

**NOTICE OF MEETING
SISTER CITIES PROGRAM COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026 - 11:30 AM
CITY HALL - ROOM 204
823 ROSENBERG, GALVESTON, TEXAS
TELEPHONE: (409) 797-3510**

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum
2. Roll Call
3. Consider Approval Of Meeting Minutes
 - 3.a Draft Minutes - July 22, 2026
4. Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Committee. Speakers will be limited to three minutes.
5. Update on Sister Cities From Assigned Member (s)
 - 5.a Niigata
 - 5.b Macharaviaya
 - 5.c Stavanger
 - 5.d Veracruz
6. Update from the Assistant City Secretary

Received communication, an update on an event/ discussion, and/ or changes to policies and procedures.
7. Date and Time of Next Meeting
8. Adjournment

I certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted in a place convenient to the public in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code on 08/05/2026 at 1:30 PM.



Manuela "Nellie" De La Fuente
Assistant City Secretary

Please note: members of the City Council may be attending and participating in the discussion. In

accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons in need of special accommodation to participate in the proceeding shall, within 3 days prior to any proceeding, contact the City Secretary's Office, 823 Rosenberg, Galveston, Texas (409) 979-3510.

Draft Pending Approval
**MINUTES OF THE SISTER CITIES PROGRAM COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
REGULAR MEETING - JULY 22, 2026**

7/22/2026 - Sister Cities Program Committee Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum

Meeting called to order by Chair Cappadona at 11:30 am.

2. Roll Call

Present: Joe Cappadona, Sidney Tregre, Kesendra Foreman, Pam Williams, Virginia Adams, Pat Bolton-Legg (left at 12:19 pm), Sharon Lewis (City Council)

Absent: Eileen Donlon

3. Consider Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Pat Bolton - Legg made a motion to approve the February 17, 2026, meeting minutes, with Sidney Tregre seconding. Unanimously approved.

3.a Draft Minutes - February 17, 2026

4. Public Comment

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Member Pam Williams resigned from her board position as she had sold her property on the island and was moving off the island.

Chair Joe Cappadona resigned as chair and will remain as an active supporting committee member until the September Sister Cities meeting.

5. Update on Sister Cities From Assigned Member (s)

5.a Niigata

Chair Cappadona communicated to the committee that on Monday, July 27th, there will be a Zoom meeting with Niigata to discuss some requests they have regarding the visit of some citizens from Niigata City later this year (Mr. Takahashi (September), Mr. Noguchi, and Mr. Kosugi from the Taiguruma Revival Project intend to visit in November. No action was taken.

5.b Macharaviaya

No update was given, and no action was taken.

5.c Stavanger

The City of Stavanger is cordial when receiving communication emails, but it sounds like they have no interest in continuing the communication. No action was taken.

5.d Veracruz

Committee Member Foreman has been in communication with the representative from Veracruz, Sherry Rooks, regarding potential opportunities for collaboration. She will present these ideas at the next meeting. No action was taken.

6. Discussion on Stavanger and Acitrezza

Chair Cappadona emphasized that Acitrezza, Italy, is very interested in becoming a Sister City. He highlighted Galveston's strong connection to Acitrezza through its large Italian community roots. No action was taken.

7. Update from the Assistant City Secretary

Received communication, an update on an event/ discussion, and/ or changes to policies and procedures.

Martha, Executive Assistant to the City Secretary, informed the meeting participants on behalf of Ms. Nellie that they had met with Kellie Rooks from the Galveston Arts Center, who is requesting the City's assistance with community engagement for this year's Taiguruma Event. She clarified that no funding was discussed and emphasized that the City currently has no available resources and has not budgeted for any sister cities visits. Ms. Rooks noted that the Taiguruma Revival Project group will be traveling to Galveston at their own expense.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

August 12, 2026, at 11:30 am.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:36 pm by Chair Cappadona.



City Secretary's Executive Assistant

Date Approved: