediate family or individuals with whom he/she is associated or business with whom he/she is associated, he / she shall prepare a written statement describing the potential conflict of interest and submit the same to the head of the board agency or commission or authority on which they sit.

Please explain an affirmative response to the following questions and included any relevant information.

1. Do you have a substantial interest in, personal contract or arrangements with any entity or individual doing or seeking to do business with the board agency, commission, or authority in which you wish to sit or are now sitting?

YES

NO

If yes, indicate with whom or with which entity(ies):

Port Royal Sound Foundation
My wife is on the Board. We are donating property to them

Print name: 

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2. Have you received any payment, service, research grant or support, or gift from or provided the same to any entity or individual doing or seeking to do business with Council?

YES

NO

If yes, please indicate with whom or with which entity(ies): _____

3. Do you have a business relationship with any family members doing or seeking to do business with the board agency, commission, or authority in which you wish to sit or are now sitting?

Family members include the following:

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- (b) Any parent or child of you or your current spouse.
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- (d) Any relative of you or your current or former spouse, by blood or marriage, with whom you have regular contact and about whom you have information or belief regarding items covered in this questionnaire.

YES

NO

[Signature]
(signed)

8/24/26
(date)

Richard Stewart
(print name)

2nd ATAX
Board/Agency/Commission Name

REAFFIRMATION

This conflict of interest questionnaire shall be updated at each reappointment or if any changes are made.

Please indicate below whether any of your responses to this questionnaire have changed.

YES

NO

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YES

NO

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If yes, indicate with whom or with which entity(ies): The Freedman ArD District. I chair the Board and am donating property to them.

Print name:

Richard H. Stewart

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YES

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YES

☒ NO


(signed)

2/14/20
(date)

Richard Stewart
(print name)

ATX ATX
Board/Agency/Commission Name

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I was not doing properly before.

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YES

NO

If yes, indicate with whom or with which entity(ies): Beaufort Area Hospitality
Association

Print name:

Nick Borressine

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(signed)

(date)

(print name)

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**Beaufort County Council Statement of Conflict of Interest
Pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws § 8-13-700**

I, Nick Borreggine, holding the position as a State A Tax Commissioner ~~Beaufort County Council~~

~~Member~~, do hereby declare my potential conflict of interest with regards to the below information:

1. Describe the matter pending before State A-Tax ~~County Council~~ with which you may have a conflict of interest: I have a conflict of interest in reviewing or voting on the Beaufort Area Hospitality Association applications.

2. Describe the interest that you have that may give rise to the conflict: I currently hold the Chair Position on the Beaufort Area Hospitality Association board.

Based upon the above information, I hereby recues myself from participating in any discussions of or taking official action relating to said matter.

Signed this 14th day of September, 2026.

M. Sq
Signature