

**MINUTES OF THE SHORT TERM RENTAL AD HOC COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
REGULAR MEETING - JULY 15, 2025**

7/15/2025 - Short Term Rental Ad Hoc Committee Minutes

1. Declaration of a quorum and call meeting to order

Claire Reiswerg declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Committee Members Debra Burkley, Sheila Lidstone, David Bloom, Ted Shook, and Claire Reiswerg; Stakeholder Members Christine Bryant, Liz Overton, Chris Wren, and Robert Zahn; Tim Tietjens (City Staff); and Bob Brown (City Council).

Absent: Dominique Brown and Joseph Spencer (Committee Members).

3. Consider Approval Of Meeting Minutes

3.A Draft Minutes July 9, 2025

David Bloom made a motion to approve the July 9, 2025 meeting minutes, with Sheila Lidstone seconding the motion. Unanimously approved by the voting members present.

4. Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Committee. Speakers will be limited to three minutes.

No public comments were received.

5. Discuss best practices, compliance and enforcement measures for STR operators/owners including registration and HOT compliance for recommendations to City Council

The committee is working to simplify and enforce short-term rental (STR) registration on Galveston Island by making owners ultimately responsible while protecting privacy and ensuring public transparency. They aim to strengthen enforcement with clear violation rules, owner notifications, and possible license revocation after repeated offenses. Challenges include balancing inspection needs, managing limited city resources, coordinating with platforms like Airbnb for tax and registration compliance, and adjusting fees to cover costs. The focus is on creating a fair, practical system that

encourages compliance without overburdening owners or the city.

6. Suggested future agenda items by Committee Members

The committee will begin reviewing the draft ordinance at the next meeting.

7. Decide Next Meeting Time and Date

The next meeting will be held on July 23, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.



Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: July 23, 2025