

GAHRA
COMMISSIONERS RETREAT
July 17-19, 2023



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RIGHT THING**

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

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GAHRA's 2023 Commissioner's Retreat has been especially tailored with you in mind. As requested, the Westin on beautiful Jekyll Island will serve as our host hotel and venue.

The theme and focus for this year's retreat was derived from an inspirational quote: "The Courage of Integrity. . .The highest courage is to dare to be yourself in the face of adversity. Choosing right over wrong, ethics over convenience, and truth over popularity...these are choices that measure your life. Travel the path of integrity without looking back, for there is never a wrong time to do the right thing".

Our facilitator, Bobby R. Collins, has over 25 years of experience in the housing industry and is the current Chief Executive Officer of the Housing Authority of Shreveport, LA. He is also the President of the Louisiana Housing Council which is the Louisiana Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). The fundamentals of being a commissioner, including ethical obligations and the virtues of integrity, will be addressed in this day and a half session.

This is a perfect opportunity to get away from it all and join your many fellow Commissioners. Attendees represent all sizes of PHA's and serve throughout the state of Georgia.

REGISTER TODAY
DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS RETREAT

2023 RETREAT SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
July 17th	Monday	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Registration
DINNER ON YOUR OWN/ENJOY THE ISLAND			
July 18th	Tuesday	7:00 am - 8:30 am	Registration
		7:00 am - 8:15 am	Breakfast Buffet
		8:30 am - 9:15 am	Opening Session
		9:30 am - 12:00 pm	General Session
		10:15 am - 10:30 am	Coffee Break
		12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch
		1:15 pm - 4:00 pm	General Session
		3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Break
		3:15 pm - 4:30 pm	General Session
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Evening Dinner & Dance		
July 19th	Wednesday	7:00 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast Buffet
		8:45 am - 11:45 am	Training Session
		10:15 am - 10:30 am	Coffee Break
		12:00 pm	GRAND PRIZE DRAWING



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration will END on June 16, 2023.

Attendees must register online at the GAHRA website. NO PAPER registration forms, or on-site registrations will be available.

Commissioners should seek assistance from your Housing Authority if necessary, to complete this online registration. Once registered online, payment can be made online 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.

The registration fee for the 2023 Commissioner's Retreat is \$400.00 for each participant. If your spouse or significant other (guest) wishes to enjoy the social functions only, their fee will be \$200.00. The Guest Fee will cover the cost of all meals and social dinner and must be paid at the time of registration.

Substitutions and Refunds:

Substitutions for any registered participants may be made before July 10, 2023. Refunds will be made for registration cancellations if the notice of cancellations is received in writing or email no later than 5:00 pm on July 7, 2023. Email substitutions and cancellations to Jake Oglesby at joglesby@augustapha.org. THERE WILL BE A \$50.00 CANCELLATION FEE THAT HAS BEEN SET BY GAHRA.



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

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

ROOM BLOCK RESERVATION CUT OFF WILL END JUNE 19, 2023.

To make overnight room reservations, please call **1-912-635-4545, Option 1**. When you make your call, ask for GAHRA 2023 for the dates of July 17-19, 2023.

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: (You may have to hold down your "Ctrl" key, then click on the link)

Book your group rate for GAHRA 2023.

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

<u>Room Type</u>	<u>Daily Room Rate</u>
Island View	\$245.00*
Partial Ocean View	\$255.00*
Ocean View	\$275.00*
Ocean Front	\$295.00*

*Rates are not commissionable and do not include applicable taxes, currently 11%, or the following automatic or mandatory charges (e.g., resort charges); Resort Charge of \$20.00 and Georgia Hotel Fee of \$5.00 per room per night. No automatic or mandatory charges are tips, gratuities, or service charges for employees, unless otherwise expressly stated. Please note that the resort charges an additional \$25.00 each for the 3rd and 4th guests sharing a room (excluding children under 18).

(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

If you require any additional information regarding your reservations, please contact **Reta Thomas at (706)312-3105** or by email at rthomas@augustapha.org.

****CHECK ROOM ACCESSIBILITY WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS****

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WESTIN JEKYL ISLAND, GA
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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. All registrations are not 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. Go to <https://www.gahra.org/2023-commissioners-retreat/> to get all the registration information you will need for this conference. Once you are logged in to the GAHRA website, click on the link, and you will find the Conference Information download and the online Registration link.
3. 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.
4. 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
5. Refunds will be made for registration cancellations if the notice of cancellation is received in writing or by email no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 7, 2023. Mail or email cancellation requests to Jake Oglesby at joglesby@augustapha.org. **THERE WILL BE A \$50.00 CANCELLATION FEE THAT HAS BEEN SET BY GAHRA.**
6. The deadline for all registration will be Monday, June 16, 2023.
7. If you have any questions concerning registration, please contact Jake Oglesby at:
Phone: (706)312-3158 or by email joglesby@augustapha.org.