

GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES

PRESENTS

LEADERSHIP SHARING THE VISION

**2021 GAHRA COMMISSIONERS &
EXECUTIVE STAFF RETREAT
July 19 – 21, 2021
Jekyll Island, Georgia**



The Westin Jekyll Island
110 Ocean Way
Jekyll Island, GA 31527

*YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!
COME AND JOIN US FOR THE
2021 RETREAT FOR COMMISSIONERS AND EXECUTIVE STAFF*

LEADERSHIP SHARING THE VISION

We are back and hopefully with a bang. You have asked, and we have listened. The conference will be held on Jekyll Island, and the host hotel will again be The Westin Jekyll Island.

This year we are opening the retreat to include Executive Directors and Executive Staff. There are many new Executive Directors in Georgia and GAHRA wants to provide you with practical training topics. Sessions will be held together and separately to ensure you receive the vital information needed to manage and operate Public Housing Authorities in the complex world of affordable housing.

You need to get away from it all and join your many fellow Commissioners, Executive Directors, and Executive staff. Attendees represent all sizes of PHA's and serve throughout the state of Georgia. We will be having some great training that is tailored just for you.

So come join us on Jekyll Island and get the most up to date training. We have outstanding content experts that will be providing excellent sessions. Check out our speakers and agenda especially planned with you in mind.

Register today for this exciting event on Jekyll Island brought to you by GAHRA.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS RETREAT

COMMISSIONERS SESSION



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Stewart Duggan is a partner with the law firm of *Brinson Askew Berry*, and he has achieved the highest AV peer-review rating with Martindale-Hubbell, along with Martindale-Hubbell's "*Platinum Client Champion*" award, which is the top award available and demonstrates an attorney's commitment to client service. Fewer than 1% of all attorneys in the United States have qualified to receive the "*Platinum Client Champion*" award.

Mr. Duggan is a 1990 graduate of Georgia State University's College of Law, and he is a member of the Housing & Development Law Institute (HDLI) and the Public Housing Authorities Directors Association (PHADA). Stewart has been practicing law in Georgia for over 30 years. Stewart has been representing Public Housing Authorities ("PHA") in Georgia for about twenty-five years, and he presently represents or consults with a dozen or more PHA's in Georgia, including but not limited to Northwest Georgia Housing Authority, Gainesville Housing Authority, Winder Housing Authority, LaGrange Housing Authority, Roswell Housing Authority, Camilla Housing Authority, Calhoun Housing Authority, Hawkinsville Housing Authority, Thomaston Housing Authority, Milledgeville Housing Authority, McRae Housing Authority, Bremen and Bowden Housing Authorities. He works on multifamily, RAD, and LIHTC housing developments and bond issues on a routine and regular basis. He also consults with, represents, and trains other PHA's on an as-needed basis. Mr. Duggan is on the approved attorney's list for the Georgia Housing Authority Risk Retention Pool (GHARRP), for the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA).

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S / EXECUTIVE STAFF SESSION



Rick Parker

**Executive Director
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Rick has served as CEO/Executive Director of the Athens Housing Authority since 1989. Previously, he was director of the Housing Authority of Jackson, Tennessee. He graduated with honors from the University of Memphis and received his MBA from the same institution. Rick has ~41 years of housing experience.

Nationally, Rick serves on the Public Housing Authorities Directors Association (PHADA) Board of Trustees and formerly served as President of this organization. In addition, he served as a member of the Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee established to advise HUD on the new Operating Fund Rule. He then advised HUD and members of the United States Senate on the implementation of the Rule. He was an original member of the 1999-2000 Negotiated Rulemaking Committee and Harvard University's Research Working Group for the Public Housing Operating Cost Study appointed to revise the operating fund allocation formula. Rick is the recipient of a HUD "Regional Administrator's Distinguished Service Award" for Region IV.

Locally, Rick has supervised approximately 25 bond transactions totaling over \$677 million. He is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Georgia, serves on the Advisory Board for the University's Housing and Demographic Research Center, and regularly lectures at Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) retreats and conferences. In addition, he serves on the Piedmont Athens Regional Foundation Board, the BB&T (now Truist) Bank Local Advisory Board, and the Boy Scouts Executive Board. He also serves on the Boards for National Housing Compliance, Inc. and Zeffert & Associates, Inc. He is on the Oversight Committee for Envision Athens as well as for the Clarke County School District capital improvements. He is an active Rotarian and an alumni member of GICH. He is a Past President of the Athens Rotary Club, the local Hospital Authority, United Way, Food Bank, Athens Family Connection, and his church council. In recognition of his community involvement, he was selected as a Torchbearer for the 1996 Olympics.

2021 RETREAT SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
July 19 th	Monday	2:00pm – 5:00pm	Registration

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

July 20 th	Tuesday	7:00am – 8:30am	Registration
		7:00am – 8:30am	Continental Breakfast
		8:30am – 9:30am	Opening Session
		9:45am – 10:00am	Break – Coffee & Water
		10:00am – 12:00pm	Break Out Sessions
		12:00pm – 1:15pm	Lunch – Grab & Go
		1:30pm – 3:00pm	Break Out Sessions
		3:00pm – 3:15pm	Break–Water & Soft Drinks
July 21 st	Wednesday	3:15pm – 4:30pm	Repositioning Panel
		6:00pm – 9:30pm	Evening Dinner & Dance
		7:00am – 8:30am	Breakfast Buffet
		10:15am – 10:30am	Break – Water only
		9:00am – 12:00pm	Joint Session

12:15pm

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING

Tuesday lunch will be a Boxed lunch containing sandwiches of smoked turkey croissant, roast beef, or roasted vegetables including seasonal whole fruit, chef's choice of fresh baked cookie, chips and water, packaged within a sustainable recycled container.

Tuesday dinner will be a buffet to include grilled chicken breast, shrimp, Chef's vegetable of the day, mashed potatoes, salad, rolls, peach cobbler or birthday cake, tea, coffee and water. A cash bar will be available. Each registrant will receive one free drink ticket.

Wednesday breakfast will be a buffet to include grits, homestyle potatoes, eggs, beef sausage, bacon, fruit, breads, juices and coffee.

If there are any special dietary requirements, i.e. vegetarian, shellfish allergy, etc., we will try and accommodate accordingly but no guarantees.



Conference “Early Bird” Registration Information

GAHRA MEMBERS: The Early Bird Special is the registration for you. The registration fee for the 2021 Commissioner’s/Executive Staff Retreat is \$300.00 for each participant. If your spouse or significant other (guest) wishes to enjoy the social functions only, their fee will be \$120.00. The Guest fee will cover the cost of all meals, and social dinner)

Attendees must register online by going to the GAHRA website. **NO PAPER registration forms will be accepted.** Commissioners should seek assistance from your Housing Authority if necessary, to complete this online registration. Once registered online, payment can be made online at that time or a check can be mailed to GAHRA. Make sure your online registration indicates which form of payment you will be making, credit card or by check only.

Early Bird Registration will END on June 18, 2021. Registrations received after this date will not receive the discounted price. The regular registration fee is \$325.00 per person and \$140.00 per guest through June 30, 2021. On-site registration will be available the day of the conference and ONLY company checks will be received. There will be no credit cards accepted. The fee for ON-SITE registration for Registrants will be \$350.00 per person and the guest fee will be \$150.00 per guest.

NON-GAHRA MEMBERS: The EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION fee for participants of Authorities or Agencies that are NOT GAHRA members will be \$350.00 per person and \$150.00 per guest. Early Bird registration for non-members will end on June 18, 2021. After this date, the regular registration fee for non-members will be \$400.00 per registrant and \$200.00 per guest through June 30, 2021. Should non-members register on-site, registration fee will be \$500.00 per person and \$250.00 for guests.

SUBSTITUTIONS AND REFUNDS: Substitutions for any registered participants may be made at any time. Refunds will be made for registration cancellations if the notice of cancellation is received in writing or email no later than 5:00pm on July 2, 2021. Email substitutions and cancellations to Jake Oglesby at joglesby@augustapha.org. **THERE WILL BE A \$25.00 CANCELLATION FEE THAT HAS BEEN SET BY GAHRA.**

SO, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT



ROOM BLOCK RESERVATION CUTT OFF WILL END JUNE 25, 2021

REGISTRATION FEE STRUCTURE	GAHRA MEMBERS	GUESTS
EARLY Bird Registration Fee - ends 06/18/21	\$300.00	\$120.00
REGULAR Registration Fee - ends 06/30/21	\$325.00	\$140.00
ON-SITE Registration Fee – due at Conference	\$350.00	\$150.00

REGISTRATION FEE STRUCTURE	Non-GAHRA MEMBERS	GUESTS
EARLY Bird Registration Fee - ends 06/18/21	\$350.00	\$150.00
REGULAR Registration Fee - ends 06/30/21	\$400.00	\$200.00
ON-SITE Registration Fee – due at Conference	\$500.00	\$250.00

ON-SITE REGISTRATION – after June 30, 2021, all registrations will be on-site by check or money order. NO cash or Credit Cards will be accepted for on-site registration.



NO COMMISSIONERS MAY REGISTER AS A GUEST AND ALL GUEST REGISTRATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A COMMISSIONER’S REGISTRATION.

HOST HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

To make overnight room reservations, please call **1-912-635-4545, Option 1**
When you make your call, ask for GAHRA 2021 for the dates of July 19-21,2021.

You will find the information for your online reservation at the link below. If you have questions or need help with the link, please do not hesitate to ask.

Here is your reservation link to make online reservations:

[Book your group rate for GAHRA 2021](#)

Below you will find your room types for your selection of accommodations:

<u>Room Type</u>	<u>Daily room rate</u>
Island View	\$235.00 + 12% room tax
Partial Ocean View	\$245.00 + 12% room tax
Ocean View	\$265.00 + 12% room tax
Ocean Front	\$285.00 + 12% room tax

(DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR STATE TAX EXEMPT FORM AND A HOTEL/MOTEL TAX EXEMPT FORM FOR THE TAXES NOTED ABOVE. THE \$5.00 PER NIGHT HOTEL FEE WILL REMAIN. YOU MUST HAVE A HOUSING AUTHORITY CHECK OR CREDIT CARD TO RECEIVE THE TAX EXEMPTIONS)

ROOMS WILL GO FAST SO BOOK YOUR ROOM TODAY IF POSSIBLE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEEDS

If you require any additional information regarding your reservations, please contact **Beth Brown at 770-536-1294** or by email at bbrown@gainesvillehousing.org

*****CHECK ROOM ACCESSIBILITY WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS***
GAHRA COMMISSIONERS / EXECUTIVE STAFF RETREAT**

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JEKYLL ISLAND, GA
JULY 19-21, 2021**

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. All registrations are now to be completed on the GAHRA website. Using the website enables conference staff to make use of their time more efficiently. So please use the website.
2. **Take advantage of the EARLY BIRD registration period.**
3. Go to <https://www.gahra.org/2021-commissioners-retreat/> to get all your registration information you will need to get you ready to go for this conference. Once you are logged in to the GAHRA website, click on the link, you will find the Conference Information download and the online Registration link.
4. You will be able to use a credit card immediately upon registration or if you choose to pay by check, make sure you check that box and complete your registration. You should receive an immediate email confirming your registration.
5. If you pay by check, the full amount must accompany your registration form printed off at the time of your online registration. Send your payment made payable to **GAHRA** along with the registration form to:

GAHRA
ATTN: Jake Oglesby
Augusta Housing Authority
1435 Walton Way
Augusta, Georgia 30901

6. Refunds will be made for registration cancellations if the notice of cancellation is received in writing or by email no later than 5:00pm on July 2, 2021. Mail or email cancellation requests to Jake Oglesby at joglesby@augustapha.org. **THERE WILL BE A \$25.00 CANCELLATION FEE THAT HAS BEEN SET BY GAHRA.**
7. The deadline for all registrations will be Wednesday, June 30, 2021. All registrations received after that date will be subject to the on-site registration fee of \$350.00 for members and \$500.00 for non-members.
8. If you have any questions concerning registration, please contact Jake Oglesby at:
Phone: (706) 312-3158 or by email: joglesby@augustapha.org



**RIGHT AFTER THE LAST SESSION, THERE
WILL BE A DRAWING FOR A RETURN VISIT TO
JEKYLL ISLAND.**

On Wednesday, July 21 at the closing session, drop your name badge in the appropriate box furnished. At the end of the conference, a drawing will be held and YOU, if you are lucky, will receive a voucher for a FREE return visit to the Westin Jekyll Island just for attending our conference. What a deal, do you feel lucky????



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