

West Galveston Island Property Owners Association

May 23, 2026

0900 Call to Order

0900 Introduction of Board Members

The WGIPOA meeting was held on May 23, 2026 at the Courtyard by Marriot. The meeting was called to order by Craig Vance, President. A quorum was not established with the attendance of Craig Vance – President; Boyd Carr – Isla del Sol; Rosemarie Gonzalez – Acapulco Village; Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach; Sara Hawkes – Sportsman Road; Kim Van Camp- Condos; John Scott Jordan- Beachside Village; Doug Little- Pirates Properties, Lafittes Cove

0905 Introduction of elected officials and corporate sponsors

Jason Hardcastle-Galveston Council Member- District 6

0907 Approval of May and June meeting minutes and financials

We do not have a quorum so we cannot approve the minutes or financials

0910 Craig Vance announcement-

Announced this month's meeting speaker, Kyle Clark, Coastal Resources Manager- City of Galveston, and June is Hurricane Awareness

0912 District 6 Happenings by Jason Hardcastle, Galveston Council Member - District 6

Has only been in office for one week. He will have an update next month. 1st city meeting is on 5/28/2026.

0915 Seargent Sean Miguels

Police dept is ramping up for Memorial Day Weekend. Tour season is coming up. Protect your belongings, tidy up and put kayaks up, yetis and other personal property out of sight so tourists don't feel tempted to pick it up. Sunny Beach is much safer since city changed it to no vehicles are allowed to drive on the beach. Recently purchased a quick setup barricade which looks like a 30 ft slinky and can be set up in a couple of minutes. This purchase was motivated by Senior Skip Day and having to barricade / block traffic into access points. Police are in the know when it comes to plans for Senior Skip Day by being able to access social media sites. When calling in to the non-emergency line always give your contact information. This is needed because there will always be a need for witnesses if taken to court. If they don't have a witness, the claim will most likely be thrown out. Power of Attorney signs are always available at the police station. This allows police to enter personal property without permission if needed.

0935 Keynote Speaker- Kyle Clark, Coastal Resources Manager- City of Galveston

The Coastal resources division manages local beachfront regulations, shoreline sustainability, and coastal development. He reports activities/ closures on beach to GLO (General Land Office) and is involved with beach nourishment projects. Nourishment Sunbather to Bermuda Beach (pocket park 3, access 13 & 14)- ran out of material. Every load of dredging material tested to make sure it is beach quality sand. Next beach nourishment project is End of Seawall to the Galveston State Park and it is in the engineering phase. The sand source is coming from the Sullivan Ranch. They are re-creating wetlands, reconstructing marsh habitat and placing berms opening to bay. Coastal resources department is working with the Park Board on when they can clean Sargassum from the beaches. This requires a federal permit. Coastal resources department is working on a procedure for raking sargassum with lighter equipment to supplement sand dunes by pushing sargassum towards dunes. City has an emergency removal permit. Threshold is set by fish and wildlife services on when to use heavy equipment. If subdivision wants to use heavy equipment to remove sargassum, they need a beachfront construction certificate and it would be evaluated by the city. The city coordinates with GLO and GLO has 30 days to evaluate. Kyle issues the permits, coordinates with the GLO and some cases can be expedited. Kyle can provide a list of contractors if subdivisions want to contact them to rake sargassum. Park Board authorized cleanup and used hot tax money to remove sargassum on east end of the island. Some members of WGIPOA were upset that the east end of the island was cleaned up but the west end was not.

1000 Announcements- Craig Vance

Thanked speakers and guests.

1015 Adjournment

The next WGIPOA meeting will be the Jamaica Beach Hurricane Preparedness Meeting in June.