



NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston
Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.
Park Board Plaza
601 Tremont Street, Galveston, Texas 77550
Live Streamed:

<https://www.galvestonparkboard.org/217/Watch-The-Board-of-Trustee-Meetings>

- I. Call Meeting To Order
- II. Pledge Of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum
- IV. Conflict Of Interest Declarations
- V. Requests To Address The Board
The public shall be allowed to provide comment to the Board regarding one or more agenda or non-agenda items. All requests to address the Board must be submitted in writing and can be presented to the Board Reporter the day of the Board meeting or by completing the Public Comment Form available on the Park Board of Trustees website at the following link prior to the start of the meeting. Each Person will be limited to three (3) minutes regardless of the number of items addressed.
[HTTPS://WWW.GALVESTONPARKBOARD.ORG/FORMS.ASPX?FID=65.](https://www.galvestonparkboard.org/forms.aspx?fid=65)
- VI. Presentation Of Board Governance Items (Carla Cotropia, 10 Minutes)
- VII. Election Of Board Of Trustees Officers (Chair, 10 Minutes)
- VIII. Discuss Park Board Committee Composition And Responsibilities (Kelly De Schaun, 15 Minutes)

Documents:

[COMMITTEE COMPOSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES.PDF](#)

- IX. Executive Session
 - A. Pursuant To Texas Government Code Section 551.071 - Consultation With Attorney On A Matter In Which The Duty Of The Attorney To The Governmental Body Under Texas Disciplinary Rules Of Professional Conduct Of The State Of Texas Clearly Conflicts With This Chapter - Legal Matters Concerning Litigation - Sonya Poretto V The City Of Galveston Park Board Of Trustees Et Al
- X. Action Item (S) Resulting From Executive Session
 - A. Discuss And Consider Action For Any Executive Session Item Listed On The Meeting Agenda
- XI. Future Agenda Items

XII. Announcements

XIII. Adjournment

I certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted in a place convenient to the public, in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas government Code, on or before July 2,2021, 5:00 p.m.

Approved

Spencer Priest, Chair

Approved as to Format

Carla Cotropia, Legal Counsel

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 a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within three (3) days prior to any proceeding, contact the Park Board Administration

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Agenda Item: Discuss Park Board Committee Composition and Responsibilities

Background: The Park Board of Trustees embraces community involvement in the development of plans, programs and activities related to the organization’s mission through the creation and management of several community-based committees. Committees are tasked annually by the Board of Trustees with a work plan of activities that complements and enhances Park Board programming.

Entering into 2021, the Park Board manages five committees: TDAC, BMAC, PAC, EELAC and FOC. The following outlines recommended changes for the composition and management of committees moving into the 2021-2022 fiscal year. If approved, these changes would be adopted into the by-laws and incorporated into the regular agenda of the Park Board of Trustees.

Committee Composition

1. **Integration of the East End Lagoon Committee into the Parks and Amenities Committee.** The East End Lagoon committee was adopted from the City of Galveston as a Park Board committee when responsibility for the development and management of the Preserve passed from the City of Galveston to the Park Board of Trustees. The EELAC has worked tirelessly over a decade to build a vision, attract partners and fund raise for development. For years, the committee resisted integrating into the larger PAC as it was concerned that the mission of the group would be diluted. With the recent award of the RESTORE grant to build the outdoor observation deck and accompanying trails, and the formation of working groups to inform the development work, the committee feels comfortable combining efforts with PAC.
 - a. Potential participant organizations include existing PAC members; two (2) Trustees, one (1) park board concessionaire, three (3) citizens at large, two (2) related businesses, two (2) local or environmental regional organizations, AND existing EELAC members; one (1) member from a charitable foundation, one (1) member of the Eco-Tourism industry, and one (1) member of Texas A&M.

2. **Formation of a Workforce Development Committee.** The hospitality industry is dependent on a well-prepared workforce that can interact with visitors, deliver quality service and communicate the uniqueness of the Island’s tourism product. Galveston, like other seasonal destinations, faces challenges with the sharp increase in workforce needs during peak periods. Historically the industry has relied on J1visa holders to supplement seasonal needs. However, Galveston College, Texas A&M and Galveston Independent School district as well as neighboring school districts all have developed or emerging hospitality and culinary programs. A working group of stakeholders and educators has been meeting over the past several months and has put together a three-year work plan to implement solutions to improve applicant training and increase flow through from the hospitality and tourism programs in the area.
 - a. Potential participant organizations include: Galveston Independent School District, Galveston Community College, Texas A&M, UTMB and industry stakeholders including representatives from

the Galveston Restaurant Association, Galveston Hotel Association and members from individual museum, attractions and cruise companies.

Committee Responsibilities

- Initiating July 27th, Trustees serving as the Chair of a committee will be asked to report out on the current initiatives and progress on the board approved work plans at the monthly Board meetings.
- Initiating in August, Trustees serving as the Chair of a committee will be asked to report out to committees the provided announcements and talking points regarding current initiatives and decisions.