



# **SAME GOAL DIFFERENT ROLES**

**COMMISSIONERS RETREAT**



**Commissioners Retreat  
July 22-24, 2024  
Westin Jekyll Island**



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GAHRA's 2024 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 focus concept for our 2024 Commissioners Retreat is unity across every role within our agencies. There is a quote that says "What does it matter that we take different roads so long as we reach the same goal"? Although the assigned 'roads' or roles may differ between housing authority employees and commissioners, our goal is the same. Our goal is to positively impact the lives of those we serve by providing affordable, safe, and sanitary housing. Both commissioners and housing authority staff alike are stewards of the public trust and this training will cover the different obstacles and challenges, and the ethics it takes to meet our goal.

We are excited to welcome back Bobby R. Collins as facilitator for the second year in a row. Mr. 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 serving a housing authority are the same for both commissioners and staff members. They include ethical obligations and the virtues of integrity, which 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.

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**REGISTER TODAY**  
**DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS RETREAT**

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# 2024 RETREAT SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
July 22nd	Monday	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Registration

## DINNER ON YOUR OWN/ENJOY THE ISLAND

July 23rd	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 - 12:00 pm	General Session
		10:15 am - 10:30 am	Morning Break
		12:00 pm - 12:45 pm	Lunch
		1:00 pm - 3:30 pm	General Session
		2:15 pm - 2:30 pm	Break
		2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	General Session
		6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Evening Dinner
July 24th	Wednesday	7:00 am - 7:45 am	Breakfast Buffet
		8:00 am - 11:00 am	Training Session
		9:30 am - 9:45 am	Morning Break

**11:15 am**

**GRAND PRIZE DRAWING**



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# CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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**Registration will END on June 21, 2024.**

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 2024 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 15, 2024. 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 15, 2024. Email substitutions and cancellations to Kevin Price at [kevin@wrightsvillehousing.com](mailto: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.**

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## HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

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**ROOM BLOCK RESERVATION CUT OFF WILL END JUNE 21, 2024.**

To make overnight room reservations, please call **1-912-635-4545, Option 1**. When you make your call, ask for GAHRA 2024 for the dates of July 22-24, 2024.

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 Commissioners Retreat 2024**

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

<u>Room Type</u>	<u>Daily Room Rate</u>
Island View	\$249.00*
Partial Ocean View	\$259.00*
Ocean View	\$279.00*
Ocean Front	\$249.00*

\*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.

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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If you require any additional information regarding your reservations, please contact **Heather McNair at (706)312-3111** or by email at [hmcnair@augustapha.org](mailto:hmcnair@augustapha.org).

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

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WESTIN JEKYLLE ISLAND, GA  
July 22-24, 2024

### 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/2024-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  
100 Fulghum Drive  
Wrightsville, GA 31096
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 15, 2024. Mail or email cancellation requests to Kevin Price at [kevin@wrightsvillehousing.com](mailto:kevin@wrightsvillehousing.com). **THERE WILL BE A \$50.00 CANCELLATION FEE THAT HAS BEEN SET BY GAHRA.**
6. The deadline for all registration will be Monday, June 21, 2024.
7. If you have any questions concerning registration, please contact at:  
Phone: (478)864-2033 ext 101 or by email  
[kevin@wrightsvillehousing.com](mailto:kevin@wrightsvillehousing.com).