

COMMISSIONERS RETREAT



WESTIN JEKLL ISLAND
JULY 21ST-24TH, 2025

COME SAIL AWAY

We are delighted to welcome you to beautiful Jekyll Island, Georgia, for GAHRA's 2025 Commissioner's Retreat. This session has been especially tailored with you in mind. As requested, the Westin on beautiful Jekyll Island will serve as our host hotel and venue.

We are excited to welcome back Sunny Shaw as facilitator. After 20+ years in the industry, Sunny has expanded her work to share her passion for leadership and career development as well as small and medium Public Housing Authority (PHA) success with clients who can benefit from her expertise .

This year's theme, "Come Sail Away," invites us to chart a new course together—toward innovation, collaboration, and bold leadership in housing.

As a commissioner there could be some rough waters: Executive Director vacancy, incompatible relationships leading to dysfunctional boards, poor agency performance, policies that lack clarity, and more! It can make it seem like the storm will never end. During our time together, we are going to discuss how to grab the life preserver, climb back on, and turn the ship around.

You will leave the retreat with a "sailor's toolbox" of succession plans, communication tools, board contribution best practices, maps for onboarding new commissioners, understanding of how your agency is scored, a policy checklist, and more.

With the right tools, every board can navigate to smooth waters and have a successful journey together.

REGISTER TODAY
DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS RETREAT

2025 RETREAT SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
July 21st	Monday	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Registration

DINNER ON YOUR OWN/ENJOY THE ISLAND

July 22nd	Tuesday	7:00 am - 8:30 am	Registration
		7:00 am - 7:45 am	Breakfast Buffet
		8:00 am - 8:45 am	Opening Session
		9:00 am - 10:15 am	General Session
		10:15 am - 10:30 am	Morning Break
		10:30 am - 12:00 pm	General Session
		12:00 pm - 12:45 pm	Lunch
		1:00 pm - 2:15 pm	General Session
		2:15 pm - 2:30 pm	Afternoon Break
		2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	General Session
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Evening Dinner		
July 23rd	Wednesday	7:00 am - 7:45 am	Breakfast Buffet
		8:00 am - 9:30 am	General Session
		9:30 am - 9:45 am	Morning Break
		9:45 am - 11:00 am	General Session

11:15 am

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration will END on June 20, 2025.

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 2025 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 14, 2025. 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 14, 2025. Email substitutions and cancellations to Kevin Price at kevin@wrightsvillehousing.com. 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 20, 2025.

To make overnight room reservations, please call **1-912-635-4545, Option 1**. When you make your call, ask for GAHRA 2025 for the dates of July 21-23, 2025.

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 2025.

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

<u>Room Type</u>	<u>Daily Room Rate</u>
Island View	\$309.00*
Partial Ocean View	\$329.00*
Ocean View	\$359.00*
Ocean Front	\$409.00*

*Rates are not commissionable and do not include applicable taxes, currently 12%, or the following automatic or mandatory charges (e.g., resort charges); Resort Charge of \$35.00 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 **Heather McNair at (706)312-3111** or by email at hmcnair@augustapha.org.

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

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July 21-23, 2025

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/2025-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: Kevin Price
Wrightsville Housing Authority
PO Box 190
Wrightsville, GA 31096
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6. The deadline for all registration will be Monday, June 20, 2025.
7. If you have any questions concerning registration, please contact at:
Phone: (478)864-2033 ext 101 or by email
kevin@wrightsvillehousing.com.